



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit

“Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come” Kenneth Jennings

Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;

but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

***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**

Leader: *Who may abide in God’s tent? Who may dwell on a holy hill?*

People: Those who live free of blame
and do what is right
and speak the truth sincerely;

Leader: *Whoever does these things, Scripture says, will never stumble.*

People: Let us worship God.



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

***Hymn 409** “God Is Here!”

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you call us to be holy people, and so we would be—
but for the damage we do with our talk;
the harm we cause our friends;
the insults we heap on our neighbors.

We grow numb to wickedness and suspicious of goodness.
For all we have done and all we have left undone, merciful God,
we pray for pardon, and we seek to walk more firmly in your way. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Be Thou My Vision” Bob Chilcott

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true child; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
great heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 15

*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.

Scripture Lesson Luke 6:20–26

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 767** “Together We Serve”

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.
We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.
We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

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

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) 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.

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 :: "Laudate Dominum" Aaron David Miller
Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol God, all you peoples! For great is God's steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Amen.

***Offertory Response.** Hymn 712, verse 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** (*unison*)

Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from you.
In thanksgiving for all your blessings, we open our hands to give back to you.
Receive these gifts as an expression of our love,
and as a dedication of the greater gift of our lives to your service. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 667** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude :: Fanfare John Cook

*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

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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 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 gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and also at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email *caringministries@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 details, email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted 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.).



We ask those of you worshipping with us in person to **please take a moment to sign the information pads** in the pews so that we might know you are here. Please pass the pad down your pew so all worshipers have opportunity to provide updated information and greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service.

Those who enjoy **expressing their faith through hospitality** or are interested in being a **welcoming presence to new and familiar faces at Coffee Hour** are invited to sign up at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour to be a **Hospitality Coordinator, Cookie Table Host, or Cookie Server**. For more information, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



A new adult education class begins today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5E. Led by Jeff Doane, “**A Sittler Sampler: Ecology, Faith, and Much More**” will consider the works of Joseph Sittler, who was a pioneering figure in addressing the deep need to care for the ecological order from a Christian perspective and who was also a leader in medical ethics and placed emphasis on how we frame our faith through language. *(This particular course is meeting in person only.)*



Men’s Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays 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, February 8. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ 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).



Daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can read them online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions or receive them in your inbox by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Also available as a resource for your prayer and reflection is a new **Winter “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These fifteen-minute worship experiences are led by **Matt Helms and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet** and for the next three weeks invite us to reflect on the **Sermon on the Mount** and what it means for our daily living. The videos are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



The Spiritual Formation Council will be hosting a six-week **Lenten Path of Discipleship series** via Zoom on Tuesdays, February 28 through April 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Associate Pastors Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow will lead our exploration of Connie Fourre’s eighty-seven-page book ***The Spiritual Resilience Handbook***. Registration details will be posted by February 5.

A **Fourth Church trip to Cuba** to visit our sister congregation the **First Presbyterian Church of Havana** will take place May 29–June 5. Details, including a link to the online trip application, are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html ✨ An information session for those interested in taking part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024** will be held next Sunday, February 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For an outline of the trip or more details, see www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf or email Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).



Adult volunteers are what make our **youth summer mission trips** possible. We are recruiting chaperones for the St. Louis (June 25–30) and Paris (July 5–11) mission trips as well as Montreat Youth Conference (July 29–August 5). If you are interested, please contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of **volunteers to assist in preparing and serving meals** for our neighbors who are hungry and food insecure. To learn more or explore the various Meals Ministry volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers).



Our newest Fourth Church neighbors are migrant families currently staying next door in the former Tremont Hotel, We have been working with these families through the Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Meals Ministry and as we do so, we are very much in need of **assistance with Spanish translation**. If you can help or know someone who could, please sign up at app.vomo.org/project/spanish-translators



Our **Chicago Lights Social Service Center** program participants need a means to transport their food, clothing, housewares, blankets, and other items that they receive from the Share Shop and Food Pantry. **Particularly needed** are paper grocery bags, sturdy plastic bags, cloth bags, shopping bags, backpacks, suitcases, grocery carts, and push or pull carts. Donations of these items can be dropped off at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk on weekdays and Sundays between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This annual 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 or become an event sponsor**, visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023 or stop by Coffee Hour today. ✨ Gala planners are also looking for **donations for the silent auction**. For details stop by Coffee Hour or contact Caryn Blomquist (cblomquist@fourthchurch.org).



The **TwentiesThirties** group for young adults will gather for a **Trivia Brunch** series today following worship as well as next Sunday, February 5 at Aster Hall (*900 N. Michigan*). For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswal on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom. For Zoom details for either gathering, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The next **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Brunch** will be held on Sunday, February 19 at a nearby restaurant (*meet at the church reception desk following worship that day*).



Are you interested in taking part in **Deep Listening Dinners**? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, spending time discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences. **To express interest** in this opportunity, please fill out the form at www.bit.ly/deeplisting123; for more information, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



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). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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. ✨ 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. ✨ 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.



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, at which we will elect new officers, will be held in person and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on February 12. The Zoom link will be posted on our website closer to the date of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee will also be posted on our website prior to the meeting.

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Justin Epps, Shannon Kershner, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM was composed by Aaron David Miller (b. 1972), who was Associate Organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church from 1999 to 2001. He composed the piece in 2000 during his time at Fourth Church. Aaron now serves as Organist and Director of Music at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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 exits from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give

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