



Fourth Sunday of 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

Leader: We light a light in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us . . .
We light a light in the name of the Son,
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us . . .
We light a light in the name of the Spirit,
who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning . . .

People: **We light three lights for the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;
the beginning, the end, the everlasting one.**

* Stand as you are able

Prayer of Invocation

*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 "As We Gather at Your Table"

Prayer of Confession

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

Leader: God of grace, you invite us to a banquet, and we don't even respond. You set us a place at the table, but we find excuses not to come. You lovingly prepare for our arrival, yet we ignore your efforts. Forgive us, God.

Antiphon

Leader: God of creation, you give us a world capable of abundance, but we act as if it is a world of scarcity. You give us the resources and the intelligence to provide for all, yet we lack the will and the vision to feed all of your children. Forgive us, God, for filling our plates while others go hungry.

Antiphon

Leader: God of love, you call us to be the body of Christ in the world, but we hoard the blessings of communion for ourselves. Instead of loving our neighbors, we are consumed by the love of self. Instead of loving you, we bow before idols of our own making. Forgive us, God.

Antiphon

Leader: God of hope, we avert our eyes when we see hunger and need; we close our ears to the cries of the poor and the oppressed; we refuse to let our minds be opened to the realities of our world; we refuse to let our hearts overflow with love and compassion. Forgive us, God.

Antiphon

Leader: God of mercy, as you once again call us to your table, help us to respond in faith. Forgive our failures and help us to learn from them. Change our hearts and minds as we hear your good news proclaimed. Help us to taste and see the goodness you have prepared for us and for the world.

Antiphon

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 14:12–25

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Sermon by John W. Vest

Becoming the Body of Christ

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “Beautiful Thing”

*Hadewijch of Antwerp
arr. Dent Davidson*

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Prayers will be interspersed with the following refrain, sung by the congregation)

The Blessing of the Bread and Cup

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 "Lord, the Ancient Types and Symbols" *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

God of grace, your Son, Jesus Christ, left us this holy meal in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption, so that we may truly be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Sending

***Song** "Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)"

*Benediction

Leader: On our hearts and on our houses,

People: **the blessing of God.**

Leader: In our coming and our going,

People: **the peace of God.**

Leader: In our life and our believing,

People: **the love of God.**

Leader: At our end and new beginning,

People: **the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.**

*Benediction

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

Kerri N. Allen

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).

News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

Monday is the last day to make Interfaith Seder reservations. Tickets for the Tuesday, April 12 Seder at Chicago Sinai Congregation are available at the church reception desk.

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, April 15 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks. For more information, contact Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833 (wcarter@fourthchurch.org).

The last morning service on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be at 11:30 a.m. Because demolition and enabling work will limit the amount of space available for overflow seating this year, those who regularly attend the 9:30 and 11:30 Easter services are asked to consider attending the 8:00 service on Easter Sunday, a service that is identical to the 9:30 and 11:30 services.

During Holy Week, April 18–22, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. (There will be no lunch after the services this year.) On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

A Ukrainian Easter egg workshop will be held Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the 737 building. Space is limited. RSVP to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, April 11.

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 23, beginning at 10:30 p.m. in the Garth.

ThirtiesForties meets on Sundays for a Lenten book study at 12:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building.

Easter Brunch will not be held this year due to space constraints related to demolition and enabling work for P2C.

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), at www.fourthchurch.org, and by Twitter: www.twitter.com/FourthChicago.

News and Resources

Project Second Century pledge cards are available in the pew racks and throughout the church. Information and an online giving form are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html and from the Resource Development office staff: Lisa Radetski (312.981.3380), Kathryn Johnson (312.640.2576), or Anita Bright (312.274.3822).

Links for Lights, the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, will be held Monday, June 13 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Foursomes and individual golfers are invited to participate, and activities for non-golfers are also being planned. For details, contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 or visit www.chicagolights.org.

Demolition pictures are posted on Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes

meet Sundays at The Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). “**Notions of the Afterlife**,” led by Adam Rose, and “**Money Enough**,” led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski, meet at 9:30 a.m. “**Introduction to the Bible**,” taught by Tom Dozeman, and “**Writing about Your Beliefs**,” taught by Michele Weldon, meet at 11:00 a.m.

Men’s Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Men’s Group will meet for breakfast Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Steve Durchslag will talk about and show his collection of the Haggadah, a religious text presenting the order of the Passover Seder. RSVP at 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, April 6.

Nia fitness classes through the Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, call 312.787.2729, ext. 371 (www.NiaChicago.com).

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. at the 737 building.

Music and the Arts

A Michigan Avenue Forum on the art of Georges Rouault will be held this Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Sandra Bowden will speak and lead a gallery tour. A collection of Rouault’s work, “Seeing Christ in the Darkness,” is on exhibition in the Loggia.

Organist Aram Basmadjian will perform this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Newberry Consort will perform Series Concert 3: *Musica Secreta* conducted by David Douglass on Friday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610 or visiting www.newberryconsort.org.

Excerpts from Handel’s Messiah will be sung by the Chancel Choir during the Maundy Thursday service, and the Morning Choir will sing Bach’s *The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John* during the Good Friday evening Choral Service. Both services will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code) **Tutors** on Wednesday or Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

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

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Applications for the “Urban Regeneration: Chicago” mission weekend (May 13–15), the **Guatemala mission trip** (July 22–31), and the **Northern Ireland mission trip** (July 31–August 9) are due April 15, April 30, and May 1, respectively. More information and applications for all mission trips are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds.fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the 737 building for conversation and fellowship.

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will meet Monday, April 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Fourth Dimension will host Kindy Kruller of the Delta Institute on Friday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fourth for Bridge, a new fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. Knowledge of bridge is required; no partner is needed. For details and to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Thursday, April 7.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church youth meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, 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 Space.

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and second-floor Conference Room.

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.

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion. A Bible study follows the service.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. This brief service offers an opportunity to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and those in need.

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.

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