



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

We gather together
in the name of the One who bids us come.

**We gather together
to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

We gather together
to feast at the Table set for all.

**We gather together
to sing praises of the One whose promises never fail.**

* 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.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Forgive us, Jesus,
when we cling to the familiar,
block the possibilities,
and insist on the old ways,
even if those old ways make no sense anymore.**

**Forgive the fears
that bind us to the past
and keep us from living as new creations.**

**Teach us instead
to trust the Spirit's leading,
to risk new expressions,
to offer this day and this night in worship,
knowing your love is there on every path. 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 16 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.**

Leader: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to God, "You are my God, my benefactor; none are above you."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O God, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.**

Leader: I will bless God who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set God always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad,
and my spirit rejoices;
my body also rests in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grace,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.**

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:4–20 (*Old Testament, page 233*)

Sermon *Shannon J. Kershner*

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

Minute for Mission

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

**Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

Ask much from us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.

**And give us the trust to rest secure in your promises,
that by doing so, we live for you alone.**

***Sending Song**

“Standing on
the Promises”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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| Shannon J. Kershner | Pastor |
| Joseph L. Morrow | Minister for Evangelism |
| Anita Balodis | Lay Liturgist |
| Leslie Beukelman | Vocals |
| Bryan Doherty | Bass |
| Marcus Evans | Drums |
| Amr Fahmy | Piano |

Today's Minute for Mission highlighting ways to share Christmas joy this season is being presented by Kathryn Burkhardt.

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

Thanksgiving

Our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service will be held this 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 this Thursday, November 22. Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ will preach that morning.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held this Thursday, November 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets (*required*) are available at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2018 or by contacting Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Friday after Thanksgiving, organist Andrew Fredel will perform a free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Advent and Christmas

Daily Advent devotions will be available beginning Sunday, December 2 in the literature racks; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and online at www.fourthchurch.org

Advent Jazz at Four worship will take place in Buchanan Chapel each Sunday of Advent, beginning December 2.

Our Annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be 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.

A “Candlelight Carols” concert by the St. Charles Singers will take place Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See www.stcharlessingers.com for tickets.

The annual “Christmas with Chanticleer” concerts will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from the CSO (312.294.3000; www.cso.org).

The Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a freewill donation will be received at the door.

Ushers are needed on Christmas Eve (4:00, 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 p.m.) and Christmas Day (11:00 a.m.). Contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382) for details.

A family Advent wreath workshop will be held Sunday, December 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be celebrated on Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and also honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.

The “Christmas Wishes” project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour. Volunteers are also needed to help inventory and wrap gifts. To help, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Holiday Gift Bags are being collected by Fourth Church Meals Ministry for guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate are available at the Meals Ministry cart during Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Items are to be returned to the cart by December 9.

Enrichment

“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.

Men’s Bible Study meets Tuesday, November 20 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

News and Resources

Today we mark the fifth anniversary of Stephen Ministry at Fourth Church. In the past five years we have trained twenty-nine Stephen Ministers and served more than seventy care receivers. To learn about this one-to-one ministry for those experiencing life’s challenges, visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html

Because of the generosity of many we are 77 percent of the way to our 2019 Annual Appeal goal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Member households who have not yet pledged will be contacted in the coming weeks. To forego that call, call Andrea Miller (312.640.2576) or pledge at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Fellowship

Brunch for LGBTQIA folks and friends will be held Sunday, December 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Cornerstones Christmas Sing-Along and dinner for adults fifty and over will be held Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. Registration (www.bit.ly/cfpc1218) is required by Wednesday, December 5.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth meet on Sunday mornings, with Junior High at 9:30 a.m. (Bumpus); 10:30 a.m. youth fellowship (Allison Library); and 11:00 a.m. Senior High (Bumpus) and Confirmation (4G).

Mission

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

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, November 27 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in 4F.

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Volunteers to help with our Fair Trade Bazaar, Friday evening, November 30 and Sunday afternoon, December 2

Volunteers to unload food trucks at the church on second and fourth Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; must be able to lift 50 pounds

Sunday Night Supper volunteers to greet and serve guests on Sundays, December 23 and 30 from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. (sign up: www.bit.ly/2QSrgR5) and to cook and help in the kitchen (sign up: www.bit.ly/2RSfeX6).

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)

Calendar for November 18–25, 2018

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

- 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

Monday, November 19

- 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (*also Tues.*) Day School Classrooms
- 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
- 7:00 p.m. Grief Group. Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, November 20

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (*see announcement*)
- 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel
- 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed.*) Anderson Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Holy Name Cathedral
- 7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, November 21

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, November 22 *Thanksgiving Day*

- 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner Anderson Hall

Friday, November 23 **Church Office Closed**

- 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Andrew Fredel, Organ Sanctuary

Saturday, November 24 **Church Office Closed**

Sunday, November 25 *Reign of Christ Sunday*

- 8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms 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 • Nanette Sawyer preaching. Sanctuary
- 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Fourth Floor
- 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups (*see announcement*)
- 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons. Stone Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes 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. Worshipers 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 email 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 or December 23.

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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