



Second Sunday in Lent

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

The Holy One is here in this community of faith.

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever.

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us meditate on God's wondrous works.

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever.

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

* 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*) “Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you are before and behind us, around and within us.
We give thanks for your constant presence,
even as we admit that we don't always travel in the light of your way.
We are impeded by fear, by society, and by the demands of the urgent.
We pray for a clear path, to stay the course with courage and resolve,
and we confess that even when we know your direction, we detour instead.
We prefer the easier and seemingly safer way, even if it is not where you call us.
Forgive us, O God. Steady us and turn our eyes to you and where you lead.
You are our God. You meet us where we are and never leave us ever. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 27

Song (*congregation sings while masked*) “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done:
against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.

Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I long to see your face.
Let bones, once broken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:31–35

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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!

Sanctus (*congregation sings while masked*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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**

God of grace, who guides us on our Lenten journeys,

may we deepen our discipleship during these days as we strive to follow Jesus.

Empower us to respond in gratitude

through the commitment of our money, time, our very lives,

enhancing the well-being of our neighbors in need.

We pray through Jesus, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

***Closing Song** (*congregation sings while masked*). “When We Are Living”

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

’Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor
Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Terry Evans Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Baptized during worship today

Tara Katherine Tincknell
Rex Liam Tincknell, child of Timothy and Tara Tincknell

Worship Notes

We are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the special offering envelopes located near the offering box, designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give-online, or write that designation on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian 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. * In the weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*see the box below to subscribe*), 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 in late February, “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 have not yet lifted our mask mandate, please know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like when we do!



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**. * **Worshippers are invited to sing while masked**. * **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. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*)

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**

During this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. Subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive the meditations daily via email.

✳ Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**.

These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and Blues music, are 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/rhythmwordemail ✳ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✳ On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. 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).



Gifts to support those affected by the war in Ukraine can be given through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). A portion of our Lenten “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering will be designated to PDA. You can also make gifts directly to PDA at pda.pcusa.org or by using the link on our website.



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.



The Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church has called a **congregational meeting** for Sunday, March 27 following 10:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to receive and act on their recommendation of a **candidate to serve this congregation as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation**. The meeting will be held both in person and online. The Zoom link will be posted on our website in the week leading up to the meeting, and we will share information about the candidate, who will be present, at the March 27 meeting.



For resources and additional ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch). ✳ Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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