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4:00 Order of Worship 11.08.09

## Gathering

### Gathering Music

Jesu, Joy of All Desiring  
Simple Gifts

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*Shaker melody*

*We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.*

### Welcome

*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.*

### Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Highest of all creation, Christ lives among the least.

People: **Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: **and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: **and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

All: **Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise**      “Down by the Riverside”

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**God of goodness and love, you asked for my hands  
that you might use them for your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,  
for the work was hard.  
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.  
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.  
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.  
I closed them, for I did not want to see.  
You asked for my life, that you might work through me.  
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.  
God, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—  
only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.  
Forgive me; renew me; send me out as a usable instrument,  
that I might take seriously the meaning of Jesus’ life  
and death of service and love.  
Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As God’s forgiven people, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**\*Song of Thanks**      “Amazing Grace”

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:38–44

(page 46, N.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest

The Least I Can Do

## \*Song of Reflection

“’Tis the Gift to Be Simple”

*(Sung by soloist first, then joined by the congregation)*

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*

## Offertory Music

“Happy Land”

*American folk hymn*

## \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### 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

**Communion Music** "A Repeating Alleluia"  
Alleluia.

*Calvin Hampton*

#### Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**We praise you, God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made and redeemed. Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Sending Song** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

## **Benediction**

### **Sending Music**

I'll Fly Away

*Albert E. Brumley*

### **A note on inclusive language**

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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.

## **Worship Leaders**

**John W. Vest** Associate Pastor

**Linda C. Loving** Associate Pastor

**John Howard** Liturgist

### **The Chamber Choir**

### **Fourth at Four Ensemble**

**Thomas E. Gouwens** Associate Organist

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## **The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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### **Fourth Church Cares**

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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 ([atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org](mailto:atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Extra hand sanitizer is available** throughout the church during this flu season.

**An event in support of the Ferguson Fellows program** will be held Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Woman's Athletic Club (626 N. Michigan Avenue). Gifts to the Dana Ferguson Myers Memorial Educational Fund can also be made by writing "Ferguson Fellows" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or by making a gift online via the Fourth Church website. For tickets, contact Wydetta Carter at 312.981.3381 ([wcarter@fourthchurch.org](mailto:wcarter@fourthchurch.org)).

**A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street** will be closed until Thanksgiving while gas line repairs are made.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources** for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For more information, contact Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Ali Trowbridge at 312.573.3360 ([atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org](mailto:atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org)).

**Fourth Presbyterian Church**, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit [www.covenantnetwork.org](http://www.covenantnetwork.org).

## Fellowship

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For more information about Young Adults at Fourth Church, contact Liz Nickerson, Director of Young Adult Ministry, at 312.573.3366 ([enickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:enickerson@fourthchurch.org))

## Worship

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

**Sunday morning worship services** are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Violinist Rachel Barton Pine** will accompany an interfaith dialogue next Sunday, November 15 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship. Representatives of the Interfaith Youth Core will participate in the dialogue.

**Pastoral Resident Joann Lee will be ordained** to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament next Sunday, November 15 during the 4:00 service. All are invited to attend the service and support Joann in this important moment in her ministry.

## Mission and Outreach

**Attend a Step Afrika! percussive arts performance** November 19–21 and support the mission and ministry of Chicago Lights. Half of the ticket proceeds will be donated to Chicago Lights. For tickets, visit [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org) and receive a 10 percent discount by entering the code CHRP-Lights.

**The Benevolent Guild**, which gathers to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

# News and Opportunities

## Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving Dinner tickets** are available at the reception desk during the week and during Sunday morning Coffee Hour. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 26.

**The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest**, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 22 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (Orleans and Oak). All are invited to a dinner following the service.

**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship** will be held at Chicago Sinai Temple (15 W. Delaware) on Tuesday, November 24; Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

**Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church** will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 26. Ali Trowbridge will be preaching.

**A Thanksgiving labyrinth walk** will be available Saturday, November 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## Christmas

**Chicago Lights Holiday Cards**, designed by Tutoring students, are available online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org) and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

**The "Christmas Wishes" gift project** collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during morning Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). Gifts will be collected during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk through Sunday, December 13.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday school classes** for children meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Fourth Church youth** meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.; Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

## Volunteers and Donations

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Reading and math tutors** for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools; several times a week from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Ushers, readers, and musicians to help** with 4:00 p.m. worship

**Community Supper volunteers** to help with various tasks from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday School teachers** for 11:00 a.m. classes

**Recording booth assistants** to tape Sunday morning worship on rotation; training provided

**Church members to staff Book Nook** during Sunday morning Coffee Hour

**Sandwich makers** for new team; meets fourth Sundays after 11:00 a.m. service

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Greeting cards and stamps** for guests of the Sunday Community Meal and Monday Night Supper, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

**Men's seasonal sturdy clothes** in larger sizes, especially pants, belts, and shoes

*Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

### Enrichment

#### **Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**

*Women*, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Adult education courses, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life**, take place Sunday mornings. "An Ancient Love Story: The Book of Ruth" is taught by Deborah Kapp in the Page Smith Room and meets at 9:30 a.m. (in conjunction with the John Knox Bible Study). "A Family Rooted in Vibrant Faith" is taught by Ali Trowbridge and Sue Schemper in Anderson Hall N. Balcony B and "All Kinds of Prayer for All Kinds of People" is taught by Linda Loving in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A and both courses meet at 11:00 a.m. Course details are available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html).

**Cheryle Jackson, former president of the Urban League of Chicago**, will speak at the next Men's Group breakfast this Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, call the church at 312.787.4570 before noon on Friday, November 13.

**Krista Tippett of "Speaking of Faith" will be interviewed by Eboo Patel**, founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html) or contacting the Academy Office at 312.573.3364.

**A "Nia Splash Out" session** will be held Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Nia is a workout experience that brings together dance, yoga, martial arts, healing arts, vocal sounding, and self-expression into a dynamic hour-long routine. To register, call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit [www.niachicago.com](http://www.niachicago.com).

**"An Update on Stroke,"** a healthy aging educational session sponsored by the Chicago Lights Centers for Whole Health and Life and Learning, will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

**The Community Book Group** will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America* by Paul Tough. Vicky Curtiss will lead the discussion.

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome.

### Music and the Arts

**Organist David Chalmers** will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the sanctuary.

**The Chicago Ensemble** will be in concert at Fourth Church on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling (773.889.4206) or visiting [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org).

**The Chamber Choir** invites additional voices to join them in singing during 4:00 p.m. worship. Practices for the Chamber Choir are held at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary prior to this service. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)).

**Instrumentalists**, especially those with an interest in or experience with music of other cultures, are invited to share their talents during the 4:00 service or monthly Taizé worship. For more information or to volunteer, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

**Those who would like to receive Music Notes**, a weekly email newsletter about concerts at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to [music@fourthchurch.org](mailto:music@fourthchurch.org).



## During Today's Worship

**All are encouraged to use the prayer card**, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

**All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table** to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

### **Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship**

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission  
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for  
Adult Education and Worship  
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism  
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Pastoral Resident  
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident  
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

**Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.**

**During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the** pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

**Please join us for a community supper** following this time of worship. A meal will be served in Anderson Hall, which is through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary. We welcome this opportunity to break bread together and share in fellowship with friends and neighbors.

**The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary** were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

**Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices** for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

**If your infant or small child needs care** during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome.

**Worship bags**, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

## If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Please wear a lapel pin**, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).