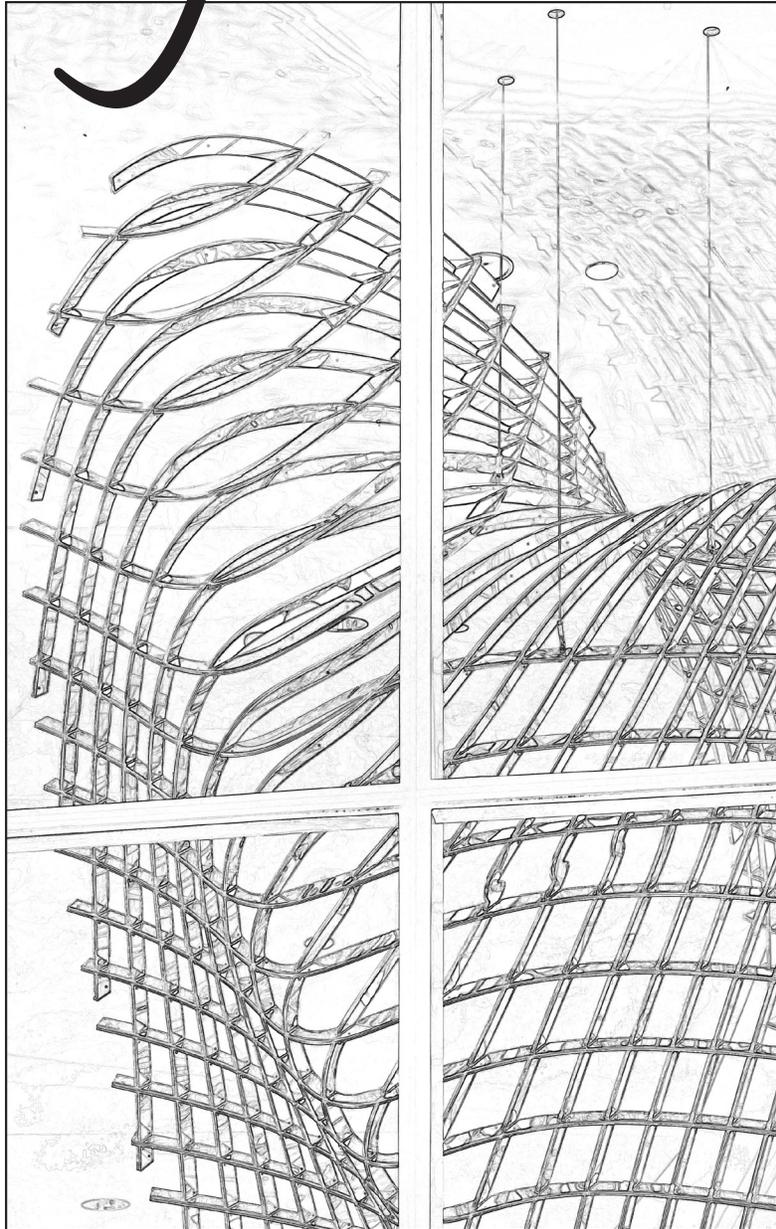




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Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels, descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin,
and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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 46



The God of Hosts is with us. The God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge.

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

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The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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Scripture Lesson Isaiah 36:1–3, 13–20

Sermon *Nancy Benson-Nicol*

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

Almighty, Creator God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day.

On Calvary’s cross, your Son redefined for the world

what it meant to rule, what it meant to be a king.

In his life, teaching, and interacting with people,

Jesus redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God.

May we in this season live and give in a way that reflects the reign over us and

the one who lives within us. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** “Lead On O King, Eternal”

Lead on, O King eternal!

The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.

Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,

till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords’ loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:

we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where’er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o’er us;
we journey in its light.

The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

***Benediction**

Sending Music

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. * To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org * 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). * An opportunity to explore the Bible is offered by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger, as they 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). * 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.

We will again join with our neighbors for an **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m., this year at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Musicians from Holy Name Cathedral will provide musical leadership, and the Reverend Randall Blakey from LaSalle Street Church will preach.

* Although we will not be gathering in person for worship on Thanksgiving Day, we will be sharing a **Thanksgiving-themed “Rhythm and Word” video** on our YouTube channel on Thursday, November 24. When you or those with whom you may be gathering are looking for fifteen minutes of spiritual reflection during which to pause to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, we invite you to view the music-and-word worship experience released that day. (To receive the video by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)



We invite you to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands that will decorate Fourth Church this Advent and Christmas. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente (312.252.3571; gvicente@fourthchurch.org).



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 27! **Daily Advent devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning that day as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (*sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago). * Also available as a resource for your Advent prayer and reflection will be a weekly **“Rhythm and Word” Advent video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, a meditation, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, will be released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on November 30 (*where they will also be available for viewing afterwards*). To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail



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 message in the confidential voicemailbox at 312.573.3365. * To explore options with a counselor, call our **Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

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**

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Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Ken Gaines 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).

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