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4:00 Order of Worship 01.23.11

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: Rejoice, for God has sent the Messiah

People: **to bind up the brokenhearted;**

Leader: to proclaim liberty to the captives;

People: **to grant those who mourn a garland instead of ashes,**

Leader: the mantle of praise, instead of a faint spirit.

People: **Arise, shine, for our light has come!**

***Song** "I Love to Tell the Story"

Prayer for Illumination

Musical Reflection

Prayer of Confession *(responsively, from Psalm 130 and 138)*

Leader: I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—

People: **my Lord, listen to my voice!**

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

Leader: If you kept track of sins, Lord—

my Lord, who would stand a chance?

People: **But forgiveness is with you—**

that's why you are honored.

Leader: I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.

People: **My whole being waits for my Lord—**

more than the night watch waits for morning;

yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

Leader: Wait for the Lord! Because faithful love is with the Lord;

because great redemption is with our God!

People: **God is the one who will redeem us from all our sin.**

Silent prayers of confession

Leader: I give thanks to you with my whole heart, Lord.

I sing your praise before all other gods.

People: **I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name**

for your loyal love and faithfulness because you have

made your name and word greater than everything else.

Leader: On the day I cried out, you answered me.

You encouraged me with inner strength.

People: **Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you,
Lord, when they hear what you say.**

Leader: Let them sing about the Lord's ways because the Lord's glory is so great!

People: **Even though the Lord is high, God can still see the lowly,
but God keeps distant from the arrogant.**

Leader: Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again;
you send your power against my enemies' wrath;
you save me with your strong hand.

People: **The Lord will do all this for my sake.
Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord!
Don't let go of what your hands have made.**

***Song** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:2–11

(page 10, N.T.)

Musical Reflection

Sermon by John W. Vest

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***Song** "Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?"

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

"The Gift of Love"

English folk song

*Doxology

Lucy Smith

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

African American spiritual

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing; because the outpoured cup has meant our life; because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls; and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Sending

***Song** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

***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

John W. Vest

Associate Pastor

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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

Things are moving at Fourth Church! In the weeks ahead, you may notice temporary walls to enable ongoing P2C work to ready the 126 E. Chestnut site for the demolition and new building construction work. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

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.

Join us on Facebook! Stay up to date on Fourth Church news and information and find Fourth friends on the Fourth Presbyterian Church page.

Volunteers interested in helping with a broad social media venture at Fourth Church—one that will explore new opportunities for fundraising and calling people to action and involvement—are asked to send their name, email address, and a description of relevant professional background and experience to socialmedia@fourthchurch.org.

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.

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.

The Reverend Dr. J. Barrie Shepherd will be the guest preacher during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, January 30. Dr. Shepherd, a native of Great Britain and Minister Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in New York City, is a well-known preacher and lecturer in the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, and Africa.

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. YA Board Games Night will be held Tuesday, January 25 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 this 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 by Monday, January 24.

Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will host a Friday, February 4 program featuring Leo Melamed, Founder of the Financial Futures Market. For details or to register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will gather Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and a program addressing the ethics of the death penalty. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, February 9 at 12:00 noon.

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. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes continue to meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House. Beginning Sunday, January 30, Sunday School will relocate to Anderson Hall as enabling works for P2C construction progress.

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), with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Calvin Room, and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Room.

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 food pantry of the 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.

Worship

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes.

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

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 and offers opportunity to remember in prayer those in need.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church.

A Center for Life and Learning memorial service, held in remembrance of CLL members who have died during the previous year, will be held Thursday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 Building.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Mission and Outreach

Carnaval, the 2011 Mission Benefit, will be held Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton. Invitations for this annual gala supporting Chicago Lights, the Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning are in the mail. All are invited to visit the Carnaval table during Coffee Hour for tickets for the "Technology Treasures" drawing, to reserve a seat, or to learn about this event. For details, visit www.chicagolights.org.

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.

Those interested in participating in a Fourth Church mission trip are invited to consider the Tennessee, Lakota Reservations, Cameroon, and Northern Ireland trips. Visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html for details.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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).

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

“The Future of Public Housing in Chicago,” a Michigan Avenue Forum featuring the CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Lewis Jordan, will be held Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. For information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

A support group for those dealing with loss and grief will be held at the Lorene Replogle 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 or to register, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call 312.787.8425 by Saturday, January 29.

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.

The Annual Community Book Swap sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect will be held Saturday, February 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and offers opportunity to exchange books with other women and families and to donate books to different children’s agencies.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters on Mondays and Thursdays

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

Social Service Center helpers on the first Friday of each month

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).

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.

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 Monday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, February 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).