



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Let us sing to the glory of God!

We will tell of God's glory to all!

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name!

How great are all who sing your name.

Let us worship this God of glory and majesty.

Let us make a joyful noise to God! 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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve each other,
and to care for all your creatures.

Yet we ignore your call to us to live with the mark of love, the breath of life, our holy
vocation to be your children.

We dismiss your commandments and go our separate ways.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Redeem, restore, and re-create us, as true followers of the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 91



They will bear you up, you will not dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

ANTIPHON

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague. God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them; God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense. You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

ANTIPHON

You will only have to look with your eyes, and you will see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling. For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

ANTIPHON

I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.
They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lesson Luke 16:19–31

Sermon: “Listen to the Prophets” *Nanette Sawyer*

Musical Reflection

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

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.

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.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

We Offer Ourselves

Call for Offering

Prayer of Dedication

O God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands.

Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise.

Use them to extend your love into this world that waits with hands outstretched;

for the good of your world, through Christ Jesus, our brother and our friend. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** "Live into Hope"

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor
Louise Gram Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Leslie Beukelman, vocal
Bryan Doherty, bass
Marcus Evans, percussion
Amr Fahmy, piano

Worship Notes

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.

Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate at the time of the offering or in the offering box at the Chapel exit. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church; see QR code at right) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the “To Make a Gift” button at www.fourthchurch.org).



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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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a **mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at "medium," we **not just encourage but recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks** while on campus. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the "medium risk" level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. * Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus still choose to require masks. * Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will **wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated** against COVID-19.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and the **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. * **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 a half hour before each service. 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 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*). 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 service on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



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

The final video in our **autumn “Rhythm and Word” series**—which includes the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will be released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evening; the videos, which **will resume in Advent**, are also available by email (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail*). * Also 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. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom information. * The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). * We invite you to use our **daily devotions as a resource for personal reflection**. They can be found at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the devotions daily by email subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * The autumn season of the **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** (fourthchurch.org/podcast) hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger continues this Tuesday with **“Top 10 Leaders in the Bible.”**



For those facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To arrange conversation with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * To explore options with a counselor, call our **Repleg Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. * To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org



The Officer Nominating Committee is gathering **recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions** opening in 2023 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. **By the end of September** please take a moment to recommend Fourth Church members with gifts for leadership: there is an online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2023 and paper forms by the door.



Our 2023 stewardship campaign, “Home,” invites all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Please plan to submit your 2023 pledge—which you can make at www.bit.ly/fpcpledge—by Commitment Sunday, October 30, when we will celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives.



On Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. we will host the Michigan Avenue Forum **“The 1619 Project Revisited: Race, History, and the Future.”** The conversation will feature Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist and author of the *New York Times’ 1619 Project*, **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, together with WBEZ’s **Natalie Moore**.