



Fourth Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Introduction from *Sonata No. 1* Florence Price

Introit

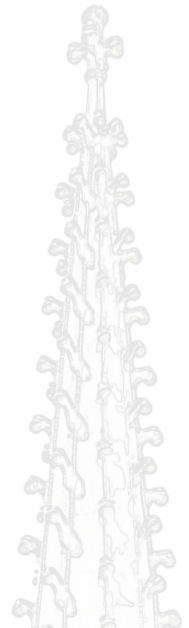
“Jesu, tawa pano” Patrick Matsikenyiri
Jesu, we are here for you.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

***Call to Worship**

One: *A love that never ceases.*
All: **A hope that is never quenched.**
One: *A Creator who calls us.*
All: **A redeemer who heals us.**
One: *A Spirit which equips us.*
All: **These are the gifts of God whom we worship with gladness.**



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 182 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of living water, we confess that our wells are empty.
Our reservoirs of hope have run dry.
We feel their absence in the careless words we have thought and spoken.
We feel their loss in wounded relationships and unjust circumstances.
Forgive what we have done and left undone, O Lord.
Then let the rain of your mercy replenish the parched places
in ourselves and in our world. Amen.

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie Hymn 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Exchange of Peace**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Minute

Anthem

“Give Me Jesus” African American spiritual /arr. Brian Fairbanks
*Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus. O when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson John 4:1–15

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson John 4:16–30

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: **but the word of our God shall stand forever.**

Sermon

The Heart Has History Tom Are Jr.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 494.** “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.
Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright.
O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from an affirmation by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

We believe in God,
creator of all things, heavenly father and mother,
of infinite love, wisdom and power,
ruler of all that is and all that is to come,
who is mystery, yet revealed.
We follow Christ, God's chosen one,
who loved and served humbly,
who gave his life for our redemption,
and who was raised by God to new life.
We trust that he accompanies us
and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.
We believe the Holy Spirit guides us, empowers us,
and sustains us as servants of God's grace.
We live as the body of Christ,
in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection,
and the light of eternal life. Amen.

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” African American spiritual/arr. Tim Harbold
*I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk
with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*Offertory Response. Hymn 224, v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we thank you for all the ways that you give yourself to us.
Our ways of worship and service are always imperfect.
But you speak to us in our hearts.
May we listen always for your word,
to lead us, correct us, guide us, and set us free for loving service,
for the sake of the healing of the world,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 440** “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Out of the Depths Johann Sebastian Bach

You are invited!

February 18–24, 2024



The following pages are our invitation to you—an invitation to explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here.

We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!

Welcome!

We are glad to be worshipping with you today and invite you to continue to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God’s grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice. ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning) ✨ Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ✨ The **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship! If you need **to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Let us know you're worshipping with us!

Please let us know you are here by filling out an information form. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

Worship podcasts and sermon text

During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.

Prayer and meditation

Those who would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today** are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ✨ Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on the first Wednesday of the month (March 6) we also gather at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gflaming@fourthchurch.org) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Also email Gloria if you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ **For those facing life's challenges**, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To **talk with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ **New grief groups start March 13 and May 15** and are facilitated by our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.reploglecenter.org

Observing the season of Lent

Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✨ Our annual **Path of Discipleship** is an invitation to six weeks of **spiritual growth in Lent**. This year our time will be grounded in **James Martin's New York Times bestselling book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage***. We will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **beginning this Tuesday, February 20**; the February 20 and March 26 sessions will be both via Zoom and in person; the February 27–March 19 sessions will be via Zoom. For planning purposes, registration for this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and make meaningful connections with others is required at www.bit.ly/fpcpod24 ✨ We also invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for **personal reflection** during this season. To receive those meditations daily via email, simply subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is a **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series**. These brief worship experiences (*approximately ten minutes each*), led by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, weave together scripture, prayer, and music and are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail

Sunday opportunities

Those worshipping in person are encouraged to greet one another during **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship, where there is also opportunity to learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ A new Adult Education class begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*), with Jeff Doane leading us in a discussion of **Jon Meacham's *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle***. Join us as we look at how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. ✨ The **World Mission and Social Justice Committee** invites you to learn about volunteer opportunities using your professional skillset with the **Neighborhood Entrepreneurship Lab (NEL)**. For information about how you can help increase job opportunities in under-resourced Chicago communities, attend a presentation by NEL today at 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in Room 5F. ✨ **Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ Rehearsing weekly on Sundays are **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten–grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ✨ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service featuring a breadth of musical expressions (*also livestreamed*).

Black History Month

Among the ways we celebrate **Black History Month** is the **art exhibition** “The Boldness of Being: The work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,” two African American women artists. Their work will be on display in the Loggia through March, which is Women’s History Month. ✨ The **flag and signage** along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to the Black history that we honor this month.

Chicago Lights Gala of Hope

This Saturday, February 24 is the last day to reserve Gala of Hope tickets or become an event sponsor. This year’s gala will be held on Friday evening, March 1 at the Old Post Office (433 W Van Buren) and supports the life-changing work of **Tutoring and Summer Day**, the **Urban Farm**, and the **Elam Davies Social Service Center**, programs of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church. To **reserve tickets** for this evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions, stop by Coffee Hour or visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024; for more details, email Caryn (cblomquist@chicagolights.org).

Youth summer trips

Registration has begun for our summer youth mission trips! Register for the **Senior High trip to Youngstown**, New York (June 26–July 2) at www.bit.ly/shtrip24; for the **Junior High trip to St. Louis**, Missouri (July 14–19) at www.bit.ly/jhtrip24; for the **Montreat Youth Conference** (July 27–August 3) at www.bit.ly/montreat24; for details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Can you help?

Adult trip leaders are needed to be part of our summer youth mission trips. The leader application form can be found at www.bit.ly/tripleader24 ✨ **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is in particular need of **volunteers for Monday Night Supper** as well as for the various Meals Ministry programs. Opportunities are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

The gift of music

The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished 113-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. ✨ Our Organ Scholar, Michael Rees, will present this Friday’s Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*and also livestreamed*).

Joining Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers324*) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*). For more information about joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org)

Easter flowers

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, March 17 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente (gvicente@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3571).

Walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain

This June a group from Fourth Church will spend **six days walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago** in Spain, one of Christianity's oldest pilgrimage routes. See www.fourthchurch.org/spirituality to learn more or contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). **Registration is due by this Wednesday, February 21** at www.bit.ly/caminotrip24

Get connected

Next Sunday, February 25, Women at Fourth will host “**Dementia 101: Understanding Cognitive and Behavioral Changes, along with Effective Communication Strategies,**” presented by Jeannine Forrest, Ph.D., R.N., at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. For details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcwaf224 ✨ **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** next meets via Zoom on Wednesday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary.* ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m. Email Simon for details.

Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: www.fourthchurch.org, where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities**. ✨ To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar ✨ We also invite you to **follow us** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Vern Broders (9:30), Kathryn Burkhardt (11:00), Nanette Sawyer,
Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

The Drum Circle; John Doty, Director
Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING (OGHS) throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” when giving at fourthchurch.org/give or on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE TEXT OF OUR OFFERTORY RESPONSE was written by Isaac Watts in 1707 and conveys much of the same intensity and vividness as a miniature painting of Christ’s crucifixion, with the lyrical and dignified tune reinforcing the sense that time stands still while we share such meditation.

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

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