



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The Holy Christ Has Arisen Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude and Fugue in D Major J. S. Bach

Introit

“Joy Fills the Morning” Antonio Lotti
Joy fills the morning; angelic choirs are singing alleluia! Through the glad world hosannas are ringing, alleluia, Christ is risen! Lord Jesus, may we rise with thee, alleluia! On high he reigneth in majesty supernal; rejoice, sing alleluia! Now may we share that glory eternal, alleluia, Christ is risen! Lord, may we dwell on high with thee, alleluia!

*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: *What great joy we have!*

All: **Our Lord is risen!**

One: *Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.*

All: **We open our hearts to the good news of God’s faithfulness to us.**

One: *Hallelujah!*

All: **Hallelujah!**

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

***Hymn 248.** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us.

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 136:1–16

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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1–12

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

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

Sermon

What I Couldn't Tell You Last Week Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 249** "Because You Live, O Christ"

Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.

Refrain:

The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!

O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life-denying. (*Refrain*)

Because you live, O Christ, the rainbow of your peace will span creation;
the colors of your love will draw all humankind to adoration. (*Refrain*)

†Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Christ Is Risen” Paul Sjolund

Christ is risen! Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Christ is risen! Now is Christ risen from the dead, alleluia!

***Offertory Response** Hymn 251, v. 1

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sins forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We will lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Prayer

Leader: *It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .*

. . . We join with angels in singing your praise:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (*repeat*)

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

Communion Anthems

“Most Glorious Lord of Life” William H. Harris
Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win. This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which our dear Lord us taught.

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” Ernest Bullock
Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring, alleluia! The Lord of life is risen for ay; bring flowers of song to strew his way. Let all mankind rejoice and say, alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high, alleluia! Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored, alleluia!

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion (unison)

Holy One, we give thanks for this feast of life through which your beloved Son Jesus
feeds us with your love and strengthens us by his faith.
Now send us forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.
May we feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven,
and love as we have been loved. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 233** “The Day of Resurrection!”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

March Héroïque A. Herbert Brewer

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER.

The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, in which we are assured of God’s love and grace. Those who are worshiping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so that we might share in this meal together, wherever we are.



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life**, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

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.

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. 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*) * **Links** to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the video as well as on our website. * 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.

✳️ **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. ✳️ A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with **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. ✳️ **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.

Prayer, meditation, and sermons

If you would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today**, you 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 (May 1) we gather at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✳️ If you would like to **walk the labyrinth**, Buchanan Chapel is open for that opportunity between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ✳️ You are also invited to a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✳️ During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is made available via podcast** on multiple 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.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please take a moment today to submit your suggestions of individuals to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), as **April 7 is the deadline** for submissions. **Forms for self-nomination and for recommending someone else** can be found at fourthchurch.org/pnc, where you will also find information about PNC responsibilities and the process of selecting a PNC. The election of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** later this spring will be the first step in our search for a new pastor. Your suggestions of individuals to serve on that committee will help the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of recommended PNC candidates to present for election.

Sunday opportunities

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall following the service to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ **If you are a young adult**, please visit the Young Adult Ministry table in Coffee Hour to connect with others in their twenties and thirties. ✨ **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 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. ✨ Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (*grades 6–7*) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m. **Youth family breakfast** takes place at 10:30 a.m. the 5C lounge. ✨ **"Dying Well,"** a one-session class presented by HD Mitchell, meets in person and via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aedyingwell ✨ **"Sermon Discussion and Fellowship"** led by Matt Helms meets in person on April Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Registration for upcoming Sundays is requested at www.bit.ly/sermondiscussion424 so we can ensure we have plenty of refreshments. ✨ 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.

Get connected

Jim Wallis will talk about his new book, *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*, on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*in person only*). A book signing will follow. ✨ **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays; **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus this Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ **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.* ✨ An **Art Hour Showcase** will feature the work of Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** participants on Thursday, April 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ The Adult Education class **"Troublesome Texts and Gender: Interpretive Strategies across the Abrahamic Faiths,"** taught by Susan Ross, begins Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/aetexts424 ✨ All who enjoy singing are invited to join the **Fourth Church Choral Society** in rehearsing on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 25 in preparation for singing in worship on Sunday, May 19. ✨ **Fall enrollment** has opened for our **Day School preschool**; for details contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*). For more information, email Matt Helms (*mhelms@fourthchurch.org*), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

Fourth Church is cosponsoring an October 18–27 **Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage** to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. To learn more about this pilgrimage, see the trip description at www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024; trip application: www.bit.ly/civilrightstrail2024

Resources for your personal reflection

We invite you to use our daily Eastertide devotions (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*) for your personal reflection. To receive them email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ **Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos**—released on Wednesday evenings—are also available via email. Sign up online at bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail) or subscribe to our YouTube channel: (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*). ✨ Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** (*fourthchurch.org/podcasts*). This lively and informative podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Deacon Prayer Ministry, please email Gloria Fleming (*gfleming@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. ✨ To **explore options for counseling as well learn about our Grief Groups**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Stay connected

You can find details about **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**. ✨ 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 www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc; you can find our **news archive** at fourthchurch.org/news ✨ 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

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Pamela Block (9:30), Roger Wilson (11:00), Joseph L. Morrow, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE OPENING HYMN, “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” was written in the late twentieth century by Brian Wren, who, as our hymnal notes, “stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith,” writing, “Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection.”

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE PROCLAIMS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION by combining a traditional melody from Tanzania with twentieth-century words by Bernard Kyamanywa.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at fourthchurch.org/give

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

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