



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here George Walker

Reverie William Grant Still

Praeludium Pastorale John Stainer

Introit :: “Sanctuary” Randy Scruggs and John Thompson

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried, and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

***Doxology** (*congregation sings while masked*)

*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.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Jesus says, “The days are surely coming. Do not be alarmed.”*

All: **Though nation rise against nation—**

Leader: *“Do not be alarmed.”*

All: **Kingdom against kingdom—**

Leader: *“Do not be alarmed.”*

All: **Earthquakes, fires, famines—**

Leader: *“Do not be alarmed.”*

The days are surely coming, and God will be with us.

Let us worship God.



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 357** (*congregation sings while masked*) “The Days Are Surely Coming”

The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming when we will know at last
the fullness of God’s presence, God’s promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God’s almighty hand.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Cantate Domino” Hans Leo Hassler
*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;
tell of God’s salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous
works among all the peoples.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 16

***Gloria Patri** (*congregation sings while masked*)
*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 Mark 13:1–8

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children” Christopher Tye
*Praise ye the Lord, ye children; praise ye the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord for evermore.
The Lord’s name is praised from the east unto the west.
The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory is above the heavens.*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God,
 who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
 the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
We believe that this unity must become visible
 so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred
 between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered.
We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active,
 in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully
 to one another to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
 that we share one baptism together,
 that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together;
 that together we know and bear one another's burdens,
 thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
 that we need one another and upbuild one another.
We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of
 sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,
 bitterness and enmity.
We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in
 a new obedience and to open new possibilities of life for society and the world.
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

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done?

You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self.

Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done in our church,
in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 366** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charge and Benediction

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along (while masked)
with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude

Fanfare Oliphant Chuckerbutty

*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.*

Baptized in Today's Service

Katherine Ann Coderre, child of Angela and Kimberly Coderre

Nellie Louise Janulis, child of Jonathan and Claire Janulis

John Francis Phelps V, child of Jackson and Lauren Phelps

Julien James Reilly, child of Joshua and Nicole Reilly

Sophia Kaylee VanderPloeg, child of Eric and Sara VanderPloeg



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We are glad to be worshipping 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, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. ✳ For those worshipping 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.** The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ✳ **The congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✳ **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. ✳ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 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.

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**

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern.** ✱ 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 online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago), and email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*).



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).



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. This month Matt Helms and Joe Morrow are guiding these times of reflection. You can **subscribe to our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and watch the videos there on Wednesday evenings or during the week or **receive them by email** (*sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail*).



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.

This Friday, November 19 Aaron David Miller will present an organ concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Sherer serving 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. ✨ Also this Friday the **Roosevelt Choirs** will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance.* Our concerts are livestreamed as well as available later on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, and on Facebook Live.



This Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. we will be **singing carols** (*while masked*) on the steps of the Sanctuary as part of the **Magnificent Mile Lights Festival**. All who want to share holiday cheer with those gathering for the Michigan Avenue festivities are invited to join us in the singing in the season. ✨ Also this season, Women at Fourth is coordinating our annual **Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students**. To support this project we are collecting gift cards to Target, Amazon, and Walmart. If you are dropping off **gift cards** at the church, please mark them as to the attention of Simon Crow and designate the amount on the card(s). (*We are giving \$30 worth of gift cards to each student.*) We are also purchasing a book to give to each student and appreciate **monetary contributions to support the book purchases**. Monetary gifts can be made to Fourth Church, noting “Christmas Wishes” in the comments/memo line. For more details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ As we look ahead to Advent and Christmas, again this year we invite you to honor a loved one with a **contribution toward the Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those **individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin**. **Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift** and must be received by Sunday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).



On Thanksgiving Day 2021 we will not be gathering in person for worship. Instead we will be sharing a **Thanksgiving-themed “Rhythm and Word” video** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Thursday, November 25. When you or those with whom you may be gathering are looking for fifteen minutes of spiritual reflection during which to pause to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, we invite you to view the music-and-word worship experience released that day.

Today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room Lois Snavely will lead us in looking at **how to discern vocational calling** in a secular workplace. This “Discerning Vocation” class is cohosted by the Adult Education Committee and the TwentiesThirties fellowship group. ✱ One of our most popular adult education classes has been “God in the Modern Wing,” exploring spiritual and artistic expression in the work of modern abstract artists. On Sunday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m., Walter Hansen will return to lead a one-session class, “**God in the Modern Wing: The Book,**” looking at the book that grew out of those presentations and following it with an optional walk to the Art Institute of Chicago to view some of the works. You can register for the class, which will meet in Borwell Dining Room, at www.bit.ly/modernwing1205 ✱ **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. to begin reading through the New Testament. Email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.



On Tuesday, December 7 the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***IRL: Finding Realness, Meaning, and Belonging in Our Digital Lives*** by Chris Stedman at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Lewis Hamer (lhamer@fourthchurch.org). ✱ On Tuesday, December 14 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss people’s favorite **Agatha Christie books**. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



On Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., the **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets via Zoom ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** will gather via Zoom on Tuesday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation ✱ **Cornerstones**, a group for adults fifty and over who share in a monthly time of fellowship and a program, will gather online on Friday evening, December 3. For Zoom details about any of these opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning’s online weekday classes, lectures, and exercise opportunities**. For details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cfl



Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org), 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

Sunday School (ages 3 through grade 5) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **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. For details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **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.



Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of donations of clean, gently used adult clothing and men's shoes. (*We are not accepting children's clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.*) 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 4:00 p.m. Please do not leave donations on the church steps. Ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in. *Masks are required while on the campus.* ✱ **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*



Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read **historical accounts** and letters from Chicago's faith leaders. There you can also hear greetings from Fourth Church friends from across the globe and **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically. ✱ Commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial are new **Ordinary Time banners**. 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.

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Worship Leaders

Maeve Lingenfelter, Rocky Supinger, Patrick Sheahan, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Cherub, Childrens, Youth, and Morning Choirs

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

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

Worship Notes

COMPOSERS whose works are part of worship today include George Walker (1922–2018), a pianist who was the first African American soloist to perform with the Philadelphia Orchestra and, in 1956, the first African American to receive a doctoral degree from the Eastman School of Music. William Grant Still (1895–1978) was an African American composer of more than 200 works, including five symphonies, four ballets, and nine operas. Oliphant Chuckerbutty (1884–1960), whose parents moved from India to England where he began playing the piano at the age of six, was well known as a silent-movie and church organist.

THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR, which was written in the early 1980s in response to and renunciation of apartheid in South Africa, was added to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions in 2016. Its themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church toward holy action, transformation, and life in the face of division, racism, and injustice.

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

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Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

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Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults

Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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