



Baptism of the Lord

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

* 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** (*congregation sings while masked*) "Baptized in Water"

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.**
**You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.**
**You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**
Forgive us, O Lord.
**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon while masked*) Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

ANTIPHON: *Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name;
 make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God’s marvelous works.
Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God’s face.
Remember the marvels God has done,
 the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,
O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant,
 O children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.

ANTIPHON

You led out your people with silver and gold;
 in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad to see them go, because they were afraid of them.
You spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light by night.
They asked, and you brought quail,
 and satisfied them with bread from heaven.
You opened the rock, and water flowed,
 so the river ran in the dry places.

ANTIPHON

For you remembered your holy word and Abraham your servant.
So you led forth your people with gladness,
 your chosen with shouts of joy.
You gave your people the lands of the nations,
 and they took the fruit of others’ toil, that they might keep your statutes
 and observe your teachings. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lesson Matthew 20:1–16

Sermon *Lucy Forster-Smith*

Musical Reflection

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!

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 Offer Ourselves

Call for Offering

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous and gracious God, for the life you have given to us
and for your love made known in Jesus we are so grateful.**

We are so honored to give back to you a portion of what you have given to us.

**Bless these gifts as tangible ways we reach together to this world;
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

***Closing Song** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Liz Kurman Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in an offering box at the exit to the Chapel. They also can be given online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the “To Make a Gift” button on our website: fourthchurch.org) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).

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 Presbyterian 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 wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. * 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 like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. * **Worshippers are invited to sing while masked**. We invite those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to worship with us from home via our 10:00 a.m. livestream, which is also available for viewing later in the week. * **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. * **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. * The **doors open for worship** on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the 4:00 service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. * **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. Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher.



For those who prefer to worship online or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing afterwards. * **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). * **To receive the sermon text by email**, subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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**

Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. **Horizons Bible Study for women** hosts two online sessions this Wednesday, January 12, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for these Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **Daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff as a **resource for meditation and prayer** are available **daily by email** ([sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)).



A four-session class on **"The 1619 Project,"** discussing slavery's continuing legacy of injustice and inequality, meets on Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel and via Zoom. (*For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class; the class will also be available for viewing on our website in the days ahead.*) Guest speakers are leading conversation about the history of slavery; cultural and religious practices brought to America from Africa; the history of the Great Migration in Chicago; the 1919 race riot and its origins; and present-day socioeconomic struggles in America's and Chicago's Black community. * This Tuesday, January 11 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **Nine Tailors** by Dorothy Sayers. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Two staff members are leaving us this month. Today **Dave Handley** is ending his term as Interim Minister for Caring Ministries. We give thanks for Dave and all that he has brought to Fourth Church caring ministries and spiritual formation—and for his time with us as Associate Pastor from 1973 to 1981! Then later this month **Carol Allerton** will be retiring from her role as Administrative Assistant for Caring Ministries. We are deeply grateful to Carol for her long and faithful twenty-five years of service on staff. We encourage you to email your messages of gratitude and well wishes to Dave (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) and Carol (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * Beginning this week **Jeff Doane**, our Parish Associate for Older Adults, will be taking on the role of Parish Associate for Caring Ministries, while the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues its search for a candidate they would recommend serve as our Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation. * 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, please 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 at 312.787.4570. * **If you have a prayer request**, Jeff Doane (jdoane@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.



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 view video messages. * On **Sunday, February 13, 2022**, we will conclude our sesquicentennial year with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach** that morning, and we hope that current and former members and staff will come together in worship that day—whether online or in person—as we celebrate this congregation's legacy and look toward our future.