



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

February 11, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Come, Holy Ghost. Johann Sebastian Bach
 Polonaise and Badinerie from *Suite in B Minor* J. S. Bach
 Ubi Caritas. Noah Duncan IV

Introit

“A Festive Alleluia” (9:30) Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Alleluia, O sing alleluia. Come let us sing a joyful alleluia! Joyfully sing alleluia!

Introit

“Promised Land” (11:00). Natalie Sleeth
*Brother, sister, lend an ear, I’m heading for the promised land; trouble soon will disappear.
 When I reach it there will be love and happiness awaiting for me; come along and you will see.
 I’ll be singing freedom’s song, I’m heading for the promised land, that’s the place where I belong.
 I’ll get there one day I know; now I’ve started, and I’m raring to go where the milk and honey
 flow. O listen, don’t you hear that trumpet sounding forth the call, O children, won’t you rise and
 follow, one and all? I’m heading for the promised land.*

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

*Call to Worship

One: *God shines forth in glory.*
 All: *We gather in God’s presence.*
 One: *God speaks to us.*
 All: *We listen to the Lord.*
 One: *God has kept God’s promises.*
 All: *Now we will keep ours.*



*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

***Hymn 12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess the wrong we do and the good we don't do.
We tell lies, but we also neglect parts of the truth.
We are inconsiderate of some, and we fail to stand up for others.
We neglect worship and don't give all we can to people in need.
Forgive us, O God, and help us be better;
make us more like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

***Exchange of Peace**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
People: And also with you.
*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,”
and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Anthem

“O Nata Lux” (9:30) Thomas Tallis
O Light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully hear our prayers and supplications which we raise. You who once did accept the covering of flesh for the sake of the lost, grant that we may become members of your blessed body.

“Christ, upon the Mountain Stands” (11:00). Robert Lehman
Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father’s blessing; blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing, alleluia. Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory; chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story, alleluia. God, in majesty, descends, then proclaims to all before him, “This is my beloved Son!” Nations, come now and adore him, alleluia. Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising for this vision’s mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praising, alleluia.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 50:1–6

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(9:30) Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

(9:30) Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2–9

One: *Holy Wisdom, holy word.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 189** “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father’s voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.
With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“True Light” (9:30) Keith Hampton
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light. In the beginning out of darkness God created light. Don’t let the light that you’ve given me die, and don’t desert my mind. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy, but let the one who serves you praise you again and again. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world true light.

“This Glimpse of Glory” (11:00) David Ashley White
We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain. Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh joined word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet. Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

***Offertory Response.** Hymn 712, v. 3

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
 to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
 help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace, we thank you for your unconditional and eternal love.
Help us to care for others as you have cared for us,
and help us to demonstrate your love and grace through our lives,
which we dedicate to you. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 193** “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.
What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.
What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
“Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son.”
Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,
where you shouted “It is finished!” where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”
We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Spirit Fantasy Carl Haywood

Baptized today at 9:30
Mac Hurley, child of Jeffrey and Chelsea Hurley
Grant Wiersema Kinnear, child of Craig Kinnear and Courtney Wiersema
Benjamin Michael Olsen, child of Matthew and Colleen Olsen

You are invited!

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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), 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) ✨ 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 on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ✨ 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. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship! If you need **to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. ✨ **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 ushers.

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

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 worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

Worship podcasts and sermon text

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

Prayer and meditation

Those who would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today** are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ✨ On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org); if the situation requires immediate attention, 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, email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call our **Replogle Center Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 (www.reploglecenter.org). ✨ The Replogle Center also facilitates grief groups; **new grief groups start March 13 and May 15**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org).

A time of sabbatical

Please join us as we hold in prayer **Rocky Supinger, who begins his sabbatical today** (through May 6). During his time away, please direct questions about Youth Ministry to Amy Pagliarella (apagliarella@fourthchurch.org) and questions about worship to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday opportunities

Those worshipping in person are encouraged to greet one another during **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship, where there is also opportunity to learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ The Adult Education class **“Christians’ Role in Combating Antisemitism”** concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/aeantisemitism; you need not have attended the previous sessions in order to take part today. ✨ **Sunday School** children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship today before departing to classrooms with their teachers; at 11:00 a.m. children gather on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service featuring a breadth of musical expressions (*also livestreamed*).

Annual meeting

At 12:15 p.m. today the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. The **Zoom link is www.bit.ly/fpcannualmeeting2024**; you can also access the meeting via the Zoom Meeting ID 845 1710 6278 and Passcode 132 184. For audio only, you can **dial in by phone** by calling 1.312.626.6799 (*see ID and code above*). The meeting will include the **election of new officers** and **three proposed amendments to the bylaws** regarding the number of youth Elders and extending tenured officers past their full term to fulfill an unexpired term created by the early withdrawal of an officer in a different class. Those amendments as well as the recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee are **posted on our website** at www.fourthchurch.org, as are the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting and the Zoom link for today’s meeting. ✨ On Sunday, February 12, 1871—**153 years ago—the congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was dedicated**. Today we remember and give thanks for that day and for the legacy that inspires our vision for the future. (One of the ways in which we mark this anniversary is by each year holding our Annual Meeting of the Congregation on the second Sunday of February.)

