

# **Fourth Presbyterian Church**

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19, we are not engaging in congregational singing. During hymns, worshipers are invited to hum along with the choir members if they like.

# Gathering around the Word

#### **Prelude**

This is the day that God has made!

Open now the doorways of justice!

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.

This is the place where the righteous may enter, singing to God with thanksgiving and praise.

This is the day that God has made!

# \*Doxology (congregation is invited to hum)

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

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit. †Or "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bless God at all times!

All: God's praise will be continually in our mouths.

Leader: For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Leader: God has filled our mouths with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!

All: Let us worship God, who gives us a future filled with hope.

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There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

#### **REFRAIN:**

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (REFRAIN)

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You see our need when we are blind to it.

You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth.

Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.

Let our faults fall from before your eyes, O God, as you open ours.

Hear our prayer and save us. Amen.

#### **Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

# Listening for the Word

### **Prayer for Illumination**

\*Gloria Patri (congregation is invited to hum)

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.

# Responding to the Word

**Anthem :** "A New Heaven and a New Earth". . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Kim André Arnesen

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

### \*Affirmation of Faith (unison) . . . . . . . . . From A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# **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.

# **Call to Offering**

### \*Litany of Dedication (responsively)

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies,

All: for your goodness that has created us,

Leader: your grace that has sustained us,

All: your patience that has borne with us,

Leader: and your love that has redeemed us. As we continue to thank you for 150 years of ministry, we now dedicate these paraments to you.

All: May they remind us of our constant call to be one of your lights in the city.

Leader: May they inspire us to seek out and to deepen relationships that we have across Chicagoland.

All: May they challenge us to never get satisfied with the way the world is.

Leader: Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Bearing the Word into the World

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain).

# \*Charge and Benediction

#### **Postlude**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit . . . . . . African American spiritual / arr. Richard Elliott

We invite you to enjoy the postlude.

If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.

# **News and Resources**

reconciliation, and justice.

October 24-October 30, 2021

We are glad to be worshiping with you 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,



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status. Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. \*\* For those worshiping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather for a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and a 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. \*\* In the Sanctuary, the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. \*\* Due to health guidelines, congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel; those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



Nursery care is not available at this time. **\*\* Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. **\*\*** Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. **\*\*** Following the morning service, those who would like to do so are invited to **greet one another outside** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**You can read more** about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities **at www.fourthchurch.org/reopening** 

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. **\*\* Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. **\*\*** During the week we make the service and sermon available via podcast on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).



The church campus remains closed at this time. \*\* On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors.



**Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



Each Wednesday we release a new video in our "Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer" series, a fifteen-minute worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel and watch the videos there (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings or during the week or receive them by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail). \*\* Also on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

- \*\* A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing
- \*\* Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available by email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) as well as online (*www.fourthchurch.org/devotions*), via Facebook (*facebook.com/fourthchurch*), and Twitter (*twitter.com/fourthchicago*).

**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** 

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday! That day we will lift up all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives, and so we ask that by Sunday, October 31 you please submit your 2022 pledge to "Called to Be a Church Alive." You can make your pledge online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge forms mailed earlier this autumn. Each pledge of support to our 2022 stewardship campaign contributes to the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Additional information about the stewardship campaign, including a pledge form to download for those who prefer that format, is available at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes those contributions to Fourth Church as of September 30, 2021.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of September 30, 2021				
YTD = Year-to-Date	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2021 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$2,075,956	\$2,084,000	(\$8,044)	\$3,135,000
General contributions	\$1,275,240	\$1,386,000	(\$110,760)	\$1,964,000
Restricted contributions	\$586,974	\$473,098	\$113,876	\$706,147
Total contributions	\$3,938,170	\$3,943,098	(\$4,928)	\$5,805,147



All are invited to an evening of online celebration and appreciation with Shannon Kershner on Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by the **Legacy Society** Advisory Council, this virtual reception will lift up the special contributions made to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights through legacy giving as well as provide information about **legacy-giving opportunities.** For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/legacysociety1021 or contact Katy Frey Bever (*kbever@fourthchurch.org*).



**Volunteers are needed to serve Sunday Night Supper** in upcoming weeks. You can sign up to help with Meals Ministry by using **VOMO**, **our Volunteer Ministry platform** (*www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers*). All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org **\*\*** The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean**, **gently used adult clothing and men's shoes.** Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in. *Masks are required while on the campus*.

Our congregation is **celebrating its sesquicentennial!** Throughout the year we are marking our 150th anniversary in various ways, including this morning welcoming as our **guest preacher Dr. Otis Moss III** (see the worship notes on page 12). Also during this morning's service we will hear the first live performance of "A New Heaven and a New Earth." Commissioned by Fourth Church in honor of our 150th anniversary, this anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen is based on the scripture text Revelation 21:1–4. Premiered virtually during our online service on February 14, today it is being sung live in worship for the first time.



