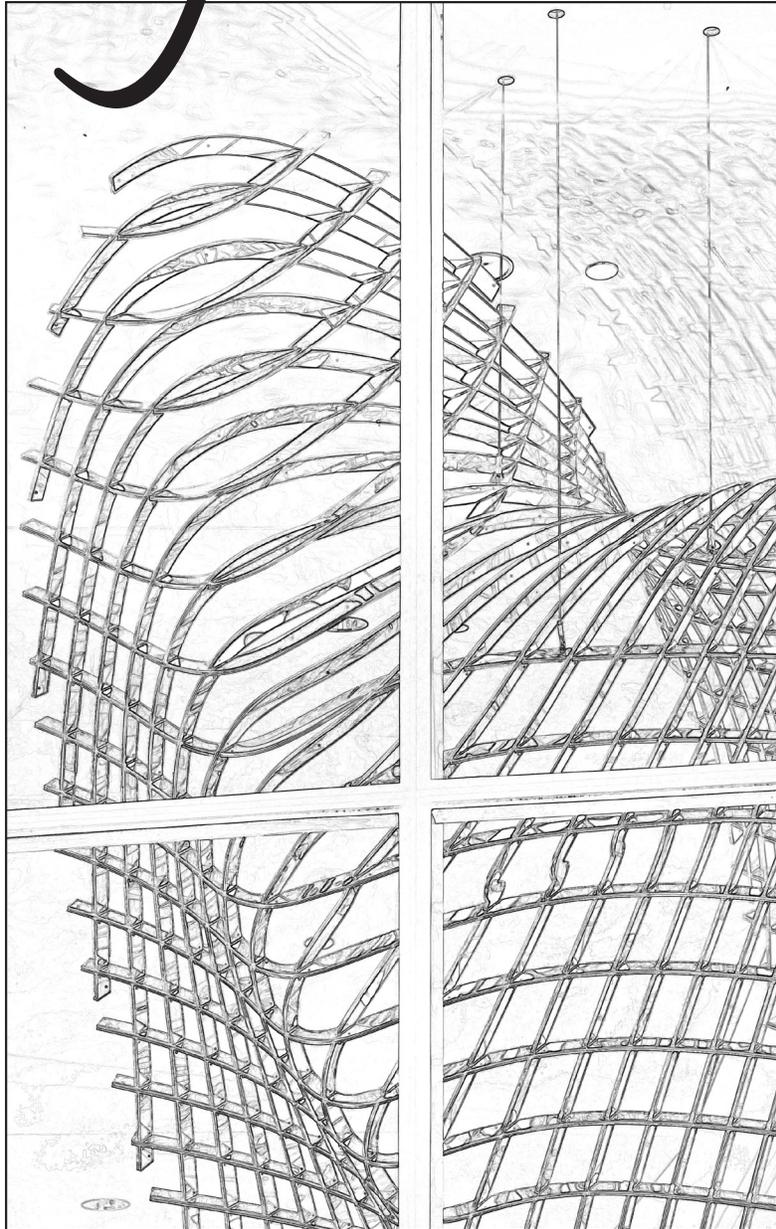




jazz at four



4:00 p.m. • October 23, 2022

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.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Opening Song** “What a Fellowship . . . Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

 Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

Response:

 . . . to you we lift our outspread hands.
 Lord, have mercy.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 65



The fields are clothed with grain, the hills are burst - ing with song

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You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.
Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

ANTIPHON

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

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You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lesson Joel 2:23–32

Sermon *Lucy Forster-Smith*

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 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

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Each day of our lives is a precious gift, Most Holy God.

Thank you for your generosity.

May these gifts, given from the bounty of our lives,

be used to extend your care for creation,

your love of every child on this planet,

for the weaving of our life together as a congregation

and as signs of your flourishing in our world.

Through Christ, the greatest gift of all. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;

Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,

let me walk close to thee. (*Refrain*)

Through this world of toil and snares,

if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (*Refrain*)

When my feeble life is o'er,

time for me will be no more;

guide me gently, safely o'er

to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (*Refrain*)

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Susanna McColley Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

Marcus Evans, percussion

Amr Fahmy, piano

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) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the “To Make a Gift” button at www.fourthchurch.org).

The bulletin cover image depicts the hanging sculpture in Buchanan Chapel, photographed at night from Chestnut Street, with the window mullions forming a cross.

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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. 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.**



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 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).



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 * For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the **"Bible Top Ten"** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.



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).

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday, a day when we will bring forward our **2023 stewardship pledges** and celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. Stewardship season invites us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. If you will not be with us to do that on October 30 or would like to do so prior to next Sunday, you can submit your 2023 pledge at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge



Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at Fourth Church) **and online mentors** to connect one-to-one with a student (grades 1–12) one evening a week. They are recruiting Permanent Tutors, who meet with the same student weekly, building relationships, trust, and self-esteem through academics, advising, and social and communication skills, as well as Substitute Tutors, who volunteer on a more flexible schedule to fill in when a Permanent Tutor is unavailable. For details, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org).



New **Zoom Small Groups** begin this week. Groups will be looking at *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones; *Hospitality: The Sacred Art* by Nanette Sawyer; *Silencing White Noise: Six Practices to Overcome our Inaction on Race* by Willie Dwayne Francois III; or *So You Want To Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people** via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



On Friday evening, November 11, the Fourth Church Choral Society will join organist David Briggs in presenting Briggs' organ transcription of **Mahler's Second Symphony "Resurrection"** at 7:30 p.m. (*in person and livestreamed*). This special event celebrates the Dedication Anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ. * The Morning Choir will sing **Requiem by Maurice Duruflé** on **All Saints' Sunday**, November 6, during the 10:00 a.m. service as we remember departed loved ones that day.



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 **Replogle 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