



Transfiguration of the Lord

We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Through the thick cloud of our uncertain times, we approach you.

Shepherding Christ, walk with us.

From depths of loneliness and worry, we ascend to you.

Comforting Christ, stay with us.

Though the path ahead to your reign is thorny, we desire to follow you.

Risen Christ lead and renew us.

As we worship, O God, help us to perceive your voice and recognize our calling.

* 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** "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, like Christ's disciples on the mountaintop,
we are quickly stirred by episodes of glory and excitement.
But when such moments fade, our hearts quickly sour.
Then we fearfully guard our own security
and act as if your promised redemption will never come.
Forgive us. Direct us toward your still clear voice
heard from the least among us and in the very ordinary moments of our lives.
And let your voice, newly found, give us courage
to commit our lives to justice and caring for your people.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus, the Risen One, 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 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble.
The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
The Lord, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.
Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.
O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord
and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Moses and Aaron were among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your name, O Lord;
they called upon you, and you answered them,
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord,
and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Scripture Luke 9:28–37

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

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”

are they who come

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*)

**Holy One, in this sacred meal our hunger has been satisfied.
Our spirits have been lifted; our eyes have been opened
to our unity with you and kinship with all those seeking your grace.
Send us out with grateful hearts to allow spaces in our ordinary lives,
where with humility and hope we join those journeying to the future
over which you reign. Amen.**

***Closing Song** "He Is King of Kings"

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Nathalie Loma Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

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

Lent

Ash Wednesday services with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held this Wednesday, March 6 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

“Ashes on the Way”—the imposition of ashes for those who are unable to worship with us on Wednesday—will be available throughout the day on Ash Wednesday between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary.

Lenten devotions will be available daily beginning Ash Wednesday at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

“Path of Discipleship” registration closes this Tuesday, March 5. This 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; register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019

A candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Chicago Sinai Congregation will host an Interfaith Seder on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware Place. Space is limited and fills quickly. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Today is the last day to submit “Big Questions” suggestions—be they topics or Bible texts you would like to see addressed in a sermon. Please share those suggestions with us by email (sermons@fourthchurch.org). The pastors will then use these suggestions to shape their “Big Questions” sermon series in May and June.

The Fourth Church 2018 Impact Report—an online snapshot of our life together in 2018 and the ways in which your generosity enabled us to live out this congregation’s call to be a light in the city—can be viewed at www.bit.ly/2018fpcimpactreport

A new book of prayers by John Boyle, founder of the Replogle Center and a member of the pastoral staff for more than thirty years, can be ordered by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Set clocks ahead an hour next Saturday night!

Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) to see photos of church life as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes and news from Fourth Church.

A one-session Inquirers’ Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held next Sunday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Children, Youth, and Family

“A Very Magical Family Night,” showcasing the magician Great Scott, will be Friday, March 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with dinner in Borwell Dining Room, followed by the magic show.

The spring Confirmation retreat will be the weekend of March 29. Register online at www.bit.ly/19springretreat

Volunteers Needed

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

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

Leaders for the summer youth trips to Detroit, New Jersey, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; sign up online (www.bit.ly/summeryouthleader) by March 15

Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments for worship (*once a month*)

Individual to assist blind woman with errands (*once every two weeks*) and to assist with summer walks

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

Fellowship

Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E with a program on Openlands.

Books by Women will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi next Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos's annual Chicago Area Men's Retreat on March 15–17. To learn more or to register, see www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

Enrichment

"A Time of Letting Go" will be the topic of today's "Conversations with Clergy," led by Shawn Fiedler, Ministerial Associate for Worship, at 5:00 p.m. following Jazz at Four worship.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"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

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. in 5H.

Those who are considering taking part in the October Reformation trip to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva are asked to contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org) this week and to mark Thursday, March 14 on their calendar for a 6:30 p.m. information meeting in Room 4G.

"Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers' Class Series" begins Sunday, March 24. This three-week series is a chance to explore foundations of Christian faith in the Reformed tradition and life at Fourth Church. It is open to visitors, those seeking church membership, and current members seeking to refresh their understanding of our faith and their calling. If interested, email member@fourthchurch.org

"Relationships 101," a workshop offered by the Replogle Center, will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register online at www.bit.ly/101relationships

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.

"How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," a men's discussion group meeting Friday mornings, April–June, will combine autobiography with active listening to Jesus' life and teachings. No knowledge of the Bible, theology, or experience in such a group is necessary. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for March 3–10, 2019

Sunday, March 3	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. “Conversations with Clergy”	Allison Library
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 4	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, March 5	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
Wednesday, March 6 .	7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. “Ashes on the Way”	Narthex
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
	12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service.	Sanctuary
	7:15 p.m. “Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood”.	Boyle Conference Room
	7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service.	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 7	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group.	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 8	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Jeff Brown, piano	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, March 9	8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast.	Room 4E
Sunday, March 10.	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith 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
	9:00 a.m. Inquirers’ Class	(<i>see announcement</i>)
	9:30 a.m. “Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today”	Room 5E
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth Groups.	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m. Youth Fellowship.	Allison Hall and Library
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow 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 or April 14 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 March 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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