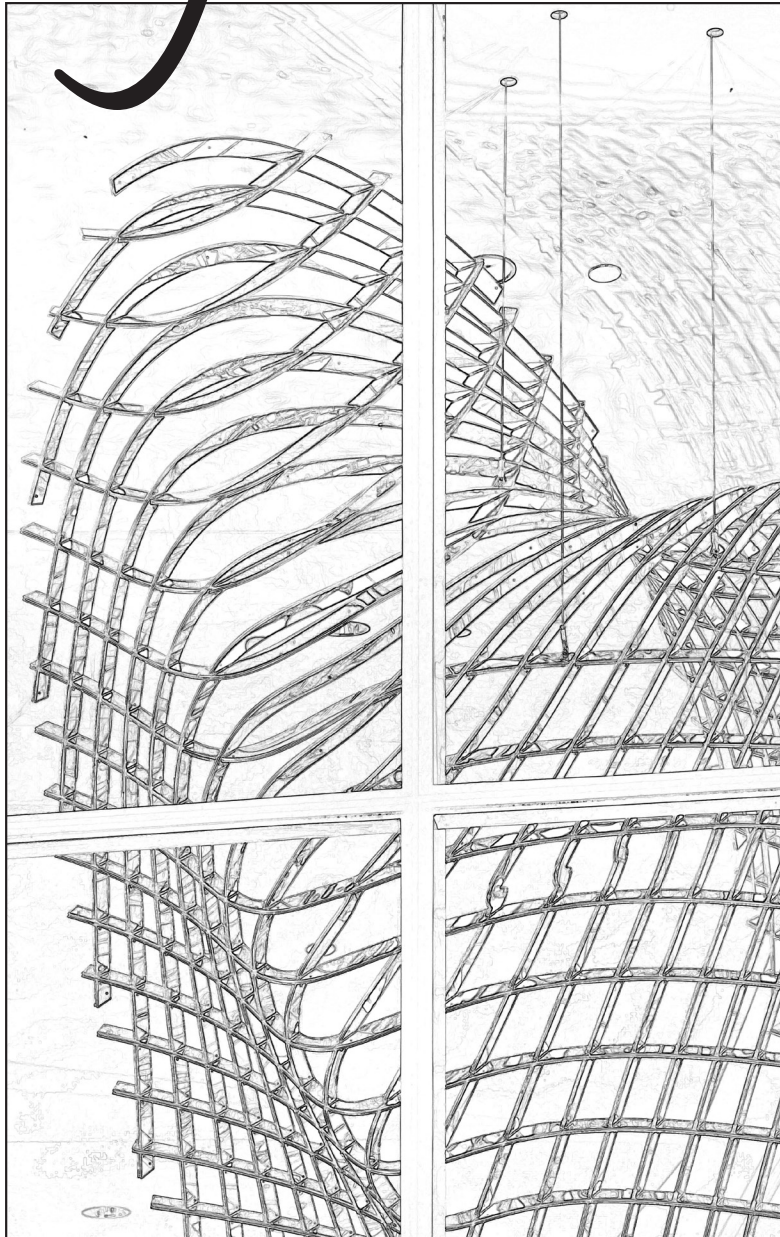




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4:00 p.m. • May 7, 2023

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** “Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate.
Forgive our fear and our excuses.
We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise.
We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame
and fail to shine your light for all to see.
Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. 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

First Lesson Isaiah 57:14–21

Response “Be Not Afraid”

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

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11–22

Sermon Rocky Supinger

“I believe . . . in the holy catholic church”

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** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul. (*repeat verse*)

I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (*repeat verse*)

I’ve got love like an ocean;
I’ve got love like an ocean;
I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul. (*repeat verse*)

***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.



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).



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 * To receive our **Jazz at Four email newsletter**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews



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's last Sunday at Fourth Church will be Sunday, May 28. Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service that day we will hold a **congregational meeting**, which Session has called for the purpose of formally dissolving the pastoral relationship between Shannon and Fourth Church. The meeting will be both in person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. Afterwards we will gather in Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive **reception honoring Shannon**. We invite you to join us for this time of expressing gratitude and well wishes to her and her family as they prepare for the move to Atlanta.



Notes, letters, memories, and photos for Shannon, thanking her for her ministry among us and wishing her well in her new call to Central Presbyterian Church, 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 May 28.



On Thursday, the Congregational Leadership Resource Team emailed the congregation to share that Mark Hurley (*Chair*), Jared Light, Sally Scott, Gretchen Van Natta, and Jessica Wang will serve on the **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee** (IPNC). This five-member committee will be responsible for recommending an Interim Pastor candidate to the Personnel Council. *The Interim Pastor will not be our next Senior Pastor*. Rather they will be **someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor**. That Interim Pastor will help us do the kind of preparatory work that is important in advance of welcoming a new leader. * **If you did not receive the email announcement from the Congregational Leadership Resource Team**, subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter to ensure you see future updates about the process of hiring an Interim Pastor and the leadership plans for the transition. **Sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc or send your email address to news@fourthchurch.org**

* If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org; you can also find transition updates and information at www.fourthchurch.org/transition



A new four-week series of "Rhythm and Word" videos kicks off this week, offering a ten-minute midweek worship experience that is **led by Joe Morrow** and includes **music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble**. The videos are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail * Our daily devotions (fourthchurch.org/devotions) are also available by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * 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 (www.fourthchurch.org).

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

Nancy Benson-Nicol 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.

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