



## Baptism of Christ

### We Approach God

#### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

Foolish and flawed though we are,  
**we come to delight in you, Most Holy God.**

In the name of your beloved Son we gather,  
**to sing praises,**

to shed our fears,  
**to ask questions,**

to be embraced by your presence.  
So may the heavens be opened for us,  
**and our lives transformed as we respond to your call.**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

*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** . . . . . “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

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## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

### **Litany of Confession**

Through waters of the font, we recall, O God:

**you take us from death into new life.**

In the name of God our Creator, we are baptized.

**But in our negligence and misuse, we harm your creation.**

**We fail to protect the earth and care for its people as a fragile gift.**

In the name of Christ our Redeemer, we are baptized.

**But in our prejudice, we fail to see Jesus in our neighbors.**

**We refuse the stranger and dismiss those who do not see the world our way.**

In the name of the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, we are baptized.

**But in our cynicism, we cut off the possibilities of change and growth  
for ourselves and our opponents.**

Forgive these shortcomings.

**Accept in our words and in our silence a desire to be different.**

**Help us embrace our baptism.**

### **God Forgives and Blesses Us**

In Jesus, the Beloved of God, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*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.*

## We Proclaim the Story

### Welcome

**Psalter** (*congregation sings Antiphon*) . . . . . Psalm 29

Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to God glory and strength.  
Ascribe to God the glory of God's name;  
worship God in holy splendor.  
The voice of God is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
God, over mighty waters.  
The voice of God is powerful;  
the voice of God is full of majesty.  
The voice of God breaks the cedars;  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
The Holy One makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**ANTIPHON: Let the sea roar and the mountains sing at the presence of the Lord!**

The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of God shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"  
God sits enthroned over the flood;  
God sits enthroned as ruler for ever.  
May God give strength to God's people!  
May God bless the people with peace!

**ANTIPHON: Let the sea roar and the mountains sing at the presence of the Lord!**

**Scripture** . . . . . Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

**Sermon** . . . . . Joseph L. Morrow

## **We Offer Ourselves**

**Musical Reflection**

### **Reaffirmation of Baptism**

**Invitation**

**Profession of Faith**

**Confession of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Remembrance**

#### **\*Sharing of Gifts**

*In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.*

**Offertory Music**

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

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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”

**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**

*We celebrate an open table. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.*

**Communion Music**

## **We Go Out with Gratitude**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God of grace and glory, as we share a common loaf and cup  
we remember that you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous.  
As your beloved Jesus embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,  
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work.  
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

## \*Benediction

### Sending Music

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## Worship Leaders

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### 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 and Prayer

**Today we remember the baptism of Christ**, one of the texts traditionally read after Epiphany, when we continue to focus on the revelation of the divinity of Jesus. As we hear again the voice of the Lord saying at Jesus' baptism "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased," we also recall our own baptism, in which God has claimed and named us as God's own. In grateful thanksgiving we together renew our commitment to live out our call as beloved children of God.

**Jazz at Four's eight-week sermon series** "Who Is Jesus?" continues next Sunday with "Jesus the Prophet."

**The Chicago Lights Dance Academy** will be offering a liturgical dance during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, January 20 as part of our observance of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

**Sacred Pause meditation**, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, 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 join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and for those in need.

**A candlelit Taizé service**—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

**Daily devotions** are available on [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); in the literature racks; and via email (subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)).

## Mission

**This Tuesday, January 15 is the application deadline for mission trips to Cuba** (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11). Learn more or apply at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips)

**A trip to Alabama and Mississippi** that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. For details and a trip application see [www.bit.ly/crtrip2019](http://www.bit.ly/crtrip2019)

**The Benevolent Guild** meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies for NICU infants and stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters. No sewing experience needed.

**The Care of Creation Committee** invites those interested in eco-stewardship and environmental justice to attend their Sunday, January 20 meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4E.

