



Gathering

Gathering Music "Windows" Chick Corea
"Fields of Gold" Sting

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: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “The God of Abraham Praise”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Loving God, we know that you created this world for wholeness
but that far too often we fall short of that vision.
And we know that when we fail to live in harmony with the world,

People: this is your body, broken.

Leader: When we fail to live in harmony with one another,

People: this is your body, broken.

Leader: When we divide ourselves along lines of hate and prejudice,

People: this is your body, broken.

Leader: When we seek refuge behind walls of indifference or ignorance,

People: this is your body, broken.

Leader: When we choose distance and separation over relationship and dialogue,

People: this is your body, broken.

Leader: God, we know that Christ endured brokenness of body and even death
that we might be made whole and returned, wholly, to you.
Help us to receive that gift of grace, to bear that grace to one another,
and let us be bound together by your Spirit as one whole, grace-filled community:
your body in this world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As redeemed children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but family
in Christ. Please stand and greet one another with the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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

***Song** “Reach Out Your Hand in Peace” *Lucy Smith*

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 33 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Rejoice in God, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise God with the harp;
play upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing a new song;
play sweetly with shouts of joy.
For the word of God is right,
and all God's works are sure.
God loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of God fills the whole earth.
By the word of God were the heavens made,
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts;
God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Let all the earth fear God;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.
For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.
God brings the will of the nations to naught
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.
But God's will stands fast forever
and the designs of God's heart from age to age.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is God!
Happy the people chosen to be God's own!
God looks down from heaven
and beholds all the people in the world.
God sits enthroned; he gazes
on all who dwell on the earth.
God fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: There is no ruler who can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong person is not delivered by great strength.
The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.
Behold, the eye of God is upon those who fear,
on those who wait upon love,
to pluck their lives from death,
and to feed them in time of famine.
We set our hope in God,
who is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices,
for in the holy Name we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.

Antiphon (*unison*)

First Lesson

Romans 12:9–21(New Testament, page 151)

Second Lesson

Exodus 3:1–15(Old Testament, page 48)

Sermon Holy Barefoot Vulnerability Layton Williams

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts *(Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.)*

Offertory Music “You Have Me” Gungor

***Doxology** Lucy Smith

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 Lucy Smith

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 Music

"God Has Smiled on Me" *Isaiah Jones Jr.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**O amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.
Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness
to touch an ordinary, everyday world
with the promise of your holiness. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Robert Crouch	Lay Liturgist
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

A note on inclusive language

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.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
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John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

All are invited to the Fall Kickoff Party hosted by the Children and Family and Youth Ministry Committees next Sunday, September 7 following 11:00 worship. Lunch will be served in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room, and there will be games and activities outdoors in the courtyard.

A Sanctuary open house for neighbors and visitors will be hosted by the Discover Fourth Committee this Saturday, September 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 14, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following morning worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

Conversations with Shannon—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our new Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sundays, September 7 and 14, October 5 and 19, and November 2 and 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the church. To RSVP (required in advance), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church is on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers; keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news; and see the latest photos of church life.

The Autumn Open House for the Center for Life and Learning will take place this Thursday, September 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center.

Shannon Kershner will be installed as our next Pastor on Sunday, September 21 during 11:00 a.m. worship. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will return to Fourth Church to preach that morning, and we will have a celebratory reception for Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan following the 11:00 service.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church by Monday, September 22.

Worship

To sponsor new hymnals, please complete the sponsorship form, which can be found in the pew racks. Information about the hymnals is also available online at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html

What’s going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what’s happening at Fourth Church in the days and months ahead. You’ll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Just visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



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Mission and Outreach

Delivery of fresh produce is available through the Chicago Lights Urban Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program. For more information, contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@fourthchurch.org.

A conversation about global poverty—using the book *The Hole in Our Gospel*—will be held on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions at 6:00 p.m.: Thursday, September 11; Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday, September 17; or Monday, September 22. RSVP at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes resume next Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth in grades 6 through 12 resume their weekly Sunday gatherings next Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Fellowship

Cornerstones will gather for a potluck this Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by this Wednesday, September 3.

Fourth for Bridge will meet this Saturday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fourth Dimension will gather on Friday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, September 10.

Music and the Arts

Piano duo Georgia and Louise Mangos will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Choir rehearsals resume this week, with the Chancel Choir rehearsing on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft and the Handbell Choir rehearsing on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

The Lyric Opera Chorus will perform in concert on Friday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lyricopera.org.

Enrichment

A SoulCollage® seminar, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register (required), call the Replogle Center 312.787.8425.

"Marriage: The Master Class," an eight-week series, will discuss "Building Intimacy, Honoring Differences" on Monday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday worship services

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's sturdy, fall clothes

Nonperishable food items

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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 read aloud during 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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

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.

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.

Please turn off all cell phones when in 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. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

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/index.html.

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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, September 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or Monday, October 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Information about opportunities and resources

available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth

Church, please contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; lnickerson@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on September 28 and October 26.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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