



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 *(based on Psalm 50:1–3a)*

Leader: The mighty one, God the Creator, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

People: **Speak to us, God, for we are listening.**

* Stand as you are able

***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 our opening song.

***Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession *(from Psalm 51)*

Holy One, God of mercy, we come before you with contrite hearts, knowing that we have not been faithful to you and to one another. We have not loved one another as you have commanded. We do not follow in the way of Jesus. Help us to show our love for you and illumine the path for us that we might walk in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Mark 8:22–26

(page 41, N.T.)

Musical Improvisation

Reflections on Scripture

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Scripture Reading Mark 8:27—9:1

(page 41, N.T.)

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Scripture Reading Mark 9:2–12

(page 41, N.T.)

Musical Improvisation

Reflections on Scripture

***Song** “Be Thou My Vision”



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

***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!**

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 "Of the Spirit, Born of Spirit"

J. B. O. Clemm

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Holy One, Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the gift of this bread and cup.
For in this meal, you feed us, nourish our souls,
and remind us of the sacrifice you have made for us.
O God, help us that this meal may strengthen us
to nourish your world. 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

Kerri N. Allen

Pastoral Resident

John W. Vest

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).

News and Opportunities

Lent

Ash Wednesday services will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m., with Communion and the opportunity for imposition of ashes as part of both services.

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning this Wednesday in the church literature racks, by email (simply send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and by Twitter: www.twitter.com/FourthChicago.

Deacons and pastoral staff will be conducting visits to members who are homebound and cannot make it to worship this Lent. Names of those who are unable to attend worship are being collected by the Pastoral Care Office; to submit a name, contact Sarah Johnson at 312.573.3360.

News and Resources

Westminster House is no longer accessible. Demolition of that part of the building will begin this week in preparation for the construction of the new building being built as part of Project Second Century. For more information about P2C, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

With the Delaware access through Westminster House no longer available, please use the Loggia or the Garth to enter the building for Sunday School and other morning programs.

Restrooms are now available through the Delaware door of the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary. The Parish House restrooms between Borden and the new reception desk continue to be available also.

To help build for the future, Project Second Century gifts and pledges will be matched, dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million, by members Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted by Easter Sunday, April 24. Gift Intention forms for making campaign pledges are available in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago) and receive sermons and daily devotions beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9. Also be sure to visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information. If you have a Twitter account, follow @FourthChicago. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to "like" Fourth Church to receive recent posts in your news feed.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Monday's Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets at 6:30 p.m. on March 7 and is also a prerequisite for membership.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13. Be sure to set clocks ahead an hour.

Complimentary certified tax preparation assistance is available courtesy of AARP and the Center for Life and Learning. Adults of all ages and income levels are invited to call 312.787.2729, ext. 368 for details or to schedule an appointment.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes are held at The Clare (on the corner of Rush and Pearson) unless otherwise noted. **“History of Peoples in the Holy Land,”** led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, and **“Money Enough”** led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski, meet at 9:30 a.m. **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Tom Dozeman, meets at 11:00 a.m. **“Conversations about Music”** with John Sherer meets at Fourth Church in Stone Chapel at 12:45 p.m.

Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin Sunday, March 20: **“Notions of the Afterlife”** with Adam Rose at 9:30 a.m. and **“Writing about Your Beliefs”** with Michele Weldon at 11:00 a.m. Class size is limited, so preregistration is required. Academy brochures with course details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

“How Much Is Enough? Rethinking Money, Faith, and Well-being” will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum presented by author and Presbyterian pastor Dr. Douglas Hicks on Friday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Women, Food, and 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.

Director Linda Eason will talk about the Lookingglass Theatre’s adaptation of *Ethan Frome* when Books by Women gathers to discuss that book on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 building.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

Fellowship for young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five is held each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building, which is located just two blocks from the church, on Chicago Avenue (just east of Michigan Avenue, behind Walgreens).

Sacred Space International founder Suzanne Morgan will speak this Friday, March 11 at an event hosted by the Fourth Dimension fellowship group. This 6:00 p.m. presentation will be held on the 19th floor of the 737 building. For details and to RSVP (required) contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. Mary Westra will talk about her book, *After the Murder of My Son*. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon this Wednesday, March 9.

Fourth for Bridge, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on second Saturdays beginning March 12 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, March 9.

ThirtiesForties will host a Lenten book study beginning next Sunday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building.

Volunteers

Additional Volunteer Needs

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

Care team members to help a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382).

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Letters to send to senators about funding programs for those who are hungry and those who are homeless are available at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

Those traveling to Cuba as part of the Fourth Church mission trip leave this Friday, March 11 for a week with our sister congregation in Havana.

The Benevolent Guild gathers to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Thank you to all who supported Carnival 2011, which benefited Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. The post-event online auction will be available this Friday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. and can be accessed at biddingforgood.com/carnaval until Monday, March 21 at 9:00 p.m.

Music and the Arts

The Lyon College Concert Chorale will present this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

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 prayer service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be held this Friday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

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.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

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.

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, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, March 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).