



Gathering

Gathering Music “Blues March” Benny Golson
“Prayer for Peace” Bob Mintzer

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** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Leader 1: What are these candles for?
Leader 2: This is an Advent candle ring. It shows the circle of God’s unbroken love.
There are five candles. We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas.
Leader 1: What is the point of doing this?
Leader 2: Because what I hear, I can forget,
but what I also see and do I can remember, and I understand.

**People: As we light our Advent candles,
may they bring us together in the warm light of God’s love.**

Leader 2: The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future:

**People: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth,
distress among nations. People will faint from fear and foreboding.”**

* Stand as you are able

Leader 1: Because our world is full of fear and distress, we light our first candle,
trusting that Christ is alive on earth and that the Spirit of Christ lives among us.
Living Christ, give us faith to trust in you.

People: We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.

***Opening Song** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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to include in the printed order of worship) are not shown in this version of the bulletin.

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O promised Christ: we are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming.
We are a sinful people.
Our pardon depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace,
for your pardon, and for your grace.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. 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.
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** "While We are Waiting, Come"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

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

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 Readings

Luke 21:25–36 (New Testament, page 80)

Sermon Layton Williams



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music “Border Song”. Elton John and Bernie Taupin

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!**

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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" *Robert Kreutz and Omer Westendorf*

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit
to bring good news to the poor
and lift blind eyes to sight,
to loose the chains that bind
and claim your blessing for all people.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song.** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Louise Gram	Lay Liturgist
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano

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.

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.

Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

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. For more information, call Matt Helms at 312.573.3362.

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

La Posada Family Night will be held on Friday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

News and Resources

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes, photos, and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on the news.

We welcome Nanette Sawyer to Fourth Church on December 1, as she join us on a one-year contract as Minister for Congregational Life. A brochure introducing Nanette is in the literature racks. Please join us in giving Nanette a warm welcome!

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

In this season of Thanksgiving we invite you to join us in “Texting to Give Thanks!”

Text @fourthchurch and a dollar amount to 52014 or make a gift online to the Fourth Church mission and ministry fund (www.bit.ly/FPCgiving, or scan the QR code) and your gift will be matched 2 to 1 (up to a total of \$25,000 for all new and unpledged gifts made by text or online by November 30).



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Due December 1 and 20 are applications for the mission trips to, respectively, Mexico and Cuba. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The Book Nook is selling copies of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* at Coffee Hour this holiday season.

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.

Music and the Arts

"From the Euphrates to Chicago," a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia until this Monday, November 30. For more information about art exhibitions at Fourth Church, contact Rob Koon (312.981.3593) at rkoon@fourthchurch.org

Bach's complete Brandenburg Concertos will be presented in a free concert by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago this Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Piano duo Evelyn Malouf Binz and Bette Coulson will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Fellowship

Cornerstones will meet for their annual Christmas party this Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by this Wednesday, December 2.

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.

Fourth Dimension will meet for their annual Christmas party next Friday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 12:00 noon next Monday, December 7.

Enrichment

Two Academy for Faith and Life classes continue next Sunday: "Becoming a Vital Member of a Church Body" at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and "Handel's *Messiah*" at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, December 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion this Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss *The Grass Is Singing* by Doris Lessing next Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, December 9 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

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 in the information racks.

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held this Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

"Holidays a cappella," with Chicago a cappella, will be held this Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour on Sundays. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Candlelight Carols," a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place this Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

Through "Light Up a Life" gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online or by completing the form available in the information racks.

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.

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.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to take down the Fair Trade Bazaar, December 6

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

Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

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

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

Coffee Hour hosts

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

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets

Magazines

Men's and women's winter clothes

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

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 December 27 or January 24.

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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