



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 we gather together for worship, let us not be strangers, but sisters and brothers in Christ. As God's forgiven people, please stand and 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 and remain standing for the Call to Worship.

* Stand as you are able

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember that
when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

People: **We open our eyes to see his glory.**
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!

***Song**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not been
the people you want us to be.**

**We are deceptive and dishonest,
shortsighted and mean.**

**We have been impatient with our loved ones
and we have not tried hard enough
to understand those who are different from us.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to grow into our better selves.

**Help us to act with charity and compassion;
help us to love our neighbors and reach out to strangers.**

**Help us to forgive ourselves and to forgive others
as you have forgiven us.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Musical Reflection

Scripture Reading Mark 1–3 (*selected verses*)

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Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Now the Feast”

Marty Haugen

***Doxology**

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!**

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"

Thomas Dorsey

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of life, you have fed us at this table for the journey of life.
Here we find forgiveness; here we taste and see your grace;
here we are encouraged for a better tomorrow.
Send us out into the world to share the message
of Christ's love with all whom we meet,
reaching out to others in love as Jesus did long ago,
and still does today. Amen.**

Sending

***Song**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

***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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Associate Pastor

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

Andrea Pokrefke

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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).

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Double the impact of your contribution to Project Second Century: P2C Gift Intentions will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million by Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted by Easter Sunday, April 24. Gift Intention forms for the P2C building campaign are available in the pew racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

The main entrance to the church during the construction period is located at the southeast corner of the Garth, and the reception desk is located in what was previously the Large Conference Room. (The 126 E. Chestnut entrance is no longer accessible to the public.)

The Elam Davies Social Service Center is currently located in a trailer in the parking lot while construction work takes place on the lower level.

There are some temporary construction walls at the base of the stairs to Anderson Hall South Balcony, at the south end of Anderson Hall, and in the Dining Room in order to enable ongoing Project Second Century work to ready the 126 E. Chestnut site for the demolition and new building construction work taking place in the weeks ahead. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Center for Life and Learning classes are now meeting in the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue) on the 19th floor.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Music and the Arts

The Nordic Choir of Luther College, directed by Allen Hightower, will be in concert at Fourth Church on Saturday, January 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For tickets, call 800.4.LUTHER or visit www.luthertickets.com.

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

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion and a time of fellowship. The topic of this Sunday's conversation will be "The Stress of Trying to Be Perfect." On Tuesday, January 25, Young Adults fellowship will host Board Games Night at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse.

Women of all ages are invited to attend "Eat, Pray, Love," this year's women's retreat, which will take place on Saturday, January 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A spiritual practices small group led by former Fourth Church Associate Pastor Carol Allen will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 17, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. *Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith* by Henri Nouwen will be the topic for discussion. For information or to join this group, contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

Male church members to join a care team for an individual (60610 zip code)

Database helper for a nonprofit agency; competence in Excel necessary

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

Auction items (travel, goods, services, gift certificates, etc.) for the Mission Benefit

For details, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Lights Tutoring invites students, tutors, parents, and members of the Fourth Church community to "The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights" presented by the Writer's Theater on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary; this event is free to the public.

Save the date for Carnival! The 2011 Mission Benefit will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton.

Those interested in participating in a Fourth Church mission trip in 2011 are encouraged to consider the following opportunities: Tennessee, Lakota Reservations, Cameroon, and Northern Ireland. Details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church youth meet at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue).

Storyteller Joel Frankel will provide the entertainment at the Friday, January 21 Family Night in Anderson Hall. Young children and families are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and older children and their families may arrive at 6:15 p.m.

The Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be Sunday, February 6. That morning, youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center

A skating party for children, youth, and families will be held Saturday afternoon, February 19 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Daley Bicentennial Rink on Randolph Street. For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

News and Opportunities

Worship

Morning Prayer is held Wednesdays through Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays 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 pray for 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 service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; the next Taizé service will be held Friday, January 28.

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

A Center for Life and Learning Jazz Winter Party will be held Thursday, January 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Celebrated jazz pianist Erwin Helfer will be the guest musician. For tickets, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

Christian Century Study Groups provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. The next series begins Wednesday evening, February 2. Participants are asked to commit to attending at least five of the eight sessions of this series. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"The Future of Public Housing in Chicago," an upcoming Michigan Avenue Forum featuring the Executive Director of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Lewis Jordan, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. For information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest June 20–29. For information and an application (due February 11), contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison. All are welcome.

A support group for those dealing with loss and grief will be held at the Counseling Center on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning January 17 and concluding February 21. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

"How to Do Good Grief" will be the topic of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center's annual Midwinter Conference, to be held at the church on Saturday, February 5. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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 H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident
Matthew J. Helms, Pastoral Resident
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

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. 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 Sunday, January 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).