



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

***Joining Our Voices** *Based on Psalm 85:8–13*

The psalmist reminds us that God will speak peace to God’s people—

steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Righteousness will go before God and will make a path for God to walk.

Let us worship the God of Love and the Prince of Peace!

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

***Opening Song** “Come! Live in the Light!”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Holy God, you have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it;
a world to feed us, and so many go hungry;
a world of riches, and we are unwilling to share;
a world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness;
every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours.
Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared,
and those who live on it as our neighbors.
Forgive us, and heal us. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Hear the good news: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Welcome

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 46 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are my helper, the sustainer of my life.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with the tumult of the sea.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are my helper, the sustainer of my life.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God's voice speaks, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are my helper, the sustainer of my life.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.
God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
God burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are my helper, the sustainer of my life.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1–4 (*Old Testament, page 594*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

***Sharing of Gifts**

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God,
we long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference in building your reign of peace.
May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives in service of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Sending Song** “Help Us Accept Each Other”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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| Jaime Murphy | Lay Liturgist |
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| Bryan Doherty | Bass |
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| Amr Fahmy | Piano |

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Thank you to those who submitted 2019 Annual Appeal pledges! Because of the generosity of so many we are 74 percent of the way to our 2019 goal of \$4.1 million for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to member households who have not yet made their 2019 pledge. To forego that call, please contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576) or pledge online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Those interested in becoming members of Fourth Church are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers' Class, which will be offered on Sunday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Deacons at the Connection Corner can help you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table during Coffee Hour.

Thanksgiving

Join the choirs in caroling on the steps of the Sanctuary this Saturday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m. as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival, held annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service will be held Tuesday evening, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (*State and Superior*) and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral. RSVP for the evening's reception at www.bit.ly/2qLVwri

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 22. Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ will preach that morning.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2018 or by contacting Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

"SoulCollage® and Poetry" will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Saturday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/soulcollagepoetry

"Longing for God: Faith Development over a Lifetime," a four-week class with Lucy Forster-Smith, begins next Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

"Telling Your Story: Storytelling for Wellness," a three-session series hosted by the Replogle Center, will begin Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/rccwstorytelling

"The Impact of the 2018 Election" will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum hosted by the Adult Education Committee and presented by Robert Boatright, Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse and Chair of Political Science at Clark University, on Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Fellowship

Books by Women will discuss *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward this Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Fellowship *(continued)*

Horizon's Women's Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, November 14 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H. Contact Anne Ellis for more information (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth gathers this Thursday, November 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Bumpus. Nanette Sawyer will lead a discussion on friendship, relationships, and community building.

Children, Youth, and Family

Animal Family Night, with games, a shared meal, and a program by Animals for Awareness, is this Friday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Mission

See travel photos and hear experiences from the South Africa music trip and the "History of Oppression and Resistance" tour on Sunday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

Our Annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 1 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 2 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) in Anderson Hall and Borwell.

Christmas Wishes, Women at Fourth's annual collection of Christmas gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students, will kick off next Sunday, November 18 with the distribution of wish lists.

The annual Holiday Bags project will also kick off next Sunday. In Coffee Hour on November 18 there will be bags to decorate and a list of items with which to fill them, in preparation for giving the bags to our Meals Ministry guests prior to Christmas.

Mission trips to Cuba (May 6–15) and Guatemala (August 4–11) are being planned for 2019. Learn more or apply (*deadline: January 15*) at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

Volunteer and Donations Needed

Volunteers to assist with Thanksgiving Dinner following Thanksgiving Day worship

100 ushers to help with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services

Volunteers to help set up and take down our Fair Trade Bazaar, Friday evening, November 30 and Sunday afternoon, December 2

"Christmas Wishes" gift project volunteers to help do inventory, staff the Coffee Hour table, and wrap gifts

Volunteers to unload food trucks at the church; must be able to lift 50 pounds

Sets of new or gently used flatware for Sunday Night Supper: full-sized table knives, forks, and spoons
(*no serving pieces or soup spoons, please*)

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Music and the Arts

The Andrew Pipe Organ Third Anniversary Concert will be presented by Stephen Buzard this Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will feature the music of Leo Sowerby. A pre-concert lecture will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

The Brandenburg Concertos will be performed as part of the Civic Orchestra's Bach Marathon this Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Calendar for November 11–17, 2018

Sunday, November 11 *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching** Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

Monday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (*also Tues.–Fri.*) Day School Classrooms
 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities

Tuesday, November 13

- 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed., Thurs.*) Anderson Hall
 6:00 p.m. Books by Women Bumpus Room
 7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, November 14

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 12:00 p.m. *Horizon's* Women's Bible Study Room 5H
 7:00 p.m. Bach Marathon Finale/*Brandenburg Concertos* Sanctuary

Thursday, November 15

- 5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth Monthly Gathering Bumpus Room

Friday, November 16

- 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Thomas Gouwens, Organ Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. Lecture on the Music of Leo Sowerby. Room 4G
 5:30 p.m. Animal Family Night Borwell Dining Room
 7:30 p.m. Organ Anniversary Concert. Sanctuary

Saturday, November 17

- 1:00 p.m. "SoulCollage® and Poetry". Boyle Conference Room
 5:00 p.m. Caroling for the Lighting Festival. Sanctuary Steps

Sunday, November 18 *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching** Sanctuary
 8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
 9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals Room 4F
 9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons
 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching** Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. "Death, Dying, and Human Dignity" Room 5G
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Fourth Floor
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups Bumpus Room
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch Randolph Room
 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
 12:20 p.m. Prison Ministry Room 5F
 12:30 p.m. South Africa / D.C. Trip Reports Room 4G
 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching** Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, available from the ushers, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed).

The prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table

to receive Communion, which is served by intinction.

The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice.

Worshippers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities, are available from a greeter.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks.

They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html and by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, December 9 or January 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers). We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (member@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) or go to www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc or send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested considering baptism or becoming a member of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, please contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on November 25.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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