



Epiphany of Christ

We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is now known;
the promises of God are being fulfilled!

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before the manger
and give Christ honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

* Please rise in body or spirit

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** “Love Has Come”

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During Today’s Worship

All are encouraged to visit a prayer station to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in Allison Library. All are invited to pray the prayers displayed.

We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask),

dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

Worship can be heard through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons and by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world
to reveal your love for all people.**

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;

we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, forgive and renew us,

that we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

***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.

We Proclaim the Story

Welcome

Canticle (*congregation sings Antiphon*). Isaiah 60:1-9

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For the shadows shall cover the earth, and thick night the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and the Lord's glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**ANTIPHON: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**ANTIPHON: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. All the flocks shall be gathered to you; and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

For the coastlands shall wait for me, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because God has glorified you.

**ANTIPHON: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Scripture Matthew 2:1–12

Sermon “Going Home by Another Road” Shawn M. Fiedler

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

***Sharing of Gifts**

In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.

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 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (*Refrain*)

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

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Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of endless light, you sent a star—
rising from the darkness,
guiding seekers and sages,
overwhelming us with joy.
Let the splendor of your dawning light
grow in us and in all the world
until the whole creation shines with the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Closing Song** "The First Nowell"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shawn M. Fiedler Ministerial Associate for Worship

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Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “appearance,” “manifestation,” or “coming to light.” On this day we remember the magi following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all people.

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

Worship and Prayer

Beginning next week, our Jazz at Four services will include an eight-week sermon series on “Who Is Jesus?” The theme for next Sunday, January 13 will be “Jesus the Beloved.”

Sacred Pause meditation is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and for those in need.

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) will hold its annual memorial service this Thursday, January 10 at 12:00 p.m. in Stone Chapel as a time to remember CLL members who died in 2018.

A candlelit Taizé service—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

Daily devotions are available on facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; in the literature racks; and via email (subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions).

Mission

January 15 is the application deadline for mission trips to Cuba (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11). Learn more or apply at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. Details and a trip application are available online at www.bit.ly/crtrip2019

The Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies for NICU infants and stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters. No sewing experience needed.

Learn about Fourth Church Prison Ministry next Sunday, January 13 at 12:20 p.m. in Room 5F.

The Gala of Hope—benefiting Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held Friday, March 1 at the Radisson Blu Aqua. Tickets will be available later this month.

News and Resources

A one-session Inquirers’ Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members meets next Sunday, January 13 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

A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers will begin in the spring. Information about this fifty-hour class is posted online at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

Fellowship

Take part in our chili cook-off on Sunday, January 13! Enter your chili in the contest by signing up online (at www.bit.ly/chili2019). Or come enjoy chili for lunch next Sunday between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Proceeds support the summer youth mission trips.

Books by Women will discuss *A Walk Lillian Boxfish Takes* by Kathleen Rooney this Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men's Faith Discussion Groups begin this Thursday and Friday, January 10 and January 11, at 7:00 a.m.

To sign up (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth will gather on Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for fellowship and a program by our Minister for Evangelism, Joe Morrow.

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. Meet in the Commons near the Chestnut Street doors to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

Cornerstones will host a presentation by Father Michael Pfleger on Friday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A dinner (*prepaid reservations required: www.bit.ly/cfpc0219*) will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers Needed

For 8:00 a.m. worship, ushers to serve Communion and greet and lay liturgists to read scripture

Volunteers to unload food trucks for Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Social Service Center on the second and fourth Monday mornings of the month at Fourth Church

Sunday Night Supper greeters and servers on Sundays from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m.

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)

Enrichment

"Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education" describes the January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays through January 23 (*except Monday, January 21*) at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Nicholas Kristof, Barbara Pierce Bush, and Craig Detweiler are among the lecturers. For a full list of speakers, see www.calvin.edu/january-series

Meditation sessions with the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being are held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study meets this Wednesday noon, January 9 in Room 5H.

"Faith in the Midst of Turmoil: Exploring 'The Theological Declaration of Barmen'" is a new adult education class, led by Jeff Doane, that will begin Sunday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

The Presbyterian Historical Society will be the topic of a presentation by its executive director, Beth Hessel, program next Sunday, January 13 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

A "Connecting to the Heart" workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2CdfF9D

"Path of Discipleship," a six-week Lenten series hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. Space is limited, so register soon at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School children will join us in worship for the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on January 13.

Details about summer 2019 youth trips to New Jersey, Detroit, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium are posted at www.bit.ly/summertrips19; register by Tuesday, January 15.

Our Day School will hold an open house this Saturday, January 12 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. as a time for parents and children to learn about our weekday preschool program and to share in play.

Calendar for January 6–13, 2019

Sunday, January 6	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Shawn Fiedler preaching	Buchanan Chapel
<i>Epiphany of Christ</i>	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	11:30 a.m.	Calvin College January Series (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Page Smith Room
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, January 8	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with the Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, January 9	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	12:00 p.m.	Horizons Bible Study	Room 5H
Thursday, January 10	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>)	Randolph Room
	12:00 p.m.	CLL Annual Memorial Service	Stone Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 11	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Chen Family String Quartet	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, January 12	9:30 to 11:00 a.m.	Day School Open House	Day School Classrooms
Sunday, January 13	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
<i>Baptism of Christ</i>	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Choir Loft
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F
	9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room
	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. Kerhsner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Children in Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Groups	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off	Borwell Dining Room
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	“Declaration of Barmen”	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Presbyterian Historical Society	Room 4G
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

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, January 13 or February 10 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

If you are interested in 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 January 27.

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 online at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc).

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).

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.

"Going Home by Another Road"

