





Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being,

we stand in awe.

In the presence of a God whose arms have held children,

we stand in trust.

In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

we stand in need.

In the presence of our giver of life, we come in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness,

and we worship. Amen.

^{*} Stand as you are able

*Opening Song	. "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, for many of us, it has been a difficult week.

Things have happened for which we were not prepared.

And too often, we do not respond to difficulties with love,

but rather with impatience.

We turn our backs on others in need, or try to tune them out.

We feel stressed, pulled, pushed, and tossed.

Give us peace, gracious Lord. Help us to slow down.

Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness,

and then having received such love, we are to love and serve others.

Teach us to pray for courage and strength;

teach us how to be faithful disciples for you.

In Christ's name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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"		ıcy Smit	th
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Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter	Psalm 78:1–7 (the congregation sings the antiphon)
ANTIPHON (u	nison) Give your ears, my people, to the lessons of the past.
Hear	my teaching, O my people:
	incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will o	open my mouth in a parable;
	I will declare the mysteries of ancient times,
	that which we have heard and known
	and what our ancestors have told us.
We w	ill not hide from their children;
	we will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
	and the power of God and the wonderful works God has done.
God §	gave decrees to Jacob
	and established a law for Israel,
	which commanded them
	to teach their children;
	that the generations to come might know,
	and the children yet unborn,
	that they in their turn might tell it to their children,
	so that they might put their trust in God
	and not forget the deeds of God
	but keep the commandments.
ANTIPHON (u	nison) Give your ears, my people, to the lessons of the past.
Scripture Reading	•
Mattnew 25:	1–13
Sermon	Shannon J. Kersher

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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The Communion

Communion Music "Now to Your Table Spread". John Ireland and Shirley Erena Murray

Closing Prayer (unison)

God of justice, we have received so much from you.

As we move from this table, this service,

this time of prayer and praise,

to go back out into your world,

remind us to do justice for all people;

to seek after mercy in all things;

and to walk humbly with you all our days.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



*Closing Song

"Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Minister for Congregational Life

Joy Anderson Lay Liturgist

Lucy Smith Quartet Lucy Smith, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr 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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News and Opportunities

Join the choirs in caroling on the Sanctuary steps this Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. as part of the annual Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

Interfaith Thanksgiving worship will be held
Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Chicago
Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware) and will be
cohosted by Chicago Sinai, Downtown Islamic
Center, Fourth Church, Holy Name Cathedral,
LaSalle Street Church, and St. James Cathedral.
Nanette Sawyer will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 23. Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ will preach that morning.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Tickets (required) are available online at www.bit.
ly/thanksdinner2017 or by contacting Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult this Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Newcomers are always welcome!

Christian Century Study Group meets this Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Women at Fourth meets for fellowship as well as conversation about "Discovering Those amongst Us" this Thursday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Family Night with Animals for Awareness is this Friday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell.

Jan Kraybill will present an organ concert this Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, marking the second anniversary of the Andrew Pipe Organ's dedication.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago will be performing Bach's Brandenburg Concertos on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert will be dedicated to the memory of David Donovan, in recognition of his twenty years of ministry at Fourth Church and his support of the Civic Orchestra.

Some Christmas Eve worship times will be different

this year. On Sunday morning December 24 we will worship at 11:00 a.m. only. (*There will be no* 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. services that day.) We will also gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services: that day

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant 6:00 p.m. Family Service with Jazz 8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols.

Art by the congregation will be on exhibit in the Loggia beginning in January. November 30 is the deadline for submissions. Guidelines are available from Rob Koon (rkoon@fourthchurch.org).

A spiritual pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, will be held April 6–13 and will be led by John Philip Newell and Vicky Curtiss. Details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/spirituality

With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away

and Advent beginning on December 3, 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!





Thank you! Because of the generosity of so many we are 75 percent of the way—with over \$3.2 million in commit-ments—to our 2018 Annual Appeal goal of \$4.3 million for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

For all you do, in so many ways, to make it possible for all of us together to continue to be a light shining brightly in the city, thank you! Today we are particularly grateful to those listed below, who have, as of Sunday, November 5, submitted 2018 pledges.

Pledges as of November 5, 2017 to the 2017 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights

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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 prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

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.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

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. Attend Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 26.

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.