



## First Sunday in Lent

### 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 and remain standing for our opening song.*

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Song**            “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Prayer of Confession**

***Antiphon*** (*Psalm 142:1, sung by the congregation*)

Leader: God of creation, we confess that we have taken our world for granted.  
We have not been good stewards.  
We have been selfish in our exploitation of resources.  
We have not been mindful of future generations.

***Antiphon***

Leader: God of goodness and love,  
we confess that we have taken each other for granted.  
We have not lived as sisters and brothers.  
We are divided against each other.  
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

***Antiphon***

Leader: God of new beginnings,  
we confess that we have taken Jesus for granted.  
We have not walked in his path.  
We have resisted his radical ways.  
We have tamed his powerful message.

***Antiphon***

Leader: God of second chances,  
we confess that we have taken your grace for granted.  
We give up too easily.  
We don't learn from our mistakes.  
We forget that you love us no matter what.

***Antiphon***

Leader: Help us, God, to follow when you call.  
Help us to see beyond our limitations.  
Help us to resist temptation.  
Help us to let go of whatever keeps us from you.

### ***Antiphon***

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## **Hearing and Proclaiming the Word**

**Solo** "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" U2

**Scripture Reading** Mark 10:17–31 (page 43, N.T.)

**Sermon** by John W. Vest  
Letting Go

**\*Song** "I Surrender All"

## **Sealing the Word**

#### **Sharing of Gifts**

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

**Offertory Solo** "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" *Ira F. Stanphill*

**\*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** "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Doris M. Akers*

#### Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Loving God, you led your people through the wilderness, fed them manna from heaven, and brought them to the promised land. Having fed us with the body and blood of Christ, guide us in his footsteps, so that we may walk through the wilderness of this world to the promises of your kingdom. Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Song** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

## **\*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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#### **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](mailto:sjohnson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Blair Chapel memorabilia and sanctuary facade stonework replaced during the recent restoration** are part of the post-Carnaval online auction, which is open at [biddingforgood.com/carnaval](http://biddingforgood.com/carnaval) until Monday, March 21 at 9:00 p.m. Thank you to all who supported last week's Carnaval 2011, which benefited Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

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

**Construction and demolition pictures** are posted on Facebook: [facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch). Those who have a Facebook account are encouraged to "like" Fourth Church to receive recent updates.

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

**Saturday'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 9:00 a.m. on March 19 and is also a prerequisite for membership.

**Fourth Church is on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).**

**Gift Intention forms for making P2C capital campaign pledges** are available in the pew racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html). Please submit pledges by Easter Sunday, April 24 in order to have them doubled by the Ken and Anne Griffin Matching Challenge.

**Due to technical difficulties** on the part of service providers, the Fourth Church email system was unable to receive mail this past Tuesday and Wednesday. If you sent an email or made an online P2C pledge on those days, we would appreciate it if you would please resend your email or information. Thank you.

## Lent

**Daily Lenten devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available in the church literature racks, by email (simply send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and by Twitter: [www.twitter.com/FourthChicago](http://www.twitter.com/FourthChicago).

**A Holy Week retreat** offering time for quiet prayer and reflection will be led by Vicky Curtiss from Friday, April 22 at 5:15 p.m. through Saturday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cenacle on Fullerton. To register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Thursday, March 31.

**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 Opportunities

## Enrichment

**A Lenten Bible study and sermon discussion** will be held today and each Sunday in the sanctuary following 4:00 worship.

**“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 this Friday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**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.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html).

### Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

*CLL*, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Men’s Bible Study** will gather this Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

**“Women, Food, and God,”** a discussion group, meets on Tuesday evenings. For information, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

**“Home Safety: Fall Prevention,”** a program sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning and Center for Whole Health, will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 12:00 noon in the Calvin Room at 737.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Still Life: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel* by Louise Penny at its Tuesday, April 12 gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook.

## 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).

**ThirtiesForties** hosts a Lenten book study Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building.

## Volunteers

### Current 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)

### Current Donation Needs

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

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3382).*

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## Mission and Outreach

**Applications for the “Urban Regeneration: Chicago”** mission weekend (May 13–15) and the **Northern Ireland mission trip** (July 31–August 9) are due April 15 and May 1 respectively. Information and applications are available in the literature racks, online at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html), or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html).

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)).

## Children, Youth, and Family

**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.

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

## 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 Friday, March 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.

**For a preview of next Sunday’s worship** and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), by sending email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

## Music and the Arts

**Organist Ross Updegraff** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert.

**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](mailto: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](http://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 Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, March 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).