



World Communion Sunday

We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

God's people called to the table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to out in the suburbs, from single households to apartment dwellers,

God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status;

from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts,

God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered 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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace,
you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence and in our discord the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord.
Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.
Transform us, at this table and for this table,
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord.**

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 37:1–9

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in God and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in God, who shall give you your heart’s desire.
Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, who will bring it to pass.

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God will make your righteousness as clear as the light,
and your just dealing as the noonday.
Be still and wait patiently before God.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave the rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.

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Scripture Luke 4:16–20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Remembering our Past, Inspiring our Future

“Lift Up Your Voice: Our Public Witness” 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

***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

... O God of Justice,
hear the cries of your 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.

We Go Out with Gratitude

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

O God, through this bread and cup
you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out
into your suffering and divided world.
Help us find strength in knowing that you,
the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

***Closing Song** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Samme Orwig 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!



Today is **World Communion Sunday**, a day when worshippers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." * This Sunday reminds us that God's love can heal our deepest divisions, and so each World Communion Sunday we receive a **Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering**. This offering supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the local efforts of CureViolence to reduce violence in Chicago. Gifts to this offering can be made by using the Peacemaking envelopes. * This Sunday we also 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.



There are just two more weeks 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 before October 18 to make your recommendations online: www.bit.ly/fpcnominating



This week we are honored to be **hosting Chicago Sinai Congregation** as they hold their community Yom Kippur services in the Sanctuary as they have for several years. * Next Sunday, October 13 is the day of the Chicago Marathon. Directions on the **easiest routes to get to Fourth Church** that morning can be found online (www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf). * **The next candlelit Taizé service** will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 25.



"The Cosmic Significance of Christ in Our Everyday Lives: Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*" begins next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Several Fourth Church members are in Europe this week with Judy Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith, who are leading a **Reformation trip** to Prague, Germany, and Geneva. Please keep these travelers in your prayers. You can also find information about 2020 trips to **Cuba, Guatemala, and Colombia** on our website.



Books by Women will discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber this Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.
* **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on October 22.



Are you looking for more ways to engage with the Bible? * **Horizons Bible study** for women meets this Wednesday, October 9. * A **Men's Faith Discussion Group** will meet on Friday mornings beginning on October 18. * For more information about these events, please see the sign-up page noted below.



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. * Also this month is the annual **(In)Justice for All Film Festival**, one documentary from which will be screened here at Fourth Church this Monday, October 7. Immediately after the viewing of *Stateville Calling*, the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, of which Fourth Church is a member, will host a panel discussion about the incarceration of elderly prisoners.



We are in need of assistance this autumn. Might you be able to help? * **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.



Are you interested in exploring membership at Fourth Church? Next Sunday, October 13 we will begin a two-week Inquirers' Class during which we will explore faith stories and backgrounds as well as learn more about Fourth Church and how to connect with the community in ways that match your interests and gifts. The class will meet from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. each Sunday and will include a light lunch. To register, see the sign-up page noted at the bottom of this page.



Learn greater self-understanding and self-care at the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being's **"SoulCollage and Poetry: Making Space for Your Soul"** workshop on Saturday, October 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For information, see the online sign-up page.



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

Calendar for October 6–13, 2019

Sunday, October 6	World Communion Sunday
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, October 7	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
7:00 p.m.	(In)Justice Film Festival Buchanan Chapel
Tuesday, October 8	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
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women Bumpus Room
Wednesday, October 9	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild Room 5B
12:00 p.m.	<i>Horizons</i> Bible Study Room 5H
Thursday, October 10	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
Friday, October 11	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Jonathan Zeng, tenor. Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, October 12	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (<i>until 3:00 p.m.</i>) 444 W. Chicago Ave.
1:00 p.m.	SoulCollage and Poetry Boyle Conference Room
Sunday, October 13	8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger 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.	“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.	“ <i>The Universal Christ</i> ” Room 5E
12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching Buchanan Chapel	
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

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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 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. A two-week class is offered on Sundays, October 13 and 20 from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. 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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