



## 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.*

### \*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.*

\* Stand as you are able

## Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God;  
God made us and we belong to God.

People: **We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,  
God's faithfulness to all generations.

**\*Song** "Be Thou My Vision"

## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**O Lord, we come to this place expecting to hear your word, but we do not expect to hear you elsewhere. We come here for vision, but you may have already given it to us. We come hoping you are listening at this moment, not realizing you are listening at all times. Help us to recognize you and your work outside these walls. Help us to recognize you the other six days of the week. Help us to feel your presence and call all the days of our lives. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## Anthem

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 13:31–33

(page 14, N.T.)

## Jazz Improvisation

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 13:31–35

(page 14, N.T.)

**Sermon** by Matthew J. Helms

Hidden in Plain Sight

*“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19 (NRSV)*

## Jazz Improvisation

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Solo** “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand” *F. L. Eiland and Clyde Williams*

## \*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 "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

*Ira F. Stanphill*

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

**God who invites us all to partake at the table, we give you thanks for the gift of the bread and for the gift of the cup. As we share this meal with you, help us to share your vision for this world. Empower us to see as Christ saw, recognizing the goodness in everyone and trusting always in your abundant grace. Amen.**

## Sending

#### \*Song

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#### \*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**

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Pastoral Resident

**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, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.981.4034 ([sjohnson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sjohnson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Church Alive, the 2011 Annual Appeal** for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks, online, and wherever “Church Alive” display stands can be found. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 31, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2011. For information, contact Kathryn Johnson, Associate Director for Development Operations, at 312.640.2576.

**October is “Bike to Church” month**, sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club. Details about biking to church are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/cycling.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cycling.html).

**The scaffolding** outside the sanctuary will be there for the next month 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/](http://www.covnetpres.org/conferences/2010-covenant-conference/).

## Mission and Outreach

**The purple bows on the Michigan Avenue trees** represent the thousands of individuals who are victims of domestic violence each year. Also in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, domestic violence survivor Rae Luskin will speak Sunday, October 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**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.

**Mission Trip Sunday** will take place Sunday, October 17. Visit Coffee Hour that day to learn about past and upcoming mission trips.

## 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.

**Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes** meet Sunday mornings: “Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit” gathers at 9:30 a.m. and “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible” and “What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?” meet at 11:00 a.m. Course details are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html).

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

**A free screening of *Kepulihan: Stories from the Tsunami*** will be held this Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**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.

**A panel presentation featuring members of Covenant Network, More Light, That All May Freely Serve, and Presbyterian Welcome** will be held Friday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse as part of Changing Conversations, a series that invites members and friends of Fourth Church into discussion about issues affecting gay and lesbian persons and our life together in community. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

## Music and the Arts

**Flutist Mark Alan Longo** will perform this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## Volunteers

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

#### **Volunteers to assist with community cookout**

at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Saturday, October 23

**Sunday School teachers;** four teachers needed for third grade at 9:30 a.m., one teacher for three- to four-year-olds at 11:00 a.m.

**Carnival volunteers** to assist with securing items for the silent and live auctions

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Toiletries**—including shaving cream, toothpaste, soap—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

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

## 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.

**This Friday's Family Night** will be held in Anderson Hall and will offer pumpkin-carving and a meal for families and their children. Families with preschoolers are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m., and families with elementary school children are invited to arrive at 6:15 p.m.

## Fellowship

**Young adults** age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to meet on Sundays at 12:20 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion and fellowship.

**The ThirtiesForties fellowship group** will gather Sunday, October 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for their monthly LITES discussion, which focuses on short video clips from the NOOMA series.

**A community cookout** will be held at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Avenue) on Saturday, October 23 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

**Cornerstones,** a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will gather for a pizza dinner followed by the Lookingglass Theatre production of *Peter Pan* on Friday evening, November 5. Early registration is required; a limited number of tickets is available. For details or to RSVP, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**An intergenerational congregational luncheon** will be held on All Saints' Sunday, November 7. Tickets are available at the reception desk.

## 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.

**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.

## 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

Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for  
Adult Education and Worship  
Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident  
Matthew J. Helms, Pastoral Resident  
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism  
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
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](http://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 Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, October 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, November 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, contact Jo Preuninger, Interim Director of Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jpreuninger@fourthchurch.org)).