

November 19, 2023



# The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

## Call to Worship "There Is a Redeemer" (Hymnal 443)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain:*

Thank you, O Creator, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *(Refrain)*

When I stand in glory, I will see God's face;  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *(Refrain)*

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



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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.*

**\*Song** "Shall We Gather at the River" (Hymnal 375)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:*

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (*Refrain*)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (*Refrain*)

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (*Refrain*)

**\*Confession and Assurance** (*sung litany*)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, o God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

**\*Response** "Glory to God" (Hymnal 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end... (without end...) Amen.

**\*Peace**

*The Peace of Christ be with you.*  
And also with you.

**We Hear.**

**Scripture** 2 Kings 5:1-19

**Sermon** Lucy Forster-Smith

### Offering

The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate or, upon leaving today, in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits. Gifts also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give)

### Song "Rock of Ages" (Hymnal 438)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands.

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

### Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the juice).  
Gluten-free bread is available.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Communion Anthem "Lean on Me" (Bill Withers)

**\*Song** “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least” (Hymnal 852)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

*Refrain:*

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we’ll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.

When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.

When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.

When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

**\*Blessing**

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**Worship Leaders**

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Lucy Forster-Smith

**The Music Today**

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, drums

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**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.

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# You are invited!

November 19–25, 2023



*The following pages are our invitation to you—an invitation to explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here. We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!*

## Welcome!

**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and invite you to continue 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. ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

## Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see [fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning](http://fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)) ✨ Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

## Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## Let us know you're worshipping with us!

Please let us know you are here by filling out an information form. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. ✨ For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our website: [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

## Worship podcasts and sermon text

During the week we make the Sunday morning **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons)) **by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

## Prayer and meditation

On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. we come together for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Tuesday and Wednesday. ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

## Resources for personal reflection and spiritual formation

Our **daily devotions** ([fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions)), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your **personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✨ Our **November “Rhythm and Word” video series, led by Lucy Forster-Smith**, offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer for your viewing at home. A new video is released each week on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous series. To receive the videos by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail); you can also **subscribe to our YouTube channel** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) ✨ Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** ([fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)), which explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

## Volunteers needed

We have a waitlist of **Chicago Lights Tutoring students in need of tutors** on weekday evenings, for ninety minutes, in person or online. For details or to sign up, see [www.chicagolights.org/tutoring](http://www.chicagolights.org/tutoring)

## Giving thanks

We will join with our neighbors for an **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. (*note the time change*) at Holy Name Cathedral (*State and Superior*), with members of Fourth Church choirs providing the music. ✨ **On Thanksgiving Day** we will not be gathering in person for worship. Instead we will be sharing a **Thanksgiving-themed “Rhythm and Word” video** on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Thursday morning, November 23. 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. (*You can receive the video by email by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)*) ✨ The **Fourth Church and Chicago Lights offices will be closed** this Thursday and Friday, November 23 and November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Our commitment. Our work.

Our 2024 Stewardship pledges demonstrate our commitment that **God is at work through us**. So far 481 Fourth Church households have pledged, in total, \$2,021,865 to Fourth Church toward our 2024 goal of \$3,000,000, and 288 households have pledged, in total, \$655,080 to Chicago Lights toward our 2024 goal of \$750,000. If you have not yet made your pledge for next year ([www.bit.ly/fpcpledging](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpledging)), there is still time to **help us reach our goals! Every gift matters** in making it possible for us to do together the work that God has called us to do.

## Christmas flowers

We invite you to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Christmas flowers, garlands, and wreaths** that will decorate the Sanctuary. 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift) and must be received by Sunday, December 10 for names to appear in the bulletin.

## Sharing Christmas joy

For our **Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students** we are collecting gift cards to Target, Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, and McDonald's, along with books. If dropping off gift cards at the church, please do so by Wednesday, December 6, marking them to the attention of Simon Crow and designating the amount on the card(s). (*We are giving \$25 worth of gift cards to each student.*) For a list of books, please contact Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). Monetary contributions for book purchases can be made to Fourth Church, noting “Christmas Wishes” in the designation or memo line. ✨ Our **Meals Ministry Christmas Gift Bag Drive** is also underway, with a goal of filling 475 bags, including 75 gift bags for children. A list of items needed by Monday, December 4 can be found at <https://qrco.de/mealsministry>. We are also in need of 475 McDonald's gift cards of \$10 each; cards can be dropped off or mailed to the church to the attention of Meals Ministry.

## Get connected

**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 28 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for this group or Bible study, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will gather for their annual **Christmas Carol Sing-Along** led by John Sherer on Friday, December 1. To sign up, register (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones1223](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones1223) ✨ An in-person workshop on **"You and Your Spiritual Gifts"** will be held Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5G. To register for this in-person opportunity, which includes ways to **connect with programs in the church specifically related to your God-given gifts**, sign up at [www.bit.ly/spiritualgifts122](http://www.bit.ly/spiritualgifts122) ✨ A **Holiday Deep Listening Dinner** will be held Saturday evening, December 2 in Anderson Hall. Register (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/holidaylistening23](http://www.bit.ly/holidaylistening23) ✨ For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, see [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

## Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org); if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Prayer Ministries, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org) ✨ **For those facing life's challenges**, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ Our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** facilitates **grief groups**. To learn more or add your name to the list for new groups being formed, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [www.reploglecenter.org](http://www.reploglecenter.org)



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