



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: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

People: **come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

People: **come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To carry the cross, to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

People: **come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

People: **come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

***Song** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.
Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you.
Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Silence

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

Psalter Psalm 23

Scripture Lesson Luke 14:1, 7-14 (page 72, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam Fronczek
Around the Table

***Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Fill My Cup”

Isaiah Jones Jr.

*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 Solo "Beautiful Thing"

Dent Davidson

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Lord, you have met us here at your table of grace;
you have offered us forgiveness;
you have offered us compassion;
you have offered us encouragement;
you have offered us a challenge.
As we go from this place,
may we offer our lives to you and to others,
accepting your grace and extending it to others.
Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***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

Adam Fronczek

Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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 Sarah Johnson, member of the pastoral staff at 312.981.4034 (sjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Gifts to help those in Pakistan affected by the recent flooding can be made by using the special envelopes in the pew racks. Those gifts will be directed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which is working to help provide food packages, shelter material, nonfood essentials, and emergency health services. For more information or to give online, visit www.pcusa.org/pda.

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and act on a report from the Project Second Century Steering Committee, which is working on a proposal for a new building to be built on the space currently occupied by the Counseling Center, Westminster House, and the parking lot. For information, see www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 26, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities. On Sunday, October 3, all are encouraged to attend the annual Volunteer Fair. Mission Trip Sunday will be held Sunday, October 17.

Fourth Church welcomes two new pastoral residents to the staff: Kerri Allen and Matt Helms. They will be formally introduced to the congregation on Sunday, September 12, but in the weeks ahead, please take opportunity to introduce yourself and greet them.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

Scaffolding has been erected outside the sanctuary; it will be there for the next few months as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework. This work is being undertaken as part of Project Second Century.

British historian Peter Cormack will give a lecture about the stained glass at Fourth Church on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This free event offered by the Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. tour highlighting the glass.

Mission and Outreach

The Chicago Lights Tutoring program is in need of tutors for the 2010–11 school year. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend an orientation session, held Tuesday, September 7; Monday, September 13; or Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For more information, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

A Christmas-break mission trip to Guatemala will provide opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. For information about participating in this trip (December 25/26 to January 3), contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant (but not for liquor or tobacco). For information or to purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Those interested in volunteering at the Urban Farm are invited to participate in open volunteer hours from 10:00 a.m. (orientation) to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday. For more details about the Urban Farm, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers for alternate Sundays; teach in pairs; training provided

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday night suppers; rotating schedule; car essential

Cooks and supervising cooks for a men's shelter at 835 W. Addison on rotating Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; training provided; free parking close by, near "L" and bus stops

Urban Farm volunteers on Saturdays; 10:00 a.m. (orientation) to 3:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Avenue)

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

Current Donation Needs

Toiletries—including shaving cream, toothpaste, men's and women's underwear (size L–XL)—for guests of the Social Service Center

Men's seasonal sturdy clothes, especially jeans and other pants, short-sleeved shirts, and underwear in larger sizes

Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl who is chronically ill; a list of items is available by contacting Larry Nicholson

Greeting cards, stamps, and envelopes for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

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

Music and the Arts

"Seeing the Savior: Images from the Life of Christ" is on exhibition through September in the Loggia.

Pianist Svetlana Belsky will perform the weekly Free Noonday Concert this Friday, September 3 at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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

Worship

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 daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk is available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service will be held Friday, September 24.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

The Bucket List, the final film in the SummerQuest series, will be shown this Thursday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. At 5:00 p.m., there will be refreshments and fellowship in the Garth. There will be opportunity for discussion after the movie.

“Overcoming the Fear of Recurrence” will be the topic of the Tuesday, September 7 Triumph over Cancer presentation. Those living with cancer and their loved ones are invited to attend this free program, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. For information, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

A twelve-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more information or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Learn about educational programs open to those sixty and over when the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning hosts its free Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 9. Attend between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall or between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the Open House Infoline at 312.640.5459 by Tuesday, August 31.

Caring Circles will host an informational luncheon on Thursday, September 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Those interested in learning about this team that extends care to CLL members needing special attention are invited to attend.

Ken Stone, professor of Bible, Culture, and Hermeneutics at Chicago Theological Seminary, will be the speaker at the Friday, September 17 Changing Conversations gathering, a series inviting members and friends of Fourth Church into discussion about issues affecting gay and lesbian persons and our life together in community.

Fellowship

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will host a barbecue and potluck this Friday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth. Advance payment and reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individuals forty-seven and older, will gather on Saturday, September 11 to participate in a walking tour of the Old Town neighborhood, starting at 9:45 a.m. in the Chicago History Museum lobby. For details or to RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Tuesday, September 7.

Books by Women will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel. All are welcome.

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to participate in a Saturday, September 18 Habitat for Humanity project in Joliet. For details or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Children and Family

Sunday School classes are on break, resuming Sunday, September 12 as part of Children and Youth Kickoff Sunday. Children, youth, and their parents are invited to participate in this special morning, which will include lunch and activities. For more information about Children and Family Ministry, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org). To learn more about opportunities for youth, contact Kimberlee Frost at 312.981.4035 (kfrost@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 Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

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
Sarah A. Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care

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.

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. 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.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

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, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).