



Gathering

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 sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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 the back cover.

- Gathering Music** "James" Pat Metheny and Lyle Mays
 "You Must Believe in Spring" Michel Legrand, Alan and Marilyn Bergman
- Song** "Welcome, Welcome (A Place Called God)" Lucy Smith

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* Stand as you are able

Welcome

***Opening Responses**

Leader: Peace be with you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
who has conquered death and shown us how to live!

**People: We need the gift of peace for our harried days;
and we need it for our troubled world.**

Leader: God gives us counsel and instruction
and is always available at our right hand.

**People: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice;
we shall not be moved.**

Leader: In hope and confidence we come to praise God
for the heritage and opportunity given to us.

**People: We are full of gladness in the presence of Christ,
whose ways we seek to follow.**

***Opening Song** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty God,
we acknowledge that we belong to you
and that you experience the mystery of death and life.
Yet we have sought to preserve harm
rather than embracing the new life you have given us.
We have disbelieved your good news,
even when its signs are all around us.
We have based our lives in fear.

Forgive our refusal to trust you.
Set us free, by the breath of the Holy Spirit,
from the fear that leads us toward unfaithfulness.
Fill us with new life in Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed,
and sent into the world**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: 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 150 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the firmament of power.

Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for excellent greatness.

Praise God with the blast of the ram’s horn;
praise God with lyre and harp.

Praise God with timbrel and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

Scripture Reading

John 20:19–31 (*New Testament, page 108*)

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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.

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.

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

Offertory Music "I Believe". Drake, Graham, Shirl, and Stillman

***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*

The Communion

Communion Music "Blessed Assurance" *F. Crosby, V. Astyne, and P. Knapp*

Closing Responses *(unison)*

**O God, we are a believing but skeptical people.
We have seen too much evil all around us to be convinced
that Christ offers the last word of life and hope.
And yet we are drawn to the message and example Jesus lived among people like us.
There is something genuine and compelling, in both word and deed,
that we want to explore and affirm.
Breathe on us, O God. Help us receive the Holy Spirit.
Guide our inquiry, and go with us in our struggle to understand and trust,
so that we can share this radical love and hope with our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song.** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quintet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

Baptized during worship today

Marcela Lally, child of Marina and Sean Lally

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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A Light in the City

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News and Opportunities

Worship

This Friday a service in the style of Taizé, held on the fourth Friday of each month, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service includes time for silent reflection as well as meditative singing and prayer. A labyrinth will be available to walk in Anderson Hall beforehand, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Eighth-grade Confirmands will be confirmed next Sunday, April 30 and welcomed into membership during the 11:00 a.m. service of worship.

Ashley-Anne Masters, a pediatric chaplain at Lurie Children's Hospital, will be our guest preacher for the Jazz at Four Communion service next Sunday, April 30.

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Family

Spring Family Camp will be Friday, May 19–Sunday, May 21 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. For details and to sign up, see www.bit.ly/familycamp17

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details and to sign up, go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Tunes for Tots, an opportunity for parents and children up to two years old to sing together, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

The annual Family Communion Service will be held next Sunday, April 30 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2579).

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days ahead. You'll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code to learn more.



Volunteers Needed

Men are needed as Shower Ministry attendants on Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m. on a rotating schedule.

Bread cutters are needed to prepare Communion for the 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. services.

Adult volunteers are needed for youth ministry in 2017–2018. Sign up at www.bit.ly/2oapRbZ by Sunday, April 30.

Materials and funds for hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Services are being collected through May 14. Items can be dropped off at the reception desk.

To volunteer—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

The exhibit of colored-pencil drawings

“Scratchings of a Madwoman: Personal Stories and Colored Pencil Drawings Illustrating Intimacy with God” by Rhonda Nass is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

Learn about the South Africa music trip

planned for summer 2018 at an information session this Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Choral Society rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for a May 19 concert of French music. Newcomers are invited to join in singing!

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert features our organist, John Sherer.

Mission and Outreach

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month.

Knitting and crocheting meets this Tuesday, April 25 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

The (In)Justice Film Festival will show two free films in Buchanan Chapel on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. on ministry to those who are incarcerated.

The Benevolent Guild, which creates gifts for children in hospitals, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in 5B.

A Healing Service for the Earth will be hosted by the Care of Creation Committee on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

A cleaning and gardening day at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago will be held Saturday, May 6. To help, email Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Conversations about racial equity are being sponsored citywide by the Chicago Community Trust. To take part in the one hosted by Fourth Church on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G (with dinner), RSVP by Sunday, May 14 to Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

“Introduction to Systemic Racism,” a training workshop to facilitate conversations about race and racism, will be offered Thursday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org by Friday, May 12 for fee details and to register (*space is limited*).

To sign up for organic produce deliveries from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

Businesses are needed to host—at no cost to them—high-school summer interns as part of Chicago Lights Tutoring’s Career Development. For details, contact Tanya Uyigue at tuyigue@chicagolights.org

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

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Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a message at 312.573.3365.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation and assist with the city's recycling program.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life—including last week's Easter Vigil—to keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and to share favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and daily devotions.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering, a time for fellowship and for conversation about various topics, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Details about their May 5–7 retreat—including an online registration form—are posted at www.bit.ly/yaspring17

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Enrichment

Men's Book Club will meet on Monday, April 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss *Unlock Congress*.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m.

Women at Fourth will meet on Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a presentation by Nadine Scully on the power and positive energy of movement.

“Early Christian Worship,” an Academy for Faith and Life class taught by Carol Korak, meets next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday Bible study for women, meets next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

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 silence all electronic devices 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, May 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 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 May 28 or June 25.

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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