

Gathering

Gathering Music "Sandino" Charlie Haden
"Search for Peace" McCoy Tyner

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 page 12.

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, our light and salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in the holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

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

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

* Stand as you are able

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

Please note

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Prayer of Confession *(please hold silence)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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 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

Scripture Readings

John 6:56–69 *(New Testament, page 93)*

Ephesians 6:10–20 *(New Testament, page 184)*

Sermon *Layton Williams*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "He Ain't Heavy ... He's My Brother" *Bob Russell and Bobby Scott*

Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts and prayer cards 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!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

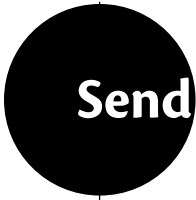
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Communion Music "As Members of the Body" *Samuel S. Wesley*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**



Sending

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

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Mark Eldred	Worship Coordinator
Arlene Raine	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano

Baptized during worship today

Theodore Perlmutter, child of Julian and Monique Perlmutter

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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News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Laura Freeman and Beckie Menzie will perform Broadway classics at this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

The installation of the pipe organ is underway! With the work anticipated to take several months, we look toward celebrating the completed instrument this Advent. In the meantime, you can follow the organ progress online at www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ as well as follow links to photos of the project.

All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which resume on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

Children, Youth, and Family

There is no Sunday School in August. During that time, families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Worship folders containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children are available from the ushers. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 13.

Mission and Outreach

The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites individuals to join members of the Interfaith Coalition on Black Lives Matter for a rally, sponsored by the Chicago Alliance against Racist and Political Repression, this Saturday, August 29 at 12:00 noon at the Federal Plaza (Dearborn and Adams).

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Thursday, September 10; Monday, September 14; Wednesday, September 16; Tuesday, September 22; and Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cltutor2015

The Chicago Lights "Invest in Our Youth" Challenge matches gifts received between now and October 31, 2015, dollar for dollar in support of Chicago Lights. Gifts can be made by texting @fourthchurch and a dollar amount to 52014, online at www.chicagolights.org/donate, or by writing "Invest in Our Youth" on the memo line of your check.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.) holds volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A tour of the Farm for new volunteers (*required*) is held each Saturday at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

Needed: new tutors for our Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which begins its fifty-first year this fall! We're also looking for more ushers, worship liturgists, and volunteers to help with our Meals Ministry outreach. A complete list of volunteer needs—and opportunity to sign up—is available during Coffee Hour. Details are also posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html



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The annual Presbyterian-Muslim Interfaith Dinner will be held at the Islamic Foundation Mosque in Villa Park on Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. and will honor Bob Reynolds, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Chicago, who will be retiring this fall. To RSVP for this free event, email reem@ciogc.org

A 50th anniversary open house for the Center for Life and Learning will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. All are invited to learn more about the academic, exercise, and fellowship opportunities offered by this program for adults sixty and more.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org/contact/nominating_form.html. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Have you seen the photos of continuing progress on the organ project? The intergenerational event with Chicago Lights Summer Day and the Center for Life and Learning? All these and more—including favorite quotes and updates on Fourth Church news and events—can be found on our page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women's Bible study, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

Nadia Bolz-Weber will talk about her new book, *Accidental Saints*—which “demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives”—on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

“Death Over Dinner,” a continuation of the Replogle Center's “Dying to Know” Midwinter Conference, will take place on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Participants will discuss end-of-life issues over an evening meal. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/ddin2015

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org)

Young Adults meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also gather for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information, contact Layton Williams at lwilliams@fourthchurch.org

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for “Christianity in China,” presented by Jack R. Lundbom. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at callerton@fourthchurch.org at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, September 2.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle to perform with the Morning Choir at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on occasional Sundays

Experienced cooks for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Thursdays, 3:00–6:30 p.m.

Identity Arts program assistants to work at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Tuesdays, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour hosts

Cooks to prepare supper for residents of a small shelter in Lincoln Park

Attendants to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

Audio-video recorders for the 11:00 a.m. service

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and sandwich teams, on rotation

Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Current Donation Needs

Box fans

Jars of peanut butter

Rolling carts, all sizes

Umbrellas

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Worship

This Friday we will gather for our monthly service in the style of Taizé, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org. They are also available via Twitter ([@fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)) and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Recent Fourth Church sermons are available in print format in booklets that can be found in the literature racks. An archive of previous sermons is also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons

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. 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 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 5 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) or go to www.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 Hardy Kim (hkim@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 27 and October 25.

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. The validation tickets with a magnetic stripe are no longer valid as of August 23. Please be sure to pick up a new validation ticket, which has a bar code.

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