Souper Bowl of Caring

Today is also **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**. Our youth will be in Coffee Hour to collect your contributions to **support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry**. You can also **make a Souper Bowl of Caring gift online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give

Black History Month

Among the ways we celebrate **Black History Month** is the **art exhibition “The Boldness of Being: The work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,”** two African American women artists. Their work will be on display in the Loggia through March, which is Women’s History Month. ✨ The **flag and signage** along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to the Black history that we honor this month.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14, We will gather for **worship at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m.** (*an hour earlier than last year's evening service*). Both of these Ash Wednesday services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes; the 6:30 service will also be livestreamed. ✨ If you would like to **volunteer to impose ashes outside the Sanctuary and greet passersby** on Michigan Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, please sign up at app.vomo.org/opportunity/aotg

Lenten opportunities and resources

Our annual **Path of Discipleship** is an invitation to six weeks of **spiritual growth in Lent**. This year our time will be grounded in **James Martin's book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage***; we will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 20. The February 20 and March 26 sessions will be both in person and via Zoom; the February 27–March 19 sessions will be via Zoom. Registration required at www.bit.ly/fpcpod24 ✨ We also invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for **personal reflection** during the upcoming season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, simply subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions (*if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series**. These brief worship experiences (*approximately ten minutes each*), led by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, weave together scripture, prayer, and music and will be released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on February 14. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail

Meals Ministry volunteers needed

Fourth Church Meals Ministry, is in need of **volunteers for Monday Night Supper**, which has seen an increase in meal distribution of 21 percent since 2022. Volunteer opportunities with Meals Ministry, whose programs served more than 40,000 meals in 2023, are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

Youth summer trips

On February 15, **registration opens for this summer's youth mission trips**: Senior High trip to Youngstown, New York (*June 26–July 2*); Junior High trip to St. Louis, Missouri (*July 14–19*); Montreat Youth Conference (*July 27–August 3*). For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). **Adult trip leaders are needed** to be part of these trips, as well. You can apply at www.bit.ly/tripleader24

Joining Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers324*) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*). For more information about joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org)

Gala of Hope

This year the annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held on Friday evening, March 1 at the Old Post Office (433 W Van Buren). This event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, and Social Service Center** programs. To **reserve tickets** for this evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions or to become an event sponsor, stop by Coffee Hour or visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024 by February 24. For more information, email Caryn Blomquist (cblomquist@chicagolights.org)

Get connected

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).
* **Books by Women** will discuss **West with Giraffes: A Novel** this Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. * **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary.* * **A new Zoom Small Group** will discuss **Robert P. Jones' The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy** starting this Wednesday, February 14. For details, email Simon Crow. * Beginning next Sunday, Jeff Doane will lead a three-week Adult Education class discussing **Jon Meacham's And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle**, focusing on how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. The class, which will be in-person only, will meet February 18–March 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. * The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites you to learn about volunteer opportunities using your professional skillset with the **Neighborhood Entrepreneurship Lab (NEL)**. To learn how you can help increase job opportunities in under-resourced Chicago communities, attend a presentation next Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in Room 5F. * This June a group from Fourth Church will spend **six days walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago** in Spain, one of Christianity's oldest pilgrimage routes. To learn more, contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). Registration is due by February 21 at www.bit.ly/caminotrip24

Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: www.fourthchurch.org, where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities**. * To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar * We also invite you to **follow us** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch). * Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Youth Preachers

9:30: Sabine Lundgren-Flath, Alec Nunziati, Max Riva, Grace Siurek, Samantha Borg-Breen

11:00: Gavin Daniels, Cate Cupps, Will Kozlowski, Alex Ruppel

The Music Today

Maeve Lingenfelter, flutist

Children's Choir (9:30); Youth Choir (11:00);

Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Morning Choir (9:30); Sarah van der Ploeg, Soloist

Chancel Choir (11:00)

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

“TRUE LIGHT,” the 9:30 offertory anthem, is one of many compositions published by Keith Hampton (b. 1957), Organist and Director of Music at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Chicago and director of the Chicago Community Chorus. Dr. Hampton is also an active clinician, having taught throughout the United States and in many other countries.

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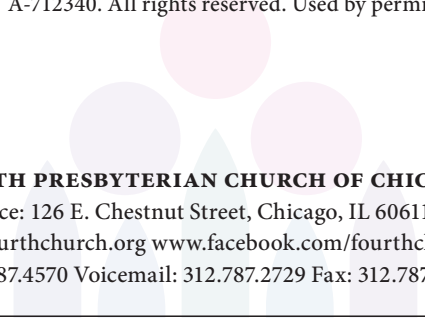
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