
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Elegy Adrian Self
Pavane Gabriel Fauré

Introit :: “Trisagion Troparia” Byzantine chant

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect in faith, give rest, O Lord, to the souls of your servants; and preserve them in that life of blessedness that is lived with you, O friend of all. In the place of your rest, O Lord, where all your saints repose, give rest also to the souls of your servants, for you alone are immortal. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. You are our God who descended to hell to loose the pains of the dead that were there; give rest also to the souls of your servants, O Savior, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise

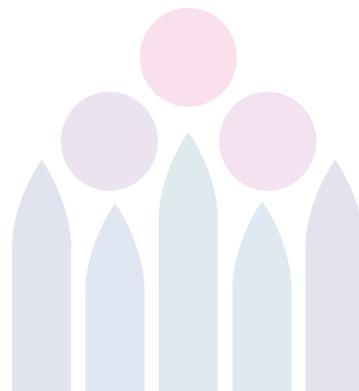
Hymn “For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



†Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, we confess that we can take for granted the gift of life.
Especially this year, we confess, we can easily fall into the trap
of just enduring our days rather than fully living them.
Our dispirited hearts miss opportunities for expressions of appreciation.
We do not love others in ways that are honoring to them or to us or to you.
Forgive us, gracious God, and remind us in this hour
of your promises of faith, of your generous act of forgiveness.
Remind us that your love is real, and forgive us for living as though it is not.
Give us courage to follow in your way so that—joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love—
we may inhabit your reign, beginning here and now. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Solo :: “God Shall Wipe Away Every Tear” Antonio L. Haskell

*Though the clouds may hover over us, there’s a bright and golden ray,
it’s the promise that in heaven God shall wipe all tears away.
When we reach that blessed homeland, where ’tis everlasting day,
on that bright eternal morning God shall wipe all tears away.
No more sorrow, no more weeping, peace and joy shall hold full sway,
for beside life’s crystal river God shall wipe all tears away.
When we reach that blessed homeland, where ’tis everlasting day,
on that bright eternal morning God shall wipe all tears away.
O, the joy of meeting Jesus, mortal tongue cannot portray,
but we know when we behold him God shall wipe away every tear.
When we reach that blessed homeland, where ’tis everlasting day,
on that bright eternal morning God shall wipe all tears away.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them

from the hand of the foe, gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no path to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord,

and you delivered them from their distress.

You led them on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

You change rivers into deserts, and water-springs into thirsty ground,

fruitful land into salty waste, because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

You change deserts into pools of water and dry land into water-springs.

You settle the hungry there, and they establish a city to dwell in.

They sow fields and plant vineyards and bring in a fruitful harvest.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Revelation 7:9–17

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

Minute for Mission

Litany for All Saints' Day

Leader: *God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you. For all the saints who have gone before us,*

People: we give you thanks, O God, for our ancestors in the faith.

Leader: *For all the saints who have been beloved to us,*

**People: we give you thanks for our loved ones
who have entered your Church Triumphant.**

Leader: *For all the saints who have left us too soon,*

People: O God, we mourn their death, and they remain in our hearts.

Leader: *For all the saints who are still shining lights in this world,*

People: may we learn from their ways and follow you.

Leader: *For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and especially for those members of Fourth Presbyterian Church who have, since last All Saints' Day, finished their race and are now at rest with you . . . we give you thanks, O God, and for these your servants,*

People: we praise you. Keep us grateful for their witness and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “It Is Not Death to Die” Bob Kauflin

It is not death to die, to leave this weary road and join the saints who dwell on high, who’ve found their home with God. It is not death to close the eyes long dimmed by tears and wake in joy before your throne, delivered from our fears. O Jesus, conquering the grave, your precious love has power to save. Those who trust in you will in your mercy find that it is not death to die. It is not death to fling aside this earthly dust and rise with strong and noble wing to live among the just. It is not death to hear the key unlock the door that sets us free from mortal years to praise you evermore. O Jesus, conquering the grave, your precious love has power to save. Those who trust in you will in your mercy find that it is not death to die.

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “For All the Saints”

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Joy of the Redeemed Clarence Dickinson

ALL SAINTS' DAY

On All Saints' Day, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship.

Whitney Wood Addington

Lois Charlotte Bromm Anderson

Juliette Fentress Bacon

John H. Fassnacht

Hugh Halverstadt*

Brian Matthew Hill

Eugene P. Holland

Sally Barton King

Wesley P. Kriebel

Elizabeth R. Kuhn

Carl Gardner Leigh

Leon T. LeRoy Jr.

