



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

God said, "Let there be light,"

and there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world,"

and the light shines in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world,"

and the light shall not be quenched.

* 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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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives.

**Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us,
when we gossip about our friends and neighbors, when we think everything is all about us.**

Forgive us, loving God, we pray.

We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore.

We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew.

We would believe in your promises,

so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Please hold space for silent reflection.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Commissioning of the Reverend Maggie Shreve

Community Life

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 112:1–9 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

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They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

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Scripture Matthew 5:13–20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

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

Light of the World,
show us the way.

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

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Aaron Lawlor Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today we commission Maggie Shreve, an ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) minister, as Fourth Church's Parish Associate for Jail Ministry, serving in ministries of reconciliation at Cook County Jail and in hospitality and presence at Sunday Night Supper.

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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Maggie Shreve, Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

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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.



This afternoon we held the **150th Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

* You can **honor our past by investing in our future** through remembering Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in your will. For information about how to do that, contact Stuart Barnes Jamieson (sjamieson@fourthchurch.org).



This year **Ash Wednesday** is on February 26. That day Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. As part of **"Ashes on the Way,"** pastors and Fourth Church members will also be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. that day. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection. * **"Entering the Passion of Jesus"** is the theme of this year's Lenten series, the Path of Discipleship, which will take place on Tuesday evenings, March 3 to April 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with supper. For more information and to register by February 24, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Books by Women will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens this Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. * Our **Winter Carnival Family Night** will take place on Friday, February 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The evening will include dinner, a bounce house, and carnival games. * Lucy Forster-Smith will join **Women at Fourth** on February 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to talk about how important it is to have community and connection in our lives. A time of fellowship will start at 5:30 p.m. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for more information.



A **variety of well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **SoulCollage and Poetry** workshop on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. and a **Living Your Best Life** support group for young women on Monday evenings, beginning March 16 at 7:00 p.m. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for more information or to register.



To sign up for opportunities described on these pages,
please see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? Do you feel called to be present with and pray for individuals experiencing challenging times? If so, we encourage you to **consider becoming a Stephen Minister**. Our next fifty-hour Stephen Ministry training class begins in March and will be offered on Saturdays. Details and links to the application are on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Grocery shoppers are needed to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. Shoppers are scheduled on a once-a-month cycle. Email access and a car are essential to fulfilling this volunteer role. * **Greeters** are needed to serve during the 4:00 jazz worship service. * You can learn about these opportunities and more through our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**: you can sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church by going to www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers. For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Our Global Mission and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a **peacemaking insight trip to Colombia** this August 1–8. Details and an online application form (due May 1) can be found here: www.bit.ly/FPCColombia2020 * Our **Employment Network mission group** is looking for information about day jobs, such as painting and auto repair, to pass along to one of the refugee families we support. The group also continues to compile lists of **entry-level job openings** to share with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center. Please email information about such opportunities or openings to employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org



Tickets for the **Gala of Hope**, which will be Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2020. All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. * Chicago Lights is also in need of **tutors** to mentor children and youth one evening a week at the church. See www.bit.ly/cltutor2020 for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.



Year-end giving statements for 2019 are available upon request. Contact Ron Porras (rporras@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3598) to receive a copy of your statement by mail or email. * If you have **not yet fulfilled your 2019 pledge** to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! And if you have not yet made a 2020 pledge, please take a moment to submit it by filling out the online form at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



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Calendar for February 9–16, 2020

Sunday, February 9	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, February 10	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, February 11	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, February 12	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, February 13.	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 14.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Cole Seaton, tenor	Buchanan Chapel
Sunday, February 16.	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. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5E
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus 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. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship	Allison Library
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group and Confirmation	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m. “Black History and Our Faith Traditions”	Room 5G
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	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

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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. Attend Sunday, March 8 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 February 23.

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 Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@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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