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: Praise the Lord!
People: **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**
Leader: Do not put your trust in mortals, but put your trust in God.
People: **Happy are those whose help is the Lord.**
Leader: God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
People: **God keeps faith forever, executes justice for the oppressed,**
**and gives food to the hungry.**
Leader: God sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are down.
People: **God watches over strangers, cares for orphans and widows,**
**and provides shelter for the homeless.**
Leader: Let us worship the God of justice!
People: **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**
Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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

“How Firm a Foundation”
Sealing the Word

The Sacrament of Baptism

Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (unison)

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.

Unison Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind this young person to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth this young man in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before him, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Thomas Dorsey

*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 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold Friedell

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Amazing God of grace, you come into our ordinary lives through ordinary things like bread and juice. We are ordinary people that have been transformed by extraordinary love. Send us out into the world to share this love with others as we work together to bring about peace and reconciliation. Amen.

Sending

*Sending Song “We Are Marching in the Light of God”
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.

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Kimberlee Frost Youth Ministry Associate
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Andrea Pokrefke Song Leader
Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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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).
“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 duo BMR4 will perform the weekly Free Noonday Concert this Friday, August 27 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

The Chicago Lights Tutoring program is in need of tutors for the 2010–11 school year. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend an orientation session, held Tuesday, September 7; Monday, September 13; or Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For more information, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

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).

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.

School Supply Drive donations are being collected through Sunday, August 29. These supplies will be given to students involved in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring programs as well as those served by various community agencies. A list of needed supplies is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.
### Volunteers and Donations

**Current Volunteer Needs**

**Sunday School teachers** for alternate Sundays; teach in pairs; training provided
**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday night suppers; rotating schedule; car essential
**Cooks and supervising cooks** for a men’s shelter at 835 W. Addison on rotating Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; training provided; free parking close by, near “L” and bus stops
**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)
**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

**Current Donation Needs**

**Items for the School Supply Drive**, including eraser caps, graph paper pads, regular pencil sharpeners, pointed scissors, and supply boxes; a list of items is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html

**Toiletries**—including shaving cream, toothpaste, men’s and women’s underwear (size L–XL)—for guests of the Social Service Center

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

**Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl** who is chronically ill; a list of items is available by contacting Larry Nicholson

**Greeting cards, stamps, and envelopes** for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

*For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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. For more details, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, YoungAdults@FourthChurch, by emailing youngadults@fourthchurch.org, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/youngadults.html.

**Cornerstones**, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will host a barbecue and potluck on Friday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth. Advance payment and reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

### 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** will be held this Friday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk will be available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.
Enrichment

A SummerQuest discussion of *Rabbit at Rest* by John Updike will take place this Thursday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall; John Buchanan will lead the conversation. From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be opportunity for refreshments and fellowship in the Garth. For more details about this film and literature series, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html.

Triumph over Cancer is hosting a deep hypnosis class on Saturday, August 28. This complimentary program is open to those living with cancer; for details or to register, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

The John Knox Bible Study meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony.

A twelve-session T’ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more information or to register, call the T’ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Learn about educational programs open to those sixty and over when the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning hosts its Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 9. Attend between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall or in the evening between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the CLL Open House Infoline at 312.640.5459 by Tuesday, August 31.

Caring Circles will host an informational luncheon on Thursday, September 9 from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. in the Manse. Those interested in learning about this team that extends care to Center for Life and Learning community members who need special attention are invited to attend. For details, contact Terrill Stumpf at 312.981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Scaffolding has been erected outside the sanctuary; it will be there for the next few months as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework. This work is being undertaken as part of Project Second Century (P2C).

A 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 P2C Steering Committee, which is working on a proposal for a new building to be built on the space currently occupied by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, Westminster House, and the parking lot. For more information, see www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 26, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities. On Sunday, October 3, all are encouraged to attend Coffee Hour to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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. Nominations are due Thursday, September 30.

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.
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 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.

Inquirers’ Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).