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4:00 Order of Worship 9.19.10

Gathering

Gathering Music "Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch

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: God calls us from whatever dilemmas we face;
cry out to God in your time of trouble.

People: **God loves us even when we rebel and reaches out to us even when we flee.**

Leader: The compassion of God is warm and tender;
God heals us again and again beyond our knowing.

People: **God does not give up on us or forsake us,
for God is the Holy One in our midst.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **We lift our voices and hearts in praise.**

* Stand as you are able

***Song** “Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Deliver us, gracious God, from the stress of our unfaithfulness. You are the source of all we have and all we are, yet we turn away from you and ignore you as if there were no reality beyond ourselves. We waste what you have entrusted to us and destroy resources meant for future generations. We say you are at work in our world, but act as if everything depends on us and seek to be in control of our own affairs. Free us from all that keeps us from serving you with integrity and wholeness. Forgive us, O God, and rescue us from this way of death. Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .

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

Scripture Lessons Romans 8:18–27 (page 148, N.T.)
 1 Timothy 2:1–7 (page 196, N.T.)

Sermon by Victoria G. Curtiss

History Belongs to the Intercessors

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions.” 1 Timothy 2:1–2 (NRSV)

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

"Baptized in Water"

Gaelic melody

*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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

William Bradbury

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, it is your desire that all your people find fulfillment in a peaceful life, godly and respectful in every way. We thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us all that we may live in this new reality. Send us forth from this meal that we may be Christ's hands and feet, heart and mind in the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.



Sending

***Sending Song** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***Benediction**

Sending Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles Converse

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

Victoria G. Curtiss

Associate Pastor

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

Cole Seaton

Song Leader

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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

Next Sunday, September 26 is “Get Connected” Sunday, a day when all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, choirs, Bible studies, and much, much more! The following Sunday, October 3, all are encouraged to attend the annual Volunteer Fair. Mission Trip Sunday will be held Sunday, October 17.

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. Nominating forms are due Thursday, September 30.

The scaffolding outside the sanctuary 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.

“Celebrating the Whole Household of God” is the theme of the 2010 Covenant Network Conference, which will be held November 4–6 in Houston. For more information, visit www.covnetpres.org/conferences/2010-covenant-conference/.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins; devotions; and programming information.

Inquirers’ Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Sunday, September 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Mission and Outreach

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

Fresh, organic produce grown at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Stand (444 W. Chicago Avenue).

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).

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets on fourth Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to social service agencies and shelters. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 28.

An Anti-Violence Rally will be held Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Garth. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church will observe Domestic Violence Awareness month this October. A candle-lighting ceremony, in remembrance of victims of domestic violence, will be held October 1 at dusk on the lakefront; advocacy information will be available during Coffee Hour; and on Sunday, October 17, domestic violence survivor Rae Luskin will speak. For more details, contact Terry Stumpf at 312.981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org).

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Volunteers

The annual Volunteer Fair will be held Sunday, October 3 during morning Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend and learn of service and community outreach opportunities.

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to teach In2It Café courses for the Tutoring program; classes range from art to chess, acting, knitting, dance, cooking, and computers; once a week from 5:25 to 5:55 p.m.; October–December

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

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; free parking close by, near "L" and bus stops

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Music and the Arts

A P2C exhibit highlighting concepts for the proposed new building is on display in the Gallery; "Seeing the Savior" is on exhibition in the Loggia.

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.

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.

Fellowship

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples, spouses and partners age fifty and over, will gather for an Egyptian dinner and program on Friday, October 1. Prepaid reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

A new fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12 will begin Sunday, October 3. Mothers with children ages 0–4 are invited to join one of the neighborhood moms' groups. To join a group, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Books by Women will gather Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

Worship

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday, September 24 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.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. 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.

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Children and Family

Giggles for God—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—meets Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

Sunday School classes meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Fourth Church Youth meet Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

Fall Family Camp will be held October 8–10 at the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org/downloads/FamilyCamp0910.pdf. For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

A twelve-week Nia exercise course begins this Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall; a Nia "Splash Out" will be held this Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For details or to register, call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

Triumph over Cancer is hosting a complimentary Deep Hypnosis Class on Saturday, September 25 and a Tuesday, October 5 gathering during which the main speaker will focus on "Foods for Cancer Prevention." For details or to register, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

Three new Academy for Faith and Life courses begin Sunday, September 26: "Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit" will meet at 9:30 a.m. and "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible" and "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?" will meet at 11:00 a.m. Course details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html.

Vanderbilt Divinity School professor Ted Smith will speak on "Sex and the Limits of Ethics," the topic of the next Michigan Avenue Forum, which will be held on Sunday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html.

Christian Century Study Groups provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. Study groups will meet beginning Wednesday, October 6. For more details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, October 4.

A screening of *Kepulihan: Stories from the Tsunami* will be shown Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and is sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life. This documentary detailing the lives of three survivors following the Asian tsunami of 2004 was directed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance filmmaker David Barnhardt.

Krista Tippett will speak on "Religion, Media, and Public Life in the Twenty-First Century" at a *Christian Century* event at the Arts Club of Chicago on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Ticket information is available by contacting the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

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
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Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
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Sarah A. Johnson, Minister for Congregational Care

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. 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.

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 Sunday, September 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org).