



First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Footprints" Wayne Shorter
"A Time for Love" Johnny Mandel and Paul F. Webster

During this season of Lent, we reflect on our brokenness and prepare our hearts to receive the grace of God that comes to us through Christ's death and resurrection. We invite you to share your prayers with this community in a new way this season. Instead of using our traditional prayer cards, you will receive a strip of cloth and a marker with which to write your prayers of joy and concern, making sure to use other paper or the bulletin to prevent the markers from getting on the pews or hymnals. At any point during the service, you are invited to quietly bring your cloth up to the cross and either tie it on or tuck it into the wire frame surrounding the cross.

We will continue to bring our prayers to the cross during each week of Lent as we await the promise of Easter. During the week, this cross will be placed in the Commons near the Loggia, and all are invited to add their prayers as they feel led.

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: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to God’s own self through Christ.

**People: We are new creations;
the old has gone; the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

**People: Through us and through our worship,
may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

***Opening Song** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Prayer of Confession

(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,
but family in Christ. Please stand and greet each 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

Psalter Psalm 25:1–10 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*): **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: To you, O God, I set my hope in you;
my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O God,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: Remember, O God,
your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
Gracious and upright is God,
who teaches sinners the way,
who teaches the humble in doing right,
and teaches the way to the lowly.
All the paths of God are love and faithfulness
to those who keep the covenant and testimonies.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:3–9 (*New Testament, page 48*)

Sermon Like Jars of Alabaster. Layton Williams

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music “In the Garden”. *C. Austin Miles*

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

***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*

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 "I Love to Tell the Story" *William Fischer and Katherine Hankey*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace,
that in everything we may yield
ourselves, our wills, and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Take My Life"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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|---------------------------|---|
| Layton Williams | Pastoral Resident |
| Hardy H. Kim | Associate Pastor |
| Annette Bacon | Lay Liturgist |
| 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.

Acknowledgments

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Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather this Tuesday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4K for a time of fellowship, to drop off completed items, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at bit.ly/cltutoring2015

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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

News and Resources

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for the latest church life and worship information. If you have a Facebook account, “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago) and [@FPCAAngel](https://twitter.com/FPCAAngel)

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

Lent

Lenten Midweek services will be held on Wednesdays, February 25–March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/community/retreats.html

To receive Lenten devotions by email (if you do not already receive our daily devotions), send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org. Devotions are also available on the website at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions and via Facebook and in printed format in the literature racks.

“Dying to Know: Life-Affirming Conversations about Living and Dying Well”—will be the theme of discussions hosted this Saturday, February 28 by Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. All are invited to take part in this all-day event, which begins at 9:00 a.m. Registration details can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org (or call 312.787.8425).



News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

There is still time to get Spring Splendor Drawing tickets for a night out at Everest, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Park Hyatt. Tickets for this Gala of Hope drawing—which benefits Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and will be held on Friday, March 6—are available online at www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The scaffolding in the South Balcony will be in place (and the balcony closed to seating) through late March as work is done on the southwest pipe chamber. This is in preparation for the installation of the rebuilt pipe organ, which will take place in late 2015. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ

Light, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at rloeckel@fourthchurch.org

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 Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft. For more information, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held on Sundays: "The Laws of Leviticus" at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E; "Perspectives on Healing and Faith" at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G; "The Rise of Modern Islamic Movements" at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F; and "The Impact of American Slavery on African American Spirituals" at 2:45 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. More information is available at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Doug Pagitt will talk about *Flipped*, his new book, this Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This free book reading will include discussion and live music from Heatherlyn.

The annual L.E.A.D. conference, a training event sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and the Presbytery of Chicago, will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Fourth Church. Registration is available online at www.bit.ly/lead-2015

NEXT Church—which is committed to "sparking imaginations, connecting congregations, and offering a distinctively Presbyterian witness to Jesus Christ"—will be holding its 2015 national gathering at Fourth Church March 16–18. All are invited to register. More information is available online at www.nextchurch.net

Books by Women will discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, February 23–March 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Helpers to assist with the Identity Arts program and Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Audio recording operators for Sunday morning worship

Volunteers to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

Members to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes in all sizes

Individually wrapped food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice Food Pantry

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of most months, will next be held this Friday, February 27 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by a hosted labyrinth walk opportunity in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth in grades 6–12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Joel Frankel will entertain children and families at the annual Day School Benefit, which will be held this Saturday, February 28 from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Gratz Center and Anderson Hall.

A “Faith Formation” workshop will discuss “iTweens: Understanding Technology’s Role in the World of Our Tweens and Teens” next Sunday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

During Today's Worship

During this season of Lent, we reflect on our brokenness and prepare our hearts to receive the grace of God that comes to us through Christ's death and resurrection. We invite you to share your prayers in a new way this season—you will receive a strip of cloth and a marker with which to write your prayers of joy and concern. During the service, you are invited to quietly bring your cloth up to the cross and either tie it on or tuck it into the wire frame surrounding the cross. During the week, this cross will be placed in the Commons—all are invited to add their prayers.

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, March 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 13, 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 Matt Helms (312.573.3362; mhelms@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 March 22 and April 24.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. 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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