



Gathering

Gathering Music “Have a Talk with God” *Stevie Wonder*
“In a Silent Way” *Joe Zawinul*

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: We come to worship God,

People: bringing our prayers, our troubles, our desires.

Leader: We cry out in the temple,

People: bringing our whole hearts and our deep faith.

Leader: We trust that you hear and hold us,

People: and we take comfort in your abiding love

Leader: with bold faith and open hearts.

People: Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

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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.

***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.

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 16 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.**

Leader: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to God,
 "You are my God, my benefactor;
 none are above you."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
 upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer,
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O God, you are my portion and my cup;
 it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.**

Leader: I will bless God who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set God always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad,
and my spirit rejoices;
my body also rests in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grace,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.**

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 1:4–20. (*Old Testament, page 233*)

Sermon “Holy Filibuster”. *Layton Williams*



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music “Let It Be”. *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

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 "Just Taste and See". *Traditional*

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

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

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, vocals Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Patrick Mulcahy, bass

The “**Light Up a Life**” offering is being received throughout November and December. “Light Up a Life” provides opportunity to support congregational programs, mission, and community outreach—including Chicago Lights programs—as well as denominational efforts. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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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News and Opportunities

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.

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 9:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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) 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.

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) at 312.640.5448.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information about Young Adults at Fourth Church, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org

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

Presbyterian Women welcomes Elizabeth Fisher from the Selah Freedom Project—a nonprofit organization focused on ending human trafficking and sexual exploitation—to speak this Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All are invited to attend.

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

Enjoy afternoon holiday tea at Allium in the Four Seasons Hotel (121 E. Delaware, Seventh floor) with the Center for Life and Learning on Friday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. All sixty and over are invited. To register, contact Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by Tuesday, December 1.

With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away and Advent beginning on November 29, lots of seasonal opportunities will begin to appear on the Fourth Church calendar, from caroling on the Sanctuary steps to the annual interfaith service celebrating Thanksgiving with our neighbors. Let www.facebook.com/fourthchurch keep you updated on all the holiday resources and details!



News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

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

Pianist Mio Nakamura 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

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

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).

Youth gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Mission and Outreach

This Monday is the deadline for applications for the January mission trip to build rain cisterns in Mexico. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Mission coworkers David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo will speak about the PC(USA) partnership with the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba this Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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.

Deadlines for 2016 mission trips are upcoming: 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

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

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 by contacting Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3815.

News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

A **"Thanks and Giving" Family Night** will be held this Friday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Community Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State). Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name, and Fourth Church will be cohosting.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 26. Vicky Curtiss will preach.

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.

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.

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

Advent

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 at Coffee Hour and in the information racks. For more information, contact Jackie Lorens (jlorens@fourthchurch.org) at 312.981.3569.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, December 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms, which are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/community/retreats, are due Sunday, December 6.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and online. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities, and feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church's Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. To learn more, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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

Magazines

Men's and women's winter clothes

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

News and Resources

Rocky Supinger was elected Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry at last Sunday's congregational meeting. We look forward to welcoming Rocky to ministry at Fourth Church on February 1.

On Tuesday, registration is due for the summer 2016 concert tour to Scotland and England, which will include a Fourth Church choir concert at St. Giles' Cathedral, where Calum MacLeod is Minister. Information is available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, or by calling John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

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

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

To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter

News@FourthChurch, send email addresses to news@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.

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, December 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, January 4 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 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.

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