**Tickets for the Gala of Hope**, which will be Friday, March 1 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, are available online at [bidpal.net/clgala2019](http://bidpal.net/clgala2019); all proceeds benefit Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

## News and Resources

**If you have not yet fulfilled your 2018 pledge** to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! And if you have not yet made a pledge for 2019, please take a moment to submit it, either by using the card in the pew racks or by filling out the online form at [www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal](http://www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal)

**A one-session Inquirers' Class** for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be offered Sunday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Register at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)

**A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers** will begin in the spring. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html)

## Fellowship

**Women at Fourth** will gather on Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for fellowship and a program by Joe Morrow, Minister for Evangelism, who will share stories from his faith and ministerial journey.

**LGBTQIA Brunch** will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

**Cornerstones will host a presentation by Father Michael Pfleger** on Friday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A dinner (*prepaid reservations required: [www.bit.ly/cfpc0219](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc0219)*) will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Books by Women** will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed

**Hospitality hosts** (two-hour shifts) for the presbytery meeting at Fourth Church, on Saturday, February 16

**Volunteers to unload food trucks** second and fourth Monday mornings of the month at Fourth Church

To sign up or learn about other opportunities, contact Robert Crouch ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3382)

## Enrichment

**“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Bible,”** a class led by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, concludes next Sunday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

**“Exploring the Theological Declaration of Barmen”** meets next Sunday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m. in 5E.

**Men’s Bible Study** meets this Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**The Calvin College January Series** of one-hour lectures is shown via live video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays through January 23 (*except Monday, January 21*) at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood”** will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on first and third Wednesdays beginning February 6 at 7:15 p.m.

**A “Connecting to the Heart” workshop** will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more and register at [www.bit.ly/2CdF9D](http://www.bit.ly/2CdF9D)

**“Path of Discipleship,”** a six-week Lenten series hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. Space is limited, so register soon at [www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019)

## Children, Youth, and Family

**This Tuesday, January 15 is the deadline to register for summer 2019 youth trips** to New Jersey, Detroit, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Sign up at [www.bit.ly/summertrips19](http://www.bit.ly/summertrips19)

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Youth also meet on Sunday mornings: Junior High (9:30 a.m.); youth fellowship (10:30 a.m.); Senior High and Confirmation (11:00 a.m.).

## Music and the Arts

**This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert** is presented by Rhonda Edgington (trumpet and organ).

**Chicago Ensemble** will be in concert this Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org) and at the door.

## Calendar for January 13–January 20, 2018

<b>Sunday, January 13</b> . . . . .	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching</b> . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<i>Baptism of Christ</i>	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, January 14</b> . . . . .	9:00 a.m.	Day School ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> ) . . . . .	Day School Classrooms
	11:30 a.m.	Calvin College January Series ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> ) . . . . .	Page Smith Room
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . .	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . .	Gratz Fifth Floor
<b>Tuesday, January 15</b> . . . . .	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	( <i>see announcement</i> )
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with the Replogle Center . . . . .	Boyle Conference Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Wednesday, January 16</b> . . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild . . . . .	Room 5B
<b>Thursday, January 17</b> . . . . .	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Faith Discussion Group ( <i>also Fri.</i> ) . . . . .	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, January 18</b> . . . . .	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Rhonda Edgington . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Sunday, January 20</b> . . . . .	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Judith L. Watt preaching</b> . . . . .	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Choir Loft
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals . . . . .	Room 4F
	9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Commons
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery . . . . .	Nursery / Day School
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . .	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	“Everything You Wanted to Know about the Bible” . . . . .	Room 5G
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School . . . . .	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Youth Group . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	All-Youth Bagel Time . . . . .	Allison Hall and Library
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation . . . . .	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Youth Group . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	“The Theological Declaration of Barmen” . . . . .	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	New Member Brunch . . . . .	Page Smith Room
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall

## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to visit a prayer station** to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in an ongoing art project.

**We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion.** You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

**Worship can be heard** through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

**Please silence** all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons) and by email: subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

## 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, February 10 or March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)). 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 ([member@fourthchurch.org](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or becoming a member** of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, please contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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 January 27.

**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](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

**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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