



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Blessed are you who come here weeping and grieving.

Blessed are you who arrive questioning and doubting.

Blessed are you who come here listening and seeking.

Blessed are we when we care for each other in our brokenness.

Blessed are we when we dare to imagine, heal, and transform our world.

Come let us worship and work with God to make the blessing complete.

* 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**

“We Cannot Measure
How You Heal”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

Holy One,
you have said that the poor are blessed,
but we prefer to exalt the powerful and guard our influence.

O humble God, we need you.

You have said that those who weep are blessed,
but we prefer to numb ourselves to the pain and grief
within our world and our own souls.

O comforting God, we need you.

You have said that the hungry are blessed,
but we spoil the treasure you meant for us to share with those in need.

O generous God, we need you.

You have said that the persecuted are blessed,
but we crave social status and approval.
We are unwilling to trade our comfort to speak truth to power.

O holy God, we need you.

Forgive us. Heal our hardened hearts and restore us to true community.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus the healer 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 the antiphon) Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God’s law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

ANTIPHON: We give thanks to you. We tell of your wonderful deeds.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

ANTIPHON: We give thanks to you. We tell of your wonderful deeds.

Scripture Luke 6:17–26

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Minute for Discipleship

*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"

We Feast Together

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 (*unison*)

**With renewed minds and glad hearts,
we give thanks for your body, blessed and broken, and your cup of salvation.
As you have called us together, so send us out to pray without ceasing;
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior;
to unmask idolatries in church and culture;
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced;
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace;
and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.**

***Closing Song** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Jamie Murphy Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Kathryn Burkhardt on behalf of the Spiritual Formation Council and their Lenten "Path of Discipleship" series.

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

Is there a topic or biblical story you have hoped would be addressed in a sermon? If so, please share that with us by email (sermons@fourthchurch.org) or by writing it on a slip of paper and putting it in the “Big Questions” box. The pastors will use these suggestions to shape their “Big Questions” sermon series in May and June.

This Friday’s Taizé service—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

News and Resources

Have you seen the triptych of ice storm photos from Fourth Church posted on Instagram? Visit www.instagram.com/fourthchurch—and use @fourthchurch to tag your Fourth Church photos!

This Monday, February 18 is the last day to complete the survey for the Resource Development Committee. The survey is online at www.tinyurl.com/fourth2019

The Stephen Minister application deadline is this Friday, February 22. Information about becoming a Stephen Minister and the application are online at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

A new book of prayers by John Boyle is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour or by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

A one-session Inquirers’ Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held Sunday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Enrichment

An Enneagram workshop on personality and realizing potential will be offered by the Replogle Center this Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/2S18OWh

“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

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

A new Men’s Faith Discussion Group meets on Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Registration (*contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org*) is required.

A Reformation trip to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva will be led by Judith Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith in October. For details, see www.bit.ly/reformationtrip2019; to sign up for the March 14 information meeting, contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org).

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. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos’s annual Chicago Area Men’s Retreat at Covenant Harbor Retreat Center in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, March 15–17. To learn more or to register, see www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

Lent

Ash Wednesday worship will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 6. Also that day, pastors and Fourth Church members will make available “Ashes on the Way” in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.

“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

Mission

Scholarships to attend the Gala of Hope have been made available by a generous sponsor; for details, contact Stacy Jackson (312.981.3562; sjackson@chicagolights.org). Tickets for the Peloton drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) and the Friday, March 1 Gala are available at bidpal.net/clgala2019; all proceeds support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center.

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Tuesday, February 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.

Those interested helping explore equitable funding of public schools and employment for young adults on the South Side are asked to contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Fifty tutors to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/2S314SC (*the next orientation will be this Thursday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room*)

Individuals to read occasionally to an elderly member who is blind

Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments that support our weekly Communion services and morning worship (*once a month*)

Donations of individually packaged snacks, especially chips and fruit cups, for our weekday Bag Lunch program; donations can be dropped off at the reception desk—or shipped to the church—to the attention of Fourth Church Meals Ministry

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382).

Fellowship

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held next Sunday, February 24 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.

TwentiesThirties Brunch will also be held next Sunday, February 24 at 12:10 p.m., with young adults meeting in Coffee Hour to walk to a nearby restaurant for a time of fellowship. The group’s spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register online at www.bit.ly/2030may19

Women at Fourth will meet next Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a program on “Optimal Aging: Eat Well, Move Well, Be Well.”

Calendar for February 17–24, 2019

Sunday, February 17	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, February 18	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, February 19	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	(see announcement)
	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
Wednesday, February 20	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	7:15 p.m. Yoga for Managing Stress	Boyle Conference Room
Thursday, February 21	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>)	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
Friday, February 22	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk	Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, February 23	10:00 a.m. Enneagram Workshop	Boyle Conference Room
Sunday, February 24	8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms preaching	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
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups	(see announcement)
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “Pastors on the Intersection of Faith and Life”	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:10 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch	(see announcement)
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch	(see announcement)
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	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 and by email: subscribe at 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, 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). 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; 312.981.3399) or go to 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), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe online at 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) 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 February 24.

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).

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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