Also commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial are **new Ordinary Time banners**, which we are using for the first time today and will dedicate during the service. Designed by Ellie Cotey, with additional sewing done by members of the Benevolent Guild, these banners, paraments, and stoles depict Chicago and its landscape and, with rays of radiating light, evoke this congregation's call to be a light in the city. The pulpit parament, which incorporates a map of Chicago, is created from 150 pieces—one for each year of our history. The lectern paraments and stoles bring together the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of the prairie that surrounds the city, while the hanging banners offer images of local wildflowers.



A Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (and livestreamed) will present "Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century," a conversation among notable church and community speakers that commemorates our 150th anniversary and looks at Fourth Church's history as a citizen of Chicago. Moderated by Lucy Forster-Smith, this panel discussion will bring together Shannon Kershner; Pastor Emeritus John Buchanan; Felicia Davis, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and William Schweiker, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School. This Michigan Avenue Forum will be followed by an in-person "The Next 150 Years" program on Saturday morning, November 13. This opportunity to further explore the topics discussed on Tuesday evening will invite participants to exchange ideas in conversations led by Fourth Church members and program partners focusing on arts and culture, community, racial justice and diversity, equity and inclusion, and well-being. After an introductory greeting from Shannon Kershner, two breakout sessions will be held, and after a break, a second pair of sessions will convene. For more information, contact Lewis Hamer (lhamer@fourthchurch.org).

During this sesquicentennial year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read historical accounts and letters from Chicago's faith leaders as well as view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church as they share memories of their time here.



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) \*\* Online events are posted on our church calendar, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar \*\* If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (required for membership) and discover more about Fourth Church as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1121; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman continue their class on the Old Testament figure David: "Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch" this morning at 11:15 a.m. This class meets in person in Borwell Dining Room (register at www.bit.ly/david1021) and is also recorded for viewing online at a later date. \*\* Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and the Horizons Bible Study for women offers two online sessions this Wednesday, October 27: one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for Men's or Women's Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\* On Tuesday, November 2 the First Tuesday Book Club will discuss A Gentle Answer: Our "Secret Weapon" in an Age of Us against Them by Scott Sauls at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, register online at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1121 \*\* On Tuesday, November 9 Books by Women will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey by Kathleen Rooney. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\* At the Cornerstones' online November gathering for adults fifty and over, author Greg Borzo will be talking about his book Lost Restaurants of Chicago on Friday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1121



**Sunday School** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. **★ Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. **★ Junior High Youth** meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High Youth** meet at 11:15 a.m. **★ Youth parents** gather for fellowship at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. **★ Cherub and Children's Music Time** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, where **Youth Music Time** (grades 6–12) meets at 10:45 a.m.

An organ concert by Aaron David Miller on Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Sherer as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church. This in-person concert will also be livestreamed and will include Aaron David Miller premiering his composition "Sonata for a Sacred Space," commissioned by the congregation in honor of John Sherer's twenty-five years at Fourth Church. \*\* This Friday John Sherer will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. Masks must be worn by all in attendance. Our concerts are also livestreamed and available at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), and on Facebook Live.



Knitting and Crocheting will gather via Zoom this Tuesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. \*\* This Wednesday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m., the Benevolent Guild will meet in person; registration is required. \*\* A Domestic Violence Awareness candlelight vigil with Between Friends will be held this Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. \*\* Women at Fourth meets via Zoom for a program about Chicago Lights Tutoring and Fourth Church Meals Ministry—and adaptations they are making in response to the pandemic—this Thursday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. \*\* An LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Happy Hour will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. For details for any of these gatherings, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \*\*

To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. \*\* If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). \*\* **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.

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### **Worship Leaders**

Sarah Pierce, Nanette Sawyer, Alan Bath, Shannon J. Kershner, Otis Moss III

## The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir Michael Rees, Organ Scholar John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

### **Worship Notes**

Today we are honored to have as our guest preacher the Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago and a longtime friend of this congregation. With civil rights advocacy in his DNA, Dr. Moss has built his ministry on community advancement and social justice activism. Recognized as one of the "12 Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World" by Baylor University's Truett Seminary, he has spent the last two decades practicing and preaching a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality. We are grateful to have Dr. Moss leading us in worship this morning and and ask that you join us in extending to him a warm Fourth Church welcome.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

**Associate Pastors** 

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry
Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement
Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry
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David Handley Interim Minister for Caring Ministries
Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults
Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry
John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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