



4:00 p.m. • February 12, 2023

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome

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

Patient and nurturing God, hear our prayer as we come before you, seeking the grace of your forgiveness and the blessed assurance of your guidance.

Too often, we get in the way of our own growth, cutting ourselves off from one another through resentments, pettiness, and aimless distractions.

We know better; help us to both *be* better and to *do* better, for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination



ANTIPHON

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the Lord! Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts, who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

ANTIPHON

 Scripture Lesson
 Matthew 5:38–48

 Sermon
 Rocky Supinger

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 and Dedication

Musical Offering

We Go Out with Gratitude

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.

*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. * 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). * Our Winter "Rhythm and Word" video series is exploring the Sermon on the Mount and what it means for our daily lives. The videos, which offer a fifteen-minute midweek worship experience led by Matt Helms and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, are released on our YouTube channel on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail * To receive our daily devotions (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions) 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).



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).

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. That day **Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes. The 7:30 p.m. service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. * As part of "**Ashes on the Way**," pastors and members of the congregation will be present outside the Sanctuary between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. 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.

* A six-week **Lenten Path of Discipleship** series begins on Tuesday, February 28 and meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. through April 4. Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow will lead our exploration of Connie Fourré's book **The Spiritual Resilience Handbook**. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2023



The annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held at the Ritz-Carlton (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, and the Social Service Center**. To reserve tickets or become an event sponsor, visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023



Do you speak Spanish? Approximately 370 migrants from Central and South America who recently arrived in Chicago are currently being offered a place to stay next door to Fourth Church. As the Chicago Lights Social Service Center works with these families to help meet needs, we **need individuals who speak Spanish to assist with translation.** To volunteer, sign up at app.vomo.org/project/spanish-translators * We are also **in need of new or gently used adult clothing,** men's and women's and in all sizes. Donations of these items can be dropped off at the church reception desk on weekdays and Sundays between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



A Fourth Church trip to Cuba to visit our sister congregation the First Presbyterian Church of Havana will take place this May 29–June 5. See www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html to learn more or to complete a trip application form. Applications are due this Monday, February 13. * Those interested in joining the Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024 are invited to browse the trip brochure at www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf or contact Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).



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

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor
Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor
Matt Bardwell Lay 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

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor
Nancy Benson-Nicol, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation
Matt Helms, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry
Joseph L. Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement
Nanette Sawyer, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry
Rocky Supinger, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Worship
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus