Gathering Music

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

Call to Worship

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

People: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Leader: Drink deeply of these living waters.

People: Glory to you, O God, glory to you.
Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of peace, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls and help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God’s forgiven people, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Song “Seek Ye First”

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Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (page 170, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest

Rec-on-cile

*Song “Down by the Riverside”

* Stand as you are able
Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*

Offertory Solo

“All Good Gifts”  
Stephen Schwartz

*Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus

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.
The Communion

Communion Solo  “If the Path I Travel”  Margaret E. Barber

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in all times and places. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you, and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

Sending

*Sending Song  “O for a World”

*Benefiction

Sending Music
A note on inclusive language
Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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.

Worship Leaders
John W. Vest  
Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet  
Katy Sinclair  
Soloist

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Fourth Church Cares
To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Sarah Johnson, member of the pastoral staff at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).
Music and the Arts

**During the month of July**, the 4:00 service will incorporate jazz music in worship. The Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet is providing music leadership for this afternoon’s service and will return next Sunday, July 25 to assist in leading 4:00 worship.

**Jazz instrumentalist Nick Bisesi** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth as part of the “Music by the Fountain” series. This weekly outdoor concert series will continue through August.

**Today is the final day to view** “**What My Faith Means to Me,**” a collection of icons created by this year’s Confirmation class and on display in the Gallery.

**Those who would like to receive Music Notes**, a weekly email newsletter about concerts at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

**Instrumentalists**, especially those with an interest in or experience with music of other cultures, are invited to share their talents during the 4:00 service or monthly Taizé worship. For more information or to volunteer, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Children and Family

**Summer Sunday School** for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarteners at 11:00 a.m.

**The Senior Highs** will travel to Purdue University July 20–24 to attend Triennium, the national triennial gathering for Presbyterian youth. Please keep these youth and their leaders in your prayers this week as they participate in this faith-building experience.

**Vacation Bible School: “High Seas Expedition”** will take place Monday, August 16–Friday, August 20. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org/childrenfamily.html. Space is limited, and registration is filling up quickly. Middle and high school students are needed to serve as crew leaders. Also needed are adult volunteers to serve as station leaders and door supervisors. For details or to volunteer, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

Mission and Outreach

**The annual School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. A list of needed supplies is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org. These supplies, which will be collected through Sunday, August 29, will be given to students who are involved in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring programs as well as those served by various community agencies. See the donations section (page 10 of this bulletin) for a list of most-needed items. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Fresh, organic produce grown at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Stand (444 W. Chicago Avenue). For more details contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the $1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant (but not for liquor or tobacco). For information or to purchase a $5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

**The Summer Day final performance** will be held Thursday, August 5 at 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend as these students showcase what they have learned from this summer program.
News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs
Middle and high school students to serve as VBS crew leaders; adults to serve as station leaders and door supervisors; Monday, August 16–Friday, August 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers for this Saturday’s cookout at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Urban Farm volunteers on Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. (orientation) to 3:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Avenue)

Current Donation Needs
Items for the Back-to-School Supply Drive, including composition notebooks; wide- and college-ruled spiral notebooks; 2-pocket, 3-prong folders; colored pencil packs; compasses; a list of items is available online at www.fourthchurch.org

Men’s seasonal sturdy clothes, especially jeans and other pants, short-sleeved shirts, and underwear in larger sizes

Paperback fiction books for the CLL book cart (please no hardcover or nonfiction books)

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–6 meet at member homes in the Lincoln Park and Gold Coast neighborhoods on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Additionally, an evening moms’ group meets once a month on Wednesdays at various locations on the North Side. To join a group or for more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

This Saturday, July 24 all are invited to a community cookout at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Avenue) from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Food will be served at 12:00 noon; there will be activities for children and music. Volunteers are needed; to sign up, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets on Sundays at 9:50 a.m. in the Manse. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach (6:00 p.m. on Mondays). For more details, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, YoungAdults@FourthChurch, by emailing youngadults@fourthchurch.org, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/youngadults.html.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

This Friday, a Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. There will be an opportunity to participate in a meditative labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. prior to the service. A service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month.
News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:
Women, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

SummerQuest: Journeys in Film and Literature, will kick off Thursday, August 5 with a viewing of About Schmidt at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the film, at 5:00 p.m., refreshments will be served in the Garth; following the film there will be opportunity for discussion. Rabbit at Rest, a novel by John Updike, will be the topic for the Thursday, August 24 discussion led by John Buchanan. This exploration through popular film and literature, held Thursday evenings August 5–September 2, is sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning and the Academy for Faith and Life. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html.

Prairie-style homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright will be the focus of an architectural tour of Oak Park sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning (CLL) on Monday, August 9 for those sixty and more. For more details or to register, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 or stop by the CLL front desk during the week.

Books by Women fall titles, for those looking to read ahead this summer, are Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel (September), The Help by Kathryn Stockett (October), and The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery (November). For more information about the Books by Women book group, visit www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.

News and Resources

Inquirers’ Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Sunday, July 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

For a preview of next Sunday’s worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Including Fourth Church in your estate plans will help ensure that the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights will continue for generations to come. For information about how to include the church in estate plans, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; devotional resources; and programming information.
During Today’s Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon’s Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper “cup” within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship
Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the “T” setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of $7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

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