Thomas H. Miner

Richard C. Moenning

Robert W. O'Brien

Beverly G. Pace

Priscilla Perry

William V. Porter

Alyson Robertson

Gladys V. Russell

Linnea L. Schramm

Scott K. Shelton

Morrell M. Shoemaker

Aurelia Spann

Norma D. Stelle

Miriam Swanson

James Thompson

Shirley B. Tower

Doris A. Wilterding

*Member, Chicago Presbytery



For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**.

In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (where the service is available throughout the week), we also make the service available via **Facebook Live** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by **listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (toll-free) at the time of the service (the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.). * During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Next Sunday, November 8 is Commitment Sunday, the day when we will dedicate our pledges to **“Putting Our Faith into Action,”** our **2021 stewardship campaign**. As we prepare to celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives, please take a moment before Sunday to submit your pledge. Each pledge, which can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcpledge, make a difference in the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Additional details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org; for more information, email Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (required for membership) and learn about Fourth Church congregational life, mission, and history as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer1120**

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following worship today, please join us online following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** We will be gathering online at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone**: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. * Another opportunity to connect with others is in our **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining one of the groups forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

John Sherer will present an online organ recital celebrating Chicago composers on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms to mark the **fifth anniversary of the dedication of our Andrew Pipe Organ**. * **Online Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, where the performances can also be viewed later in the week. This week’s concert will feature soprano Nicole Besa and pianist Beth Parker.

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another, **we want to hear from you! If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * **If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **If you would like to explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, please call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for weekly **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details. * Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)

Volunteers are needed to serve as **adult leaders for the Senior High Youth Group**, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. To learn more about this opportunity, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * Volunteers are also needed to help cook our Fourth Church Meals Ministry **Sunday Night Supper** and to distribute the grab-to-go meal outdoors. You can **sign up online to cook** (app.vomo.org/project/cooking-for-sunday-night-supper) **or serve** (app.vomo.org/project/5da1181f63f6a) or email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org) for details. * **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School and family activities are being held online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * For details about the **Center for Life and Learning** lectures and exercise classes for adults sixty and over, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll or email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.

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“Women in the Book of Judges” meets via Zoom on Sundays through November 8 at 9:30 a.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/womeninjudges for this class taught by Dr. Steed Davidson of McCormick Theological Seminary. ✨ Matt Helms is leading us in a three-week exploration of **“From Pentecost to Constantine: How the Early Church Grew,”** the current theme in our **“Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible”** class, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes**. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **The First Tuesday Book Club** continues on Tuesday, November 10 (*since the first Tuesday of the month is Election Day*) at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion in both November and December will focus on the book **The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone** and will be led by Nanette Sawyer. Register for Zoom details at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks

Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for those fifty and older, will gather via Zoom this Friday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. for a program by Paul Hamann, President and CEO of the **Night Ministry**, which works with those struggling with poverty or homelessness. Register online by Thursday, November 5 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1120 to receive Zoom details. ✨ The Spiritual Formation Council is hosting a morning workshop on **“Rites of Passage: Creating Sacred Ritual in a Time of Pandemic”** on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. This Advent exploration of how to use ritual making as a way to reconnect us to ourselves, our faith, and our God will be led by Lois Snavelly, a former seminary intern at Fourth Church. For Zoom details, contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes contributions to Fourth Church as of September 30, 2020.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of September 30, 2020				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2020 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$2,075,584	\$2,100,206	(\$24,622)	\$3,111,000
General contributions	\$1,177,100	\$1,387,236	(\$210,137)	\$2,270,929
Restricted contributions	\$337,568	\$352,623	(\$15,055)	\$573,100
Total contributions	\$3,590,252	\$3,840,066	(\$249,813)	\$5,955,029

All Saints’ Day is also a day when we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us and in their planned giving remembered those who would follow them in ministry here at Fourth Church. It is **an invitation to consider our own legacy**. Making a gift to Fourth Church in your will can sustain this church’s ministries for generations to come. For information about planned giving, contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Matt Gauen, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Beena David, Soloist and Tanpurist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE INSTRUMENT HEARD IN THIS MORNING'S INTROIT is a tanpura, which has ancient origins in India. The tanpura is a long-necked string instrument that is plucked to typically provide a drone accompaniment for a soloist. The combined sound of all the strings provides a mix of fundamental tones and overtones that support and blend with the melody provided by the soloist.

IT IS THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF EACH OF US that Fourth Church is able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those God calls us to love and serve as a light in the city. You can **give online** at fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the **"To Make a Gift"** button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org); **via Venmo** (@Fourth-Church); or via a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and mailed to 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611.2014.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism and
Community Engagement (*Associate Pastor-Elect*)

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

David Handley Interim Minister for Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults

Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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TO NOTIFY PASTORAL STAFF of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3360). (Please note: hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing difficult times are invited to consider meeting with a Stephen Minister: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.