



Second Sunday after Epiphany

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

God of the prophets, call to us today.

Call us into your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much you love us.

Sing to us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you.

Teach us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know your ways.

**We gather to hear your call,
to sing your praise, to teach each other,
to pray and worship as the body of Christ.**

* 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**

“Lift Every Voice
and Sing”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Most holy and merciful God,
we have condemned racial injustice in our pronouncements,
yet we cling to the privileges born from social inequities.
All too often we remain complicit in maintaining systems of oppression
and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom.
Give us the courage to name our sin;
give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions.
Give us the grace and courage to pay the price for changing our behaviors,
however painful or costly, that the justice you will may be done,
on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus the Prophet we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***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

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 36:5–10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

ANTIPHON: Let the sea roar and the mountains sing at the presence of the Lord!

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

ANTIPHON: Let the sea roar and the mountains sing at the presence of the Lord!

Living Epistle Selections from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”

Scripture Isaiah 62:1–5

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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 “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

We celebrate an open table. 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.

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

*Litany of Dedication and Commitment

God of all races and nations, we praise you for all your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you. For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints, and for humble folks whose names never made the news but are recorded in your book of life,
we give you thanks, O God.

Especially this day we thank you for our brother Martin. For his courage and conviction, for his passion for peace, and for his tireless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the countless saints who stood in the front lines and marches, integrated schools, restaurants and churches, or sat in buses and at lunch counters and refused to move,
we give you thanks, O God.

For nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of oppression, who were beaten and lynched; and for the nameless multitudes today whose lives are stunted and cut short by our structures of brutality,
we grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

And for our siblings of every race and nation who long for safety, freedom, and hope in our community and land,
we grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Lead and guide us, that we may follow the way of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Closing Song** "We Shall Overcome"

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Cathy Flaa Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

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

Jazz at Four's eight-week sermon series "Who Is Jesus?" continues next Sunday with "Jesus the Teacher."
This Friday's Taizé service—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
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

The Racial Equity Council invites you to a screening of *The Long Shadow*, a documentary about the origins and legacy of slavery. It will be shown at LaSalle Street Church (1136 N. LaSalle) on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, January 22 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.
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. For details and a trip application see www.bit.ly/crtrip2019

News and Resources

If you have not yet fulfilled your 2018 pledge to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! And if you have not yet made a pledge for 2019, please take a moment to submit it, either by using the card in the pew racks or by filling out the online form at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Fellowship

Women at Fourth will gather this Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Joe Morrow, Minister for Evangelism, will share stories from his faith and ministerial journey.
LGBTQIA Brunch will be held next Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk 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

Hospitality hosts (two-hour shifts) for the Presbytery meeting to be held at Fourth Church, Saturday, February 16
For 8:00 a.m. worship, ushers to serve Communion and greet; lay liturgists to read scripture
Individuals needed to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments that support weekly Communion services and morning worship (once a month)
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

Join the Men's Faith Discussion Group, which meets on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. through April 12, to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. No knowledge of the Bible or theology is required. Registration is required; contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood" will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on first and third Wednesdays beginning February 6 at 7:15 p.m.

Music and the Arts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert is presented by John W. W. Sherer, Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music, at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Chicago Lights **Making a Difference. Changing Lives.**

One of the ways that we live out our call to be a light in the city is through the work of Fourth Church's youth-development and social-service nonprofit organization, Chicago Lights, which provides hope and opportunity to individuals facing the challenges of poverty. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

The Dance Academy as it promotes learning, self-confidence, cooperation, and creative self-expression through dance classes taught by professional artists for more than 1,500 students attending under-resourced schools.

The Elam Davies Social Service Center as it helps 1,800 individuals who are experiencing homelessness or who are in transition to gain self-sufficiency through case management, a food pantry, clothing assistance, referrals to other agencies, and outreach.

Summer Day as it reduces summer learning loss for 125 students who are at risk of struggling academically and engages them in academic and arts classes, outdoor recreation, field trips, and a dynamic final performance.

Tutoring as it matches caring adult tutors/mentors with 440 students living in under-resourced neighborhoods and provides those students with innovative educational and enrichment resources that promote long-term academic and social success.

The Urban Farm as it cultivates a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through educational and economic opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and access to fresh, local, and sustainably grown produce.

How can you support the ministry of Chicago Lights?

Make your reservations now for the Gala of Hope!

This fun-filled benefit at the Radisson Blu Aqua on Friday, March 1 supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights' community outreach programs.

Details are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2019

Calendar for January 20–January 27, 2018

Sunday, January 20	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 21		<i>Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
Tuesday, January 22	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Day School (<i>also Wed.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	11:30 a.m.	Calvin College January Series (<i>also Wed.</i>)	Page Smith Room
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4G
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with the Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, January 23	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, January 24	7:00 a.m.	Men's Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>)	Randolph Room
	5:30 p.m.	Women at Fourth	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 25	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Hosted Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Buchanan Chapel
Sunday, January 27	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
	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, 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 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Groups	(<i>see announcement</i>)
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	The Theological Declaration of Barmen	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:10 p.m.	LGBTQIA Brunch	(<i>see announcement</i>)
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

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 an ongoing art project.

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

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, February 10 or March 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

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).

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.

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.

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