



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 27, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Baroques Seth Bingham

- Overture
- Rondo ostinato
- Sarabande
- Rhythmic Trumpet
- Voluntary

Introit :: “Response for Transfiguration Day” Morgan Simmons

*Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
 let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.
 Alleluia! This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,
 first and last and only one. All creation shall adore him. Alleluia!*

***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.*

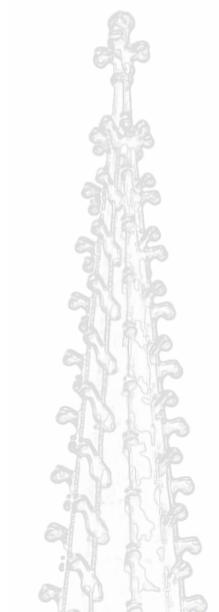
***Call to Worship**

Leader: *In life and in death, we belong to God;*

People: **through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

Leader: *we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,*

People: **whom alone we worship and serve.**



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

***Hymn 193** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
“Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son.”

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,
where you shouted “It is finished!” where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We trust in you, O God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love you created the world good and make everyone equally in your image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against you; we hide from you, our Creator.
Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve your condemnation, O God.
Yet you act with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “O Nata Lux” Charles V. Stanford; arr. Alan Lewis

O Light born of Light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness receive our praise and prayer. Thou who once was clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant that we may be members of thy blessed body.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 104:1–4, 31–34

***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 Luke 9:28–36

Sermon Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 450** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Offertory Anthem :: “Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars” Jonathan Dove

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day; the night is light about me. Amen.

***Offertory Response** (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 712 (*verse 3*)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

***Prayer of Dedication**

O most merciful and gracious God,
from your open hand we have received much:
accept the offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it.
Remember those who will benefit from it.
Through your blessing may it promote peace, justice, and goodness for all. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 33** (*congregation sings while masked*). “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God’s mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God’s providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Trumpet Tune Frederick Swann

*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.*



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.



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 all socially distanced. ✧ 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. ✧ On the Fourth Church campus, **everyone is required to wear a mask, 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 during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where 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 as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✧ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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If you would 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. ✨ 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. ✨ **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 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** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



The Ordinary Time banners hanging in the Sanctuary today were commissioned for our 150th anniversary and 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. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago’s neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate Chicago’s native landscape: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in Fourth Church’s logo. The hanging banners offer images of those local wildflowers.

This Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday. In observance of this solemn day, **Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 p.m. (*Shannon Kershner preaching*) and 7:30 p.m. (*Rocky Supinger preaching*). Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes. The **7:30 p.m. service will also be livestreamed** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ We will also be offering **“Ashes on the Way”** on Wednesday. Pastors and members will be present outside the Sanctuary between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.



As we look ahead to Lent, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection** during the season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, **simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions** (*if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, will be released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



New Zoom Small Groups for Lent will start this week (*the week of February 27*). If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a **time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Whether you have participated in a Fourth Church small group or not**, our Small Group Ministry team would **appreciate your participation in a brief survey**: www.bit.ly/fpcsmallgroupsurvey22 ✨ During Lent the Spiritual Formation Council invites you to travel the **“Path of Discipleship”** with them. This year’s six-part series will use the book *Back to the Well* by Frances Taylor Gench. Led by Nanette Sawyer and Joe Morrow, the series will take place via Zoom on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 8. For the “Path of Discipleship” Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2022



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, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church, sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass322; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Today our new Fourth Church Gospel Choir begins its rehearsals. Directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, the choir will rehearse at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays in Room 4G. For more information about this and other choirs at Fourth Church, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). *All singers in Fourth Church choirs must submit proof of COVID vaccination.* ✨ The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. Directed by John Sherer, this choir, which is preparing music for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and other upcoming services, rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with **lyric soprano Laura Bumgardner and pianist Heidi Joosten** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, March 4. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



This Friday is the annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope! This year the event will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday evening, March 4. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; the Gala of Hope supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center** programs—and the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✨ This morning we begin a three-week class on **“The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith,”** as we look at the behavior of both humans and God in the relationship they share and the covenant between them. Taught by Adam Rose, this class takes place on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G as well as via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/bookofjob22 ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans** via Zoom this Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m., with Amy Pagliarella facilitating the conversation. *Participants do not need to have read the book prior to the discussion.* For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday322 ✨ The topic of the next **Books by Women** discussion will be Kimberly A. Hamlin’s ***Free Thinker***, a biography of women’s suffrage activist Helen Hamilton Gardener. For Zoom details for this Tuesday, March 8 conversation, which takes place at 6:00 p.m., email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Benevolent Guild** meets in person this Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow.

Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions on Wednesday, March 9, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom links or more information about either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



For resources and additional 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 ✨ To ensure you **receive the latest updates from Fourth Church**, including our **weekly email newsletter**, add your email address to our distribution list by signing up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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 email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ If you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.



In Friday's weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc*), we shared the following note **in light of the City of Chicago lifting its mask mandate in most settings**: "As Shannon Kershner wrote in her congregational email last week, 'until you hear otherwise, please assume that **we will keep doing what we are doing now—masks required, restricted campus access and hours, etc.** I thank you for your patience.' The wide range of programs, activities, and participants that are part of our Fourth Church and Chicago Lights community make how we move forward around masking complex, particularly given the number of vulnerable populations we serve—from preschoolers to older adults to those with insufficient access to health care—and given the range of staff and volunteers who work with them. So while we will not be lifting our mask mandate on February 28, please know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like around masks, in-person programs, and more!"

Worship Leaders

Jeffrey Doane, Kat Evans, Joseph L. Morrow, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Tara Wheeker, soloist
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE, "BAROQUES," was composed in 1944 by Seth Bingham (1882–1972) and dedicated to E. Power Biggs. This piece takes older styles of music, typical of the eighteenth-century Baroque era, and transfigures them into modern pieces. Bingham studied organ with Horatio Parker at Yale University, and in Paris with Alexandre Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor. In 1913 he became Organist and Choirmaster at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, where he remained until 1951.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church now and into the future can be placed in one of the offering plates, which will be passed at the time of the Offering, or, after the service, 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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