



Reformation Sunday

Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda.
The church reformed, always being reformed.

Gathering

Gathering Music

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

American folk song

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.

* Stand as you are able

***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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord; praise God's name.

People: **Proclaim God's salvation day after day.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before God with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us and we are God's people.

People: **The Lord is good and God's love endures forever.**

All: **Let us lift our hearts to God in joyful praise.**

***Song** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Prayer for Illumination

Reading "The Third Mile"

Peter Rollins

Instrumental Improvisation

Prayer of Confession (*Psalms 32*)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

People: **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Silence

All: **Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Silent prayers of confession

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: **You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Silent prayers of confession

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with
my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who
trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy,
all you upright in heart.

***Song** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Mark 2:13–22

(page 34, N.T.)

Instrumental Improvisation

Sermon by John W. Vest

Improvisations in Good News

Instrumental Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

African American spiritual

*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

Stephen Rush

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 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *George Allen and Thomas Dorsey*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this sacred meal.
Strengthen our faith for the days to come,
that we may find the path to salvation in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

Sending

***Song** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

***Benediction**

Sending Music Soon and Very Soon *African American spiritual*

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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Associate Pastor

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

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Song Leader

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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News and Opportunities

Annual Appeal

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2011 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. Those who have not yet completed a 2011 giving response card are invited to do so this morning. Giving response cards are available in the pew racks, on “Church Alive” display stands, and in Coffee Hour and can be completed online at www.fourthchurch.org. We are grateful to those who have already returned giving response cards for the 2011 Annual Appeal. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html.

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available at the reception desk and online at www.chicagolights.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

An advocacy trip to Springfield is being planned for Wednesday, November 17 to bring to the attention of legislators issues related to “Silence the Violence, Support Our Youth.” For details or to sign up, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

Applications for the 2011 Cuba and Colombia mission trips are due this December. Details about these and other upcoming Fourth Church mission trips are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website.

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.

News and Resources

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 Monday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is a prerequisite for membership.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday. Be sure to set your clocks back an hour for Sunday morning, November 7.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

An All Saints’ labyrinth walk will be available Saturday, November 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

All Saints’ Sunday is November 7, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2010 will be read during worship.

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

Fauré’s Requiem will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 7.

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.

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For information, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*, will discuss his new book, *American Grace*, on Thursday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"Faithful Responses to Popular Atheism," led by **John Buchanan**, meets on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes meet Sunday mornings: "Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit" at 9:30 a.m. (Page Smith Room); "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) and "John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*—Continued" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.; and "Vampires and Theology" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 12:30 p.m. Details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

"Women, Food, and God" a twelve-session class and support group that will address the issues raised in this book, will be offered on Tuesday evenings at Fourth Church, beginning November 9. For details or to register for this free course, call the "Women, Food, and God" Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest next June 20–29, 2011. Details are available in Coffee Hour or by contacting Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

An All Saints' intergenerational congregational luncheon will be held Sunday, November 7 in Anderson Hall following 11:00 worship. Seating is limited; tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

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.

Music and the Arts

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206.

The Newberry Consort will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610 or visiting www.newberryconsort.org.

A staged reading of *The Snow Goose* by Paul Gallico will be presented by Fourth Acts on Friday evening, November 12 for the Fourth Dimension fellowship group, and on Sunday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

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 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.

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
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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.

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.

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