

Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

Gathering Music

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;

People: **worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over the mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As sisters and brothers in one human family, gathered here to worship God, let us greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

***Opening Song** "Baptized in Water"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Faithful God,

**we thoughtlessly say to others that we are your people,
and in our best moments we long to do your will,
but most of the time we are less than who you call us to be.**

We take shortcuts and choose the easy short-term fix.

**We avoid difficult conversations and situations,
even when we know the right thing to do.**

We are lazy and selfish with the gifts you have given us.

**Other times we are genuinely confused and lost, anxious and afraid,
but still we do not seek your guidance.**

We hide from your face and try to figure things out on our own.

**Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our sins when they are intentional
and also when they creep up on us in ways we do not expect.**

**Make us more faithful, more willing to admit our own fault,
more willing to lean on your love, more sensitive to the needs of others
and of your world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Jazz Improvisation

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Matthew 3:13–17

(page 3, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Profession of Faith

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

C. Hubert H. Parry

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Sanctus

Lucy Smith

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 "Of the Spirit, Born of Spirit"

J. B. O. Clemm

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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.

Worship Leaders

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

Judith L. Watt

Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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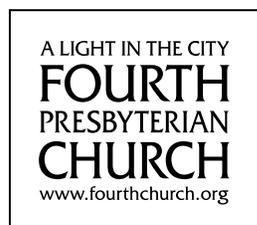
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Fourth Church Cares

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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Honoring John Buchanan

At a Michigan Avenue Forum honoring John Buchanan, Walter Brueggemann will speak about Christianity—“where it’s been and where it’s going.” A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann’s comments at this special Thursday, January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. A brief reception will follow the symposium.

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue on Sunday, January 22 as a gift from the congregation.

A special meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church congregation has been called by the Session for Sunday, January 22. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with John Buchanan, effective Tuesday, January 31. The gift of the congregation—a memory box of notes and messages from members and friends—will be presented; there will be a brief program; and a reception with light refreshments will follow.

John Buchanan’s last Sunday as Pastor of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. (Please note that the third morning service on January 29 will be at 11:30 a.m.) An open house reception for John and Sue will follow the 11:30 service that day and will be held at the Drake Hotel.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes. For information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you’ve not yet “Liked” Fourth Church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can see photos of the Gratz Center construction, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Light, the new CD featuring the Fourth Church Choirs, is available by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Trumpeter Christopher O'Hara will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Mission and Outreach

Donations needed for Carnival's Silent Auction include sports/event tickets, airline tickets, home décor and art items, and restaurant and spa gift cards. **Volunteers for the Silent Auction Committee** are also needed. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

Connect with Chicago Lights, a nonprofit organization at Fourth Church serving those facing the challenges of poverty. Chicago Lights is on Facebook, Twitter, and at www.chicagolights.org.

A mission trip to Cuba will take place April 21–28. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815. The application deadline is this Monday, January 9.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day is Saturday, January 14. There will be several sites where intergenerational volunteer teams can work, with times in the morning and afternoon. To volunteer or for details, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 or pick up an information card from the literature racks.

Children, Youth, and Family

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building,

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Moms' Groups for new moms and moms of six- to twelve-year-olds meet regularly. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion. They will also gather for dinner on Friday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home. For information, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Dimension will meet for "The Amazing Case of the Disappearing Bees," led by Dr. May Berenbaum of the University of Illinois at Urbana, on Friday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Men's Group will gather for breakfast and the presentation "Cameroon Update" by Dr. Bernie Blaauw on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 11.

Enrichment

Join us in reading through the entire Bible in a year! Fourth Church is participating in a congregation-wide Bible journey that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31. **A weekly Bible study** of the texts for the week takes place on Tuesdays at the 737 building (Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan; 19th floor) at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Bible studies, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364. Daily devotions (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, email from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and in the literature racks) also reflect on the daily readings. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building to discuss *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff.

A T'ai Chi for Beginners class, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, will take place on Thursdays, beginning January 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

"The Trial of Jesus," presented by attorneys Jeanne Bishop and Mark Osler, will offer an engaging and challenging look at the death penalty as it intersects with the story of the life of Christ. Sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, it will be held on Sunday, January 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nia fitness classes, offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. For information or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teacher for a third-grade class at 9:30 a.m.

Tutors for children Mondays–Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

Current Donation Needs

Countertop microwave oven for a family in need
Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Photographs of the "topped off" Gratz Center are posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; and devotional resources.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, 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 prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

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.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Please turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

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 side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by Anderson Hall (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the Sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, January 9 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, January 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).