



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Bearing witness to our faith,
knowing that we are called
to lives of courage, love, and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day,

may we be courageous today;

may we learn today;

may we love today.

* 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.

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Litany of Confession

God of mystery, you are far beyond our telling and the tales of our imagining,
far beyond the doctrines and the dogmas of our believing.

When we try to trap you inside,
you are outside.

When we claim you as our own,
you are another's.

When in fear we shut you out,
you are found within.

When in anger we blame and accuse and judge our neighbor,
we only condemn ourselves and blaspheme your name.

Help us to understand that your love embraces all and loses no one.

Help us to remember that your care extends to every person and all things.

Forgive us and guide us into your ways of love and peace.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Through the love of Christ,
we are forgiven and welcomed home. Amen.

Sung Response "God Calls You Good"

**God calls you good, beloved child.
You are a treasure deeply prized.
And you can say to every doubting voice,
"God calls you good, beloved child."**

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 66:1–12

Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
Sing the glory of God’s name; sing the glory of God’s praise.
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.”
Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God’s deeds toward all people.
God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.

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Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

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Scripture John 14:1–7

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Remembering our Past, Inspiring our Future

“The Way, the Truth, the Life” *Nanette Sawyer*

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

***Gloria** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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

... God of Compassion,
lead us into life.

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.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives nourish all who are hungry:
bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word.

May we love as you love, and may our love be made real through our gifts. Amen.

***Closing Song** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Barbara Norman 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

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



"Called to Be a Church Alive," our 2020 Annual Appeal, is underway! Pledge cards are in the literature racks, and information has been mailed to members about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge by Sunday, November 3, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!



This Sunday we continue our sermon series **"Remembering the Past, Inspiring Our Future,"** as we explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God's redemptive work. * Those who would like to receive the previous Sunday's 9:30/11:00 **sermon text in their inbox** each week can do so by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons * The next **andlelit Taizé service** will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 25.



This week's **Friday Noonday concert** features the talents of organist Patrick Scott. * The Morning Choir will perform **Requiem** by Herbert Howells on Sunday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



This Friday, October 18, is the deadline to submit names to the Officer Nominating Committee for individuals to **serve in leadership roles** as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Officer Nominating Committee or Chicago Lights Board beginning in 2020. Please take a moment this week to make your recommendations online: www.bit.ly/fpcnominating



Are you interested in traveling with Fourth Church? * You can pick up information about our 2020 trips to **Cuba** (in March), **Guatemala** (in July), and **Colombia** (in August) from the literature racks; details are also available on our website.



During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the **purple bows** on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness to this issue and all those affected by it.

Families are invited to **our annual Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night** this Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room! We'll be celebrating autumn with a fall-themed menu and plenty of crafts and pumpkin painting. * **Storytime for children ages three and under**—accompanied by their caregivers—takes place on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. with our Day School staff, who read stories for an hour in Room 4A. See the sign-up page noted on the bottom of page 3 for more information about this activity.



You are invited to a **listening session** about the racial equity work the church is undertaking. Please email racialequity@fourthchurch.org if you would like to attend.



Are you looking for ways to get connected with the Fourth Church community? * **A Men's Faith Discussion Group** will meet on Friday mornings beginning on October 18. (See the sign-up page for the required preregistration.) * **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. * **Women at Fourth's monthly gathering** on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. will feature speakers from the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being who will speak on the topic of transitions. * **LGBTQIA Brunch** will be on Sunday, October 27 at 12:15 p.m. * **Cornerstones**—a group for those fifty and over—will gather on Friday evening, November 1 for dinner and a panel discussion presented by our senior high youth talking about **"What's on My Mind."** Registrations are due by Tuesday, October 29; see the sign-up page listed below for details.



We have two urgent needs for additional volunteers: **tutors** to match with 60 students who are eager to take part in Chicago Lights Tutoring here at the church and volunteers to assist with **Sunday Night Supper**. * Additionally, **Ushers** are needed to serve at the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and the 4:00 p.m. services. * We are also in need of volunteers to serve at the **Book Nook** during Coffee Hour following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. * For more information about these opportunities, please see the sign-up page noted below.



A new **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being Grief Group** is beginning in November. * You're not alone **when diagnosed with breast cancer or navigating treatments** and the aftermath. Going Fourth is a group of women who have had the same experience and are willing to offer support. See the sign-up page noted below for more information about both groups.



Join us for a unique opportunity to hear three notable religious leaders—**Cardinal Blase Cupich, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, and Eboo Patel**—engage in a dialogue, sharing their own interfaith stories and exploring how each person's religious tradition motivates them to love God and work toward community during **"How Love for God Asks Us to Embrace Rather than Exclude Each Other"** on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for October 13–20, 2019

Sunday, October 13	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, October 14	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, October 15	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	See the sign-up page
	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
Wednesday, October 16	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, October 17.	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
Friday, October 18.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Patrick Scott, organ	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m. Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, October 19.	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (<i>until 3:00 p.m.</i>)	444 W. Chicago Ave.
Sunday, October 20	8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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 a.m. Junior High Youth Group.	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5G
	9:30 a.m. “Job, Suffering, and Pastoral Care”	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship	Allison Library
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “The Universal Christ”.	Room 5E
	11:00 a.m. Confirmation.	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group.	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room
	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 and is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, November 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 October 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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