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4:00 Order of Worship 01.24.10

Gathering

Gathering Music

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: Praise our Lord, God.

People: **It is good to praise the Lord.**

Leader: Make music to God's name, O Most High.

People: **Clap your hands, shout to God with the loud songs of joy.**

Leader: Proclaim God's love in the morning.

People: **Proclaim God's faithfulness at night.**

Leader: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

People: **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Leader: Sing praises to God; sing praises loud!

People: **Sing praises to our King; sing loud! Amen.**

***Song** "I Danced in the Morning"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:6–8

(page 816, O.T.)

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

(page 46, N.T.)

Meditations

***Song of Reflection**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

*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!**

Sanctus

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 “The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green; leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life; leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; for in the house of my God, I will live forever.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God, we thank you for words we taste and bread we hear, and for the cup in which we drink metaphor and mystery, healing and haste, the gratitude of our spirits, and a blessing on our lives. Amen.

Sending

*Sending Song

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*Benediction

Sending Music

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
Kurt Esslinger	Youth Ministry Associate
Fourth at Four Ensemble	
The Youth Choir	
Beverly Escuder	Children and Youth Music Director
Thomas E. Gouwens	Associate Organist

2010 Fourth Church Rising Confirmation Class

Maria Alvarez, Charlie Bomier, Blake Brumfield, Rachel Buchanan, Rachael Cohen, Logan Crowl, Rose Edwards, Will Ekern, Felicity FitzGerald, Grant Foudree, Ian King, Magdalen Leeb, Natalie Leeb, Ian Leonard, Victoria Lord, Margaret McPherrin, Johanna Mintz, Chris Pieper, Pierce Randle, Harry Rider, Andrew Roberts, Michael Rossley, Becca Schuessler, Henry Schuler, Catherine Sharp, David Shindell, Henry Shorney, and Cole Zimmerman

2010 Fourth Church Rising Adult Leaders

Rae Anne Alvarez, Nicholette Andrews, Kerry Grady, John Howard, Kathi Rodak, and Debbie Whitmore

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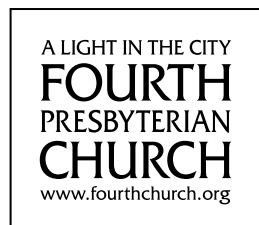
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Fourth Church Cares

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).

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Carnaval, the 2010 Mission Benefit, will be held Friday, March 5 at the Ritz-Carlton. All are invited to visit www.chicagolights.org to reserve a seat, purchase tickets for the "Technology Treasures" drawing, or learn about this annual event.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop will meet this Tuesday, January 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials.

An update on death penalty issues will be presented on Sunday, January 31 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. Delbert Tibbs, a death row exoneree from Florida, will be speaking.

An environmental advocacy workshop, presented by Faith in Place and hosted by the Mission and Care of Creation Committees, will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 31 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Those interested in the mission trip to Tanzania and Kenya (June 18–July 1) are encouraged to turn in applications well before the February 1 deadline as spots for this trip are limited. Applications for the **April 26–May 2 mission trip to New Orleans** are also due February 1. Details about these and other Fourth Church trips are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Music and the Arts

Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer will perform this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The St. Olaf Choir will perform at Fourth Church on Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, visit www.stolaftickets.com.

Worship

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can 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 weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

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

A Center for Life and Learning memorial service, held in remembrance of CLL members who have died during the previous year, will be held this Thursday, January 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be Friday, February 26.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Food sorters and packers: Saturday morning, February 13, at Greater Chicago Food Depository
Instrumentalists and Chamber Choir singers to assist in leading 4:00 p.m. worship

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl who is chronically ill; list of items and sizes is available by contacting Larry Nicholson
Greeting cards and stamps for Sunday and Monday Night Supper guests

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

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.

The Family-to-Family Education Program, a course for families and friends of adults living with mental illness, will begin Monday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (required), call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

The last two webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College's January Series will be shown this Monday, January 25 and Tuesday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. at Fourth Church.

The Community Book Group will meet this Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*. Joyce Shin will lead the discussion.

Updates from the Fourth Church educational trip to Egypt are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/egypt.html.

"The Exodus as a Rite of Passage," a new Academy for Faith and Life class, will first meet Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

Adlai Stevenson III will speak on "Democracy in America Then and Now: The Black Book" at an event hosted by Cornerstones on Friday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited; registration and prepayment is required (312.787.2729, ext. 454).

A Lenten Retreat will be held the weekend of February 26–27. Lillian Daniel, Senior Minister at First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn, will lead the retreat. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis by Wednesday, February 24 at 312.573.3369.

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.

Families are invited to an ice skating party on Saturday, February 13 at the Daley Bicentennial Rink (337 E. Randolph), which will be rented out for Fourth Church families from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Skate rental, admission, and beverages will be provided; those attending are invited to bring a treat to share.

News and Resources

Gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks or by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Thank you to all who have helped Fourth Church raise more than \$18,000 so far in response to the urgent needs in Haiti.

A congregational luncheon, hosted by the Congregational Life Committee, will be held Sunday, February 21 in Anderson Hall following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Tickets for this intergenerational meal will be on sale during Coffee Hour and at reception beginning January 31.

The Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a partner, is highlighting the opportunity for temporary, part-time employment with the U.S. Census Bureau as it conducts the 2010 Census. Information is available at 1.866.861.2010 (www.2010censusjobs.gov).

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

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.

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.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

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 Monday, February 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, February 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).