



First Sunday in Lent

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent**

***Call to Worship**

Beloved people of God:
every year at the time of Lent we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.

We begin this holy season with deep and abiding care for our lives,
acknowledging our need for mercy and forgiveness.

**We observe a holy Lent by examining our lives,
by praying and fasting, by works of love and meditating on God's word.**

Let us join in worship, giving thanks for this season of Lent and all that lays ahead. Amen.

* 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** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil. God of grace,
forgive us.

You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation. God of grace,
forgive us.

You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. God of grace,
forgive us.

You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near. God of grace,
forgive us.

Speak to us in the silence, O Lord, that we might summon the courage
and strength to be reconciled to you and one another . . . *(Please hold space for silent reflection.)*

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven and our world is healed.

Sung Response "We Are Forgiven"

*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.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 25:1–10 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

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Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

ANTIPHON

Scripture John 18:1–11

May God bless us with the gift of understanding.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Questions Jesus Asked

“Whom Are You Looking For?” *Lucy Forster-Smith*

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 in the plate as it passes.

Offertory Music

***Doxology** "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, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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)*

Holy God, you gave your Son, Jesus,
to walk with us through our lives and through these days of Lent.
Your love is expressed most fully in his giving of himself to us through his very body and blood.
And yet, O Christ, the question you asked persists: whom are we looking for?
Give us a keen sense of your presence that guides us to you, O Holy One.
Give us hearts made ready for knowing you so deeply
that we make no mistake in seeing you in the faces of those around us
and in the lost and lonely in our midst.
This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Amen.

*Closing Song "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Clark Costen Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

The Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing Offering supports Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the envelopes available from the greeters or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

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.



We welcome back to the Fourth Church staff David Handley, who served this congregation as Associate Pastor from 1973 to 1981 before going on to serve as Pastor and Head of Staff at the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. In his retirement, David has been serving in a variety of interim pastor roles, and we are delighted that in that capacity he will be with us for the next year as our Interim Minister for Pastoral Care. He is assuming the responsibilities held by Judy Watt prior to her retirement while our Personnel Committee reviews that Associate Pastor position description and then recommends the election of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for that role. As you see David around the church, please introduce yourself and extend a warm Fourth Church welcome!



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour as we "spring forward": we don't want to start worship without you! * Also next Sunday, March 8, we will welcome **Dr. Stephen Ray Jr.**—President of both Chicago Theological Seminary and the Society for the Study of Black Religion—as our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Throughout Lent our sermons will explore the theme "**Questions Jesus Asked.**" Today we encounter the "Question of Longing"—"Whom are you looking for?"—in John 18:1–11. Next Sunday, March 8 we will encounter the "Question about Compassion"—"Do you see this woman?"—in Luke 7:36–50. * Our **daily Lenten devotions** invite us into a time of reflection, this year on hymns of our faith. We invite you to use our Lenten devotions as a resource for reflection during the season. To receive those meditations on hymn texts via email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



A variety of **well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **SoulCollage and Poetry workshop** this Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. This workshop invites participants to a greater self-understanding and self-care. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for more information or to register. * Additionally, a "**Living Your Best Life**" support group for young women will be held on Monday evenings, beginning March 16. * **A Chronic Illness Support Group** will begin in late March; to learn more or to express interest, please call Bill Singerman at 312.787.8425, ext. 2210.

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

The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished and storied 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door.



We have opportunity to learn about the faith of our neighbors through an **Interfaith Seder** that will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware. The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 17, but space is limited and fills quickly. Register for tickets (*required*) at www.bit.ly/interfaithseder20 or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).



The **Gala of Hope** is this week on Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua! Tickets are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2020. The deadline for online ticket purchases is tomorrow, Monday, March 2. 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. Details and a calendar of one-session orientations (the next session is this Tuesday, March 3) are posted on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Remember loved ones at Easter by contributing to the purchase of **Easter flowers** for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 29 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).



Invested adults are needed to serve as **youth trip leaders** to travel with our youth to either Detroit, Ferncliff, or Montreat for a week this summer. Please fill out an interest form at www.bit.ly/2020tripleader * You can learn about and sign up for **additional volunteer opportunities** through our volunteer management software, **VOMO** (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). Opportunities include serving as **greeters** during the 4:00 jazz worship service and as **grocery shoppers** to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. For assistance with VOMO, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Please keep in your prayers the thirty-three members of Fourth Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago who are traveling on a **music mission trip to Cuba** this week. * 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 on the Sign-Up Page noted below. * Our **Employment Network mission group** 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

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Calendar for March 1–8, 2020

Sunday, March 1	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 2	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
	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, March 3	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	In the Loop
	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, March 4	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, March 5	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 6	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Katie Calcamuggio, voice	Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Gala of Hope	Radisson Blu Aqua
Saturday, March 7	1:00 p.m. SoulCollage and Poetry	Boyle Conference Room
Sunday, March 8	8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms 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
	9:00 a.m. Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room
	9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5E
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m. “Holy Envy”	Room 5E
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Stephen Ray Jr. 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. “St. Paul to C. S. Lewis”	Room 5G
	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
	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. 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 March 22.

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 David Handley (312.573.3360; dhandley@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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