



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.

Call to Worship

*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.

* Stand as you are able

***Song** “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O Lord, we humbly admit that we have fallen short;
short of the expectations we had for ourselves,
and short of the expectations you had for us.
We have allowed the cold weather to cool our own hearts
and allowed trivial things to overrule
that which matters most to us.
Give us the fire of your Spirit;
help inspire us to follow you again,
trusting in your words to us and
holding on to your guiding hand.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 5:21–34

(page 37, N.T.)

Jazz Improvisation

Scripture Reading Mark 5:35–43

(page 37, N.T.)

Sermon by Matthew J. Helms
When Words Are Not Enough

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Lift High the Cross”

Sidney H. Nicholson

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles Converse

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** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

*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 H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

Andrea Pokrefke

Song Leader

Kevin Cline Jazz Trio

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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

Chairs of the Project Second Century Capital Campaign Leadership Team were announced this week: Andrew Brickman, Juli Crabtree, and Debbie Frisch. John Buchanan launched the public phase of this campaign on Sunday, December 19 with announcement of the Ken and Anne Griffin Matching Challenge. Everyone's support is needed to make the \$5.5 million challenge goal by Easter Sunday, April 24. Gift Intention forms for making campaign pledges are available in the pew racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, call Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

The 141st Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday, February 13 following 11:00 worship. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided.

Pictures of Fourth Church in the blizzard are posted on the Fourth Church page on Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch.

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.

Things are moving at Fourth Church! Westminster House is being readied for demolition in preparation for building construction work. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

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.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

The morning nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room.

Fourth Church youth meet Sundays 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.

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.

Joel Frankel will return to provide musical entertainment for the annual Day School Benefit on Saturday, February 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; admission is free. For details or to RSVP, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

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Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes will begin Sunday, February 20 and will be held at The Clare (on the corner of Rush and Pearson). Upcoming courses include “History of Peoples in the Holy Land,” led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek; “Introduction to the Bible,” taught by Tim Dozeman; and “Money Enough: A Book Study about Theology and Economics,” led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski. “Conversations about Music” with John Sherer will meet in Stone Chapel. Preregistration is required. For details or to register (required), visit the Academy table during Coffee Hour, pick up an Academy brochure, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

“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 this Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Books by Women will discuss *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 building (Chicago Avenue, east of Michigan Avenue).

Applications for the Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land (June 20–29) led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek are due Friday, February 11. For details or an application, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

Globalization in Africa will be the discussion topic for the Thursday, February 17 CLL luncheon. All men and women age sixty and more are welcome to attend. For details, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

“Women, Food, God,” a Tuesday evening discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For information, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

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.

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

A service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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

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)

Current Donation Needs

Toiletries (including shaving cream, soap) for Social Service Center guests

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

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five gather Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion and a time of fellowship. A weekend winter retreat for Young Adults will be held February 25–27 in Michigan. For details or to register, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individuals age forty-seven and older, will gather on Friday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building for a program on “Living Your Best Life Every Day.” For details or to register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will gather Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 a.m. for a breakfast program featuring Professor of Law Mark Osler speaking on his book, *Jesus on Death Row*. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 9.

Fourth for Bridge, a new fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on second Saturdays beginning February 12 at 7:30 p.m. Knowledge of bridge is required; no partner is needed. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, February 9.

A spiritual practices small group led by former Fourth Church Associate Pastor Carol Allen will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 17, at 6:00 p.m. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

The Annual Community Book Swap sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect will be held Saturday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. Participants will have opportunity to exchange books and to donate books to children’s agencies.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will gather Sunday, February 20 at 12:30 p.m. for their “Living in the Enlightened Spirit” discussion series. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Mission and Outreach

Carnaval, the 2011 Mission Benefit, will be held Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton. For more details about this annual gala supporting Chicago Lights, the Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning, to reserve a seat, or to participate in the “Technology Treasures” drawing, visit www.chicagolights.org.

Those interested in participating in a Fourth Church mission trip will find information in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Music and the Arts

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert at Fourth Church on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets for this concert featuring strings and piano will be available at the door.

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).