



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Christ, Have Mercy André Raison
Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Stephen Sturk
O come, let us sing to the Lord.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

*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 from Psalm 46

Leader: *Come, behold the works of the Lord;*
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

People: **God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;**

Leader: *God breaks the bow and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.*

People: **“Be still, and know that I am God!**

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

Leader: *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*



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

***Hymn 275** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done
and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger,
and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you!

Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken,
give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.

Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us
until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Jubilate Deo” Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name, for the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

***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.

Second Lesson Luke 19:1–10

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 716 and Dedication of Pledges**“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Te Deum” B. Britten

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee, the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee, the noble army of martyrs praise thee, the holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honorable, true and only Son, also the Holy Ghost, the comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father, O Christ. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb, O Christ. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Christ, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin; O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

***Offertory Response** The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

O loving God, we pause to give thanks for the bounty of our lives.
We give thanks for love, O God, made known in Jesus,
 who moved among the least, the lost and lonely, with joy and renewal.
We give thanks for this church and the legacy of its ministry in this city.
And we give thanks, O God, that these gifts we bring this day will bring
 hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, clothing to the naked,
 and a cup of cool water to the thirsty, even us, O God. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 714** “God of the Fertile Fields”

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
 forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 that all in every land be clothed and fed.
We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;
 help us in love to share, teach us like you to care
 for people everywhere, that all may live.
As grows the hidden seed, to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
 Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
 no humble task refused your love bestows.
God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
 we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Recessional** (*please remain standing*)

Scotland the Brave Scottish Melody

Postlude

Chaconne in C Minor Dieterich Buxtehude

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude. If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
 please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*



We are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth 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 remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.**

✳️ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask.** The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✳️ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✳️ During the week, we invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a **resource for reflection.** These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via 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), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

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If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service (*with Communion*) in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four 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*) 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. ✨ During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a **pipe organ tour** begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ Also following worship, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers** of praise or concern. ✨ We also gather on Wednesdays 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*). ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



We ask that those of you worshipping with us in person **please take a moment to sign the pew information pads** so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Those worshipping in person this morning are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

Today is Commitment Sunday, the day we lift up our pledges to our 2023 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Following the sermon we will bring forward our pledges and dedicate them to the work of God's kingdom, as we each answer the invitation to join in God's re-creating and reconciling work in this world through our financial support. If you have not already made your pledge for 2023 indicating your support for and investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, we encourage you to take this opportunity to do so by filling out the form at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge cards found in the pew racks. *(If you have already submitted your pledge, in the pew racks there are "I pledged" cards to bring forward.)*



Today is also Reformation Sunday, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. ✨ **Next Sunday, November 6 is All Saints' Sunday**, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2022 will be read during worship. During the 10:00 a.m. service that day the Morning Choir will sing the thirty-minute **Requiem by Maurice Duruflé**.



On Friday evening, November 11, the Fourth Church Choral Society will join organist David Briggs in presenting Briggs' organ transcription of **Mahler's Second Symphony "Resurrection"** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*in person and livestreamed*). This concert celebrates the Dedication Anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ. ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature pianist Susan Merdinger this Friday, November 4. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join the Zoom discussion of **Interfaith Leadership by Eboo Patel** this Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1122 for Zoom details. ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will gather on Friday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship, dinner, and a panel presentation on **"Voices of Young Adults: Issues our Generation Faces."** Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1122 ✨ **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room and via Zoom to discuss **Having and Being Had** by Eula Biss. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome gathers for brunch today following worship, with all who would like to join meeting at the church reception desk to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ✨ The **Knitting and Crocheting group** meets this Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ The **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets this Wednesday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.



Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at *Fourth Church*) and **online mentors** to connect one-to-one with a student (*grades 1–12*) one evening a week. There are volunteer openings for Permanent Tutors, who meet with the same student weekly, building relationships, trust, and self-esteem through academics, advising, and social and communication skills, as well as Substitute Tutors, who volunteer on a more flexible schedule to fill in when a Permanent Tutor is unavailable. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the life of a child (and in yours!) through Tutoring, please contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org) or visit chicagolights.org/volunteer/#tutoring ✨ If you would like to **read Scripture and lead prayers in an upcoming worship service**, please email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Worship), to express your interest. ✨ Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church include rehearsals today for **Cherub and Children's Choir** (9:30 a.m. in Room 4G); **Youth Choir** (10:45 a.m. in Room 4G); **Handbell Choir** (11:15 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft); and the **Gospel Choir** (1:30 p.m. in Room 4G).



The **purple bows** on the fence along Michigan Avenue are our public witness to all those affected by domestic violence. A **Prayer Service for Domestic Violence Awareness Month** will take place outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard this Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m.



To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or 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, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org ✨ For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday; be sure to set your clocks back an hour!



Those interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5F. Register at www.bit.ly/inquirers1122



The adult education class **"Ezekiel: Where Is Home in Exile?"** concludes today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (www.bit.ly/ezekiel1022). Taught by Jina Kang of McCormick Theological Seminary, this class explores the biblical book of Ezekiel through the lens of migration. ✨ A new class, **"Housing Insecurity: Advocacy Design Team,"** begins next Sunday, November 6 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The Fourth Church Community Engagement Working Group, the Chicago Lights Board Strategy Committee, and the World Mission and Social Justice Advocacy Committee have collaborated to design this November series, which builds on our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Register for the class at www.bit.ly/aehousing1122



Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study**—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—next meets Wednesday, November 9. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **"Journey to the Center: A Spiritual Formation Workshop"** will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*with a Zoom option also available*). This opportunity to explore and learn more about what it means to live an embodied spirituality as inspired by Christ's example will include discussion of various types of prayer, meditation, contemplation, and reflection as well as opportunity to walk the labyrinth. The workshop will be led by Nancy Benson-Nicol, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation; for details, contact her at nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org



Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **All youth** in grades 6–12 are encouraged to join their families in worship this morning. Afterwards, **Senior High** will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ Next Sunday morning, November 6, **parents and youth will gather to learn about 2023 summer youth trip opportunities**, with Confirmation (*eighth grade*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G; Junior High at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room; and Senior High at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Kevin Reome, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Gionna Barone, Soloist

Steve Moore, Bagpiper

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE features *Christ, Have Mercy* by French composer André Raison (1650–1719) and *Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750). Raison published his setting of *Christ, Have Mercy* in 1688, and the melody of that piece became the basis for Bach's monumental *Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor*, composed around 1710. In it Bach reformed the original theme, writing twenty variations on it and concluding with a towering fugue reforming that same theme.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates at the time of the offering or, after the service, in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. 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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