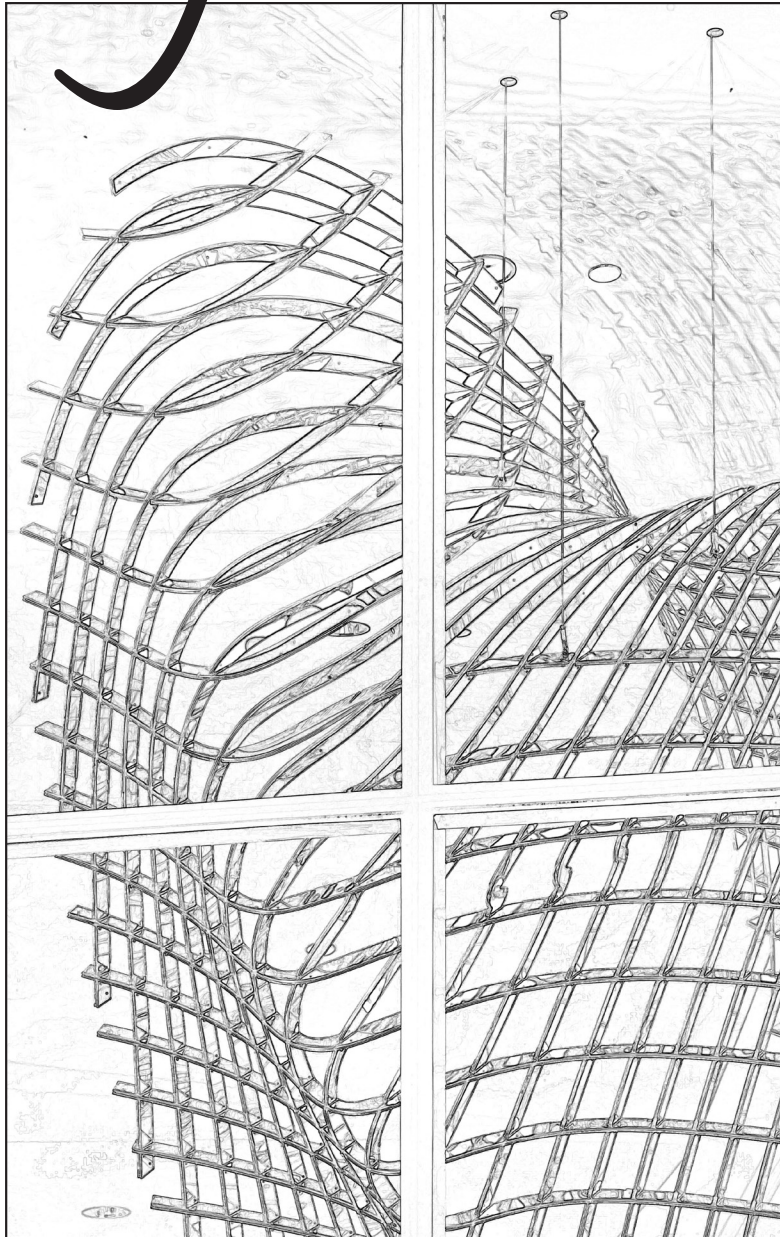




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4:00 p.m. • April 23, 2023

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** “Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen / Aleluya! Cristo resucito”

Refrain:

Alleluia! Christ is arisen.

Bright is the dawning of the Lord’s day.

Run, faithful women, to the graveside. Marvel, the stone is rolled away!

Hear from the angel, “He is risen.” Christ goes before you all the way. (*Refrain*)

Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping; Christ stands before your very eyes.

Quickly return to the disciples; bear the good news: “He is alive.” (*Refrain*)

Gather, disciples, in the evening: suddenly Christ your Lord appears.

“Look, it is I, your wounded Savior. Peace be with you, and do not fear.” (*Refrain*)

Thomas, where were you on that evening? “I’ll not believe unless I see.”

Christ comes again, and every Lord’s day: “Touch me and see; have faith in me.” (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We Share Peace with One Another

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 67

Response "Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Rocky Supinger

"I believe in Jesus Christ; . . . from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead."

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

***Closing Song** “Standing on the Promises”

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail. When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord, bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, list’ning ev’ry moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

***Benediction**

Sending Music

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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).



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. * For those who are 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.

Shannon Kershner has accepted the call to be pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Her last Sunday at Fourth Church will be **Sunday, May 28**. That day we will have opportunity to express our gratitude and well wishes to Shannon and her family in a **reception** following the 10:00 a.m. service of worship. * Notes, letters, memories, and photos for Shannon, thanking her for her ministry among us and wishing her well in her new call, are being collected through May 21. They can be mailed to the church (Attn. Memory Box), dropped off at the church reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These **private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be presented to Shannon in a memory box** on Sunday, May 28.



If you did not receive the email announcement from Shannon last Sunday, we encourage you to subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter! We don't want you to miss out on updates about our honoring Shannon or about this time of transition for Fourth Church. The leadership of this congregation is hard at work planning for this season, and we want to make sure you see the latest information. To subscribe, **sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc or send your email address to news@fourthchurch.org**



Our Easter season "Rhythm and Word" video series, which offers a ten-minute midweek worship experience that includes **music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble and is led by Shannon Kershner**, is released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail * Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions) are available by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with information about the afternoon service and reflections from our worship leaders, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews * 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 (fourthchurch.org).



In late May our worship at 4:00 p.m. will enter a summer sabbatical season of rest and refocusing for the future. We will worship together through Sunday, May 21, and then, beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will not worship at 4:00 p.m. during the summer. Our afternoon service will resume on Sunday, September 10 (*after Labor Day*). If you have questions about this, please email Pastor Rocky at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org * Session has voted to **add a second Sunday morning worship service after Labor Day**. Beginning Sunday, September 10, our morning worship services will be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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**

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

The Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

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

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