



# Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Higher Ground" . . . . . Stevie Wonder  
"High Hopes" . . . . . Jimmy Van Heusen

*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.*

## \*Opening Responses

**Leader:** In God, whose word we praise, in God we trust; we are not afraid;  
what can the things of this world do to us?

**People: We walk in the presence of God, in the light that shines of the living.**

**Leader:** You revealed your glory in the face of Christ; you confirmed your disciples in their faith;  
you gave a foretaste of the victory of your kingdom.

**People: Your kingdom come on earth, as in heaven, for the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Leader:** Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

**People: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; help us to see your face,  
and in our worship today, bring us into your holy presence. Amen.**

\* Stand as you are able

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**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**You make truth and holiness shine through your saints.  
So forgive us for the parts of our lives that are false or frozen.**

*(please hold silence)*

**Our Savior and the saints are radiant and fruitful.  
So take from us all that clouds our souls and makes us drab and lifeless.**

*(please hold silence)*

**Jesus, to your dispirited disciples you revealed the resurrection.  
So arm us with the joy of victory in you. Amen.**

**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 other with the peace of Christ.

**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 127 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Unless God builds the house,  
in vain builders labor.  
Unless God watches over the city,  
in vain the watchman keeps vigil.  
It is in vain that you rise so early  
and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for God gives sleep to the beloved.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Unless God builds a house, its builders work in vain.**

Leader: Children are a heritage from God,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.  
Like the arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.  
Happy are they who have a quiver full of them!  
they shall not be put to shame  
when they contend with enemies at the gate.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Unless God builds a house, its builders work in vain.**

## Scripture Readings

Mark 12:38–44 ..... (*New Testament, page 46*)

**Sermon** "Making a Real Difference" ..... *Hardy H. Kim*

# Responding to the Word

## Musical Reflection

**Offertory Music** "Keep on Pushing" . . . . . *Curtis Mayfield*

**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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: 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** "Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table" . . . . . *Herbert H. Booth*

## Closing Responses

Leader: You are here, Lord, in this place.

**People: Transfigure and heal us.**

Leader: We set our faces steadfastly toward your purposes for us.

**People: Transfigure and heal us.**

Leader: We long to be freed from all that distracts us,  
from every thing that turns us aside from following you.

**People: Transfigure and heal us.**

Leader: Reveal your presence, enchant our hearts,  
and shine on all whom we meet.

**People: Bless us and keep us, smile upon us and change us,  
reveal your face to us, and keep us in your peace. Amen.**

# Sending

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Come! Live in the Light!"

**\*Benediction**  
**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	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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**CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
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**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry  
**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Matt Helms** will be installed as Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry next Sunday, November 15 during the 11:00 a.m. service.

**“See First”** what is new at Fourth Church! At [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), click on the “Liked” button and then select “See First” from the drop-down menu. That will ensure that when you are on Facebook, news and photos from Fourth Church will be among the first things you see.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:** @FourthChicago

## Worship

**Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

**Taking Communion** to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry this Advent. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please contact Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.640.5448.

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meet for discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Fourth Dimension and the Center for Life and Learning** will gather for “The ‘L’: Chicago’s Biggest Mover and Shaker” this Friday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Wednesday, November 11.

**Christian Century Study Groups** will gather for discussion next Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Presbyterian Women** will gather for a “Good News Fellowship” hour on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**All are invited to join the choirs** in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

**A Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held on Thursday, November 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are available at the reception desk on Sundays and during the week.

**Today is Commitment Sunday, a day when we** dedicate our 2016 Annual Appeal pledges and celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives. If you have not yet submitted your 2016 pledge to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, response cards are available in the pew racks and can also be completed online at [www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal](http://www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal)



# News and Opportunities

## Music and the Arts

**A music trip to Scotland and England** in summer 2016 will include a Fourth Church choir concert at St. Giles' Cathedral, where Calum MacLeod is Minister. The registration deadline is Tuesday, November 17. Information is available in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

**"From the Euphrates to Chicago,"** a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia.

**Pianist Thom Gouwens**, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**"A Chanticleer Christmas"** concert will be held on Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School** meets on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Tunes for Tots** for infants, young toddlers, and their parents is held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

**Fourth Church Children and Youth Choirs** meet on Sundays in Room 4G at 9:00 a.m. (Cherub, age 4–grade 1), 9:45 a.m. (Youth), and 10:30 a.m. (Children's, grades 2–5).

**A "Thanks and Giving" Family Night** will be held on Friday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For more information, contact Matt Helms at [mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)

## Enrichment

**Three Academy for Faith and Life classes** meet next Sunday: "Praying with Eyes Open" at 9:30 a.m. in Boyle Conference Room, "God of the Modern Wing" at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, and "Presbyterian Beliefs" at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

**Books by Women** will meet this Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver.

**Presbyterian Women's Horizons** Bible study will meet this Wednesday, November 11 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

**"Living and Thriving with Dementia: Guidelines for Meaningful Communication and Connection"** will be hosted by Stephen Ministry and led by Jeannine Forrest this Saturday, November 14 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 4G. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

**"The Inclusion Imperative: Answering the Call to Address Racism in the Church"** will be held Sunday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. A light lunch is available for a small fee. To register for this workshop, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 13.

**Ministry with Prisoners and Families** will be the topic of discussion facilitated by Shannon Kershner as part of the mass incarceration book series on Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**"To Pay Attention": The Poetry of Mary Oliver,** a class offered by the Center for Life and Learning (CLL), meets at 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, November 30 and December 7. All sixty and over are invited. To register, contact Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Workers** to set up and take down the

Fair Trade Bazaar, December 4 and 6

**Assistants** to help lead Junior High youth on Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service

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

**Drummers** for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

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

**Coffee Hour hosts**

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

**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.

**Clothes washers** to wash and dry clothes, on rotation, for a family with a chronically ill child and living in zip code 60618

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Clean blankets**

**Rain ponchos**

**Magazines**

**Men's and women's winter clothes**

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

## Mission and Outreach

**Deadlines for 2016 mission trips** are upcoming: for the January Mexico trip, November 16; for the February Uganda and Tanzania trip, December 15; and for the April Cuba trip, December 20. Details are available in the literature racks, and registration can be completed online at [www.bit.ly/1e0JaWV](http://www.bit.ly/1e0JaWV)

**Items for Christmas Bags** are being collected for guests of Meals Ministry's Sunday Night Supper and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. A list of needed items is available in the information racks or by contacting Jackie Lorens at [jlorens@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jlorens@fourthchurch.org)

**The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

**Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For more information, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.640.2576.

**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.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings or by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@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. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html](http://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](mailto: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 Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, December 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 November 22 or December 27.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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