



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Arise! Gather! Seek the God of glory.

For God is majestic, present in all places.

Arise! Gather! Seek the God of justice and peace.

For God lifts up the downtrodden and brings down the arrogant.

Arise! Gather! Seek the God of all creation.

For God's love embraces all, each one created by God's own power.

Let us lift up our voices to praise our God.

Hallelujah! Amen!

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth 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.

***Opening Song** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God of all Creation, your love is an inclusive love,
as you care with tenderness for all people everywhere.
And yet we find ourselves clinging to the people like us,
caring for the people like us.**

**We find ourselves turning away from our opportunities
to take a risk, to learn about our neighbors,
to reach out to strangers, to make new friends.**

Forgive us for our short sightedness.

Relieve us of our self-centeredness.

Open our eyes and our hearts to all your people.

Make us strong to serve you and share your love with all the world.

(Please hold silence.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

The Holy Spirit is upon us and has given us this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!

***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.

Welcome

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 9:1–2, 8–11, 13–20; *the congregation sings the antiphon*

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing to your name, O Most High.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: But God is enthroned forever; God has set up this throne for judgment.
It is God who rules the world with righteousness, who judges the peoples with equity.
God will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble.
Those who know your name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O God.
Sing praise to God who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: Have pity on me, O God; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
you will lift me up from the gate of death, so that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.
The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug,
and in the snare they set their own foot is caught.
God is known by acts of justice; the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
The wicked shall be given over to the grave, and also all the people that forget God.
For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
Rise up, O God, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; let them be judged before you.
Put fear upon them, O God; let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1–7 (*New Testament, page 116*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

We Offer Ourselves

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.

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

Offertory Music

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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!

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

O Holy One, you have fed us with bread and cup.
You have nourished us through community,
through prayer, through song.
You were with us before we gathered today,
and you will be with us as we leave this place.
Thank you, thank you, thank you,
for guiding and never forsaking us.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
our brother and our savior. Amen.

***Closing Song.** "We Will Walk with God"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Shawn Fiedler	Worship Coordinator
Robert Crouch	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Allison Orobia, 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

News and Resources

The 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is meeting June 16–23 in St. Louis. You can follow the work of the General Assembly online at www.pcusa.org

A Fourth Church contingent will be expressing our support of the LGBTQ community by walking with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, of which Fourth Church is a partner, in the Chicago Pride Parade next Sunday, June 24. For details, contact Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org). The flag above our Sanctuary doors is further expression of our support of the LGBTQ community and is displayed through June 29, by decision of Session, as a public sign of the welcome and inclusive hospitality we extend to all.

Inquirers' Class next meets July 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. This one-session class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church, membership, and to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—
www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

Discover ways to get involved at Fourth Church at Coffee Hour Connection Corner at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make pledge contributions online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving (or by clicking on the “To Make a Gift” button at the top left of the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org).

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Music and the Arts

“Paradigm Shift,” a collection of paintings by Gerald Griffin, is on display in the Loggia through Memorial Day.

This Friday’s free Noonday Concert will be presented by soprano Therese Pircon at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Chicago Lights Summer Day to Urban Youth Mission to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving. Thank you for your support!



Mission and Outreach

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 for \$5 per booklet at the reception desk.

Fresh, local produce is available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The next church market produce sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon next Sunday, June 24. Weekly produce shares are also available through the Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program. Visit www.bit.ly/2nDjvSL

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Tuesday, June 26 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

A mission trip to Washington, D.C., to explore oppression and resistance in our history will take place October 6–13. Applications for this trip, led by Robert Crouch and Vicky Curtiss, are due Saturday, June 30: www.bit.ly/fpcdc2018

Learn about Fourth Prison Ministry—a program ministering to men in Cook County Jail—on Sundays, July 1 and July 8 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F. Contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

Dr. Andrea Zaki, President of the Protestant Churches of Egypt, will be our guest preacher next Sunday, June 24 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. A leading voice for Christians in the Middle East, Dr. Zaki is also General Director of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services.

“A Spirit Revolution,” our summer sermon series on the Acts of the Apostles, invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church. Next week's sermon will be on Saul's conversion (Acts 9:1–19).

Sacred Pause meditation, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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

Devotions written by both Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

This Friday a service in the style of Taizé will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The prayer labyrinth is available between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall before this contemplative service of song and meditation.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Good Neighbors Street Outreach volunteers; new volunteer orientation will be held tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. in Room 4F. Register at bit.ly/FPCgnsov

Adult-size men's and women's socks for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Shower Ministry greeters (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

Chicago Lights Summer Day volunteers to help with this six-week academic, arts, and enrichment program for students; learn more at new volunteer orientation on Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.; register online at www.bit.ly/2w9B96e

Ushers for memorial services and special events at the church

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

School Supply Drive volunteers and donations. Drive begins next Sunday, June 24. Contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org or 312.573.3369

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org)

Young Adults group meets for their weekly Sunday Gathering next Sunday, June 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Each summer Monday, they also meet at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of volleyball.

Coffee Hour Chats, an opportunity to discuss the day's sermon, will be held next Sunday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room.

Enrichment

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, June 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Book Club will discuss *On Tyranny* by Timothy Schneider on Monday, June 25 at 7:30 a.m. at a member's home. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

The Interfaith Relations Committee will host a community meeting on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss interfaith engagement at Fourth Church.

Lucy Forster-Smith will join Women at Fourth to share her faith journey on Thursday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Children, Youth, and Family

This week we will welcome youth groups from Providence Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, North Carolina; St. Phillip Presbyterian Church of Hurst, Texas; and Mifflin Presbyterian Church of Gahanna, Ohio, as they join us for a weeklong Urban Youth Mission experience of learning and serving.

Vacation Bible School, which this year will take us back to ancient Babylon as we visit with the Old Testament prophets and learn about our call to be disciples, will be held the mornings of August 6–10. Register online at bit.ly/fpcvbs18

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2018–19 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Summer Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

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" or "T-coil" 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, 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 Sundays, July 8, August 12, or September 9 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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 June 24 or July 22.

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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