Gathering Music  Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  William Bradbury

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: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.
People: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.
Leader: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.
People: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.
Leader: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.
People: Let our lives reflect God’s love and mercy. Amen.
Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, and gather items, gadgets, and even people. We focus our energies on our collections, providing adequate room for them, and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. 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.
People: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word


Sermon by Sarah A. Johnson
Economics of Abundance

*Song “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

*“As the Grains of Wheat”*

*Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*
*Praise God, all creatures here below;*
*Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;*
*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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.
Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord, you have met us here at your table of grace; you have offered us forgiveness; you have offered us compassion; you have offered us encouragement; you have offered us a challenge. As we go from this place, may we offer our lives up to you and to others, accepting your grace and extending it to others. Amen.

*Sending Song
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction

Sending Music
I Love to Tell the Story

William Fischer
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
Sarah A. Johnson Pastoral Resident
Kevin Cline Jazz Trio
Cole Seaton Cantor

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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).
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 Saturday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Fourth Church will host a public presentation to review for neighbors the new building being planned as part of Project Second Century (P2C). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Those who live in the 42nd Ward are particularly encouraged to attend.

A special congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and act on a report from the Project Second Century Steering Committee.

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.

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.

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.

“Vitamins from the Garden,” a cooking demonstration led by Barb Joabson, will be held Thursday, August 12 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. To make reservations for this complimentary program, contact the CLL office at 312.981.3387.

A SummerQuest viewing of 49 Up will take place this Thursday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. 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. This film and literature series will continue each Thursday evening through September 2. For details about the upcoming films and book, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html.

The Executive Director of StreetWisew, a monthly publication sold by men and women who are at risk of becoming homeless, will speak at Fourth Church on Sunday, August 15 at 9:50 a.m. in the Manse. For more information or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

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).
Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs
Cooks and supervising cooks for men's shelter at 835 W. Addison on rotating Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; training provided; free parking next to church, nearby “L” and bus stops
Adults to serve as VBS station leaders and door supervisors; middle- and high-schoolers to serve as crew leaders; Monday, August 16–Friday, August 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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 Annual School Supply Drive, including school supply boxes, compasses, eraser caps (8-12 pack), pointed scissors, protractors, washable markers (8-12 pack); a list of items is available online at www.fourthchurch.org
Shaving cream, toothpaste, men's and women's underwear (sizes L–XL), for guests of the Social Service Center
Gently used clothes for chronically-ill seven-year-old girl; for sizes, contact Larry Nicholson

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

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk is available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next Taizé service will be held Friday, August 27.

Cyclists are invited to join the Fourth Church Cycling Club for a Sunday, August 15 outing to the Fox River Trail. Prior to the ride, cyclists will attend the 8:30 a.m. service at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church; afterwards, they will gather with members of that congregation for the bike ride. For more information or to RSVP, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will gather Saturday, August 21 in Millennium Park for a 6:00 p.m. picnic and social followed by a 7:30 p.m. classical concert. Participants are encouraged to bring their own picnic supper and/or a dish to share. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

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.
**Music and the Arts**

*During the month of August,* the 4:00 service will incorporate jazz music in worship. The Kevin Cline Jazz Duo is providing music leadership for this afternoon’s service and next Sunday, August 15, the Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet will assist in leading 4:00 worship.

*“Seeing the Savior: Images from the Life of Christ,”* an exhibition featuring artwork by contemporary artists from a variety of artistic and ethnic backgrounds, is on display through September in the Loggia.

Jazz vocalist Alison Ruble 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.

**Children and Family**

*The Senior Highs are participating in their summer work camp trip* to Cary, Mississippi; they will return Sunday, August 15. Please keep these youth and their leaders in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

*Vacation Bible School* will take place Monday, August 16–Friday, August 20. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org/childrenfamily.html. Registration for grade school VBS is filling quickly; preschool registration is full but there is a wait list. Adult and senior and junior high volunteers are still needed. For details or to volunteer, stop by Coffee Hour or contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

*Sunday School classes* are on break, resuming Sunday, September 12 as part of Children and Youth Kickoff Sunday.

**Mission and Outreach**

*The annual School Supply Drive,* sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, 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. Contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 for details.

*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). Those interested in volunteering at the Urban Farm are invited to participate in open volunteer hours from 10:00 a.m. (new volunteer orientation) to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday. For more details about the Urban Farm, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

*A Christmas-break mission trip to Guatemala* will provide opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. For information about participating in this trip (December 25/26 to January 3), contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

*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 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

*The Benevolent Guild* is on summer break; gatherings to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters will resume Wednesday, September 8. For more information about the Benevolent Guild, contact Jeanette Krenek at 312.787.1270 (jkrenek@fourthchurch.org).
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

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 sanctury. 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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