



Palm Sunday

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.

***Song** "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

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: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

People: **We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!**

* 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** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Prayer of Confession

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

Leader: Lord God, on this day your son Jesus entered the rebellious city that later rejected him, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

Antiphon

Leader: Lord, we confess that we have been less than dedicated to the life of faith. We are distracted by our desires and are paralyzed by our anxiety. We strive to control everything around us. We resist admitting our flaws, and we refuse to humble ourselves and give up our lives to you. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to recognize that you are there to accept us as we are and help us work for a better tomorrow. Help us to leave aside our restlessness and find our rest in you.

Antiphon

Leader: Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure. Forgive our capricious discipleship, and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar but always-new story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals. Mold us to the ways of the Servant, whose life we honor this day.

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 11:1–11

(page 44, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo “On the Willows”

Stephen Schwartz

***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 "If the Path I Travel"

Margaret E. Barber

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise that you invite us to this table, even in our unworthiness, to share in the feast you have prepared. As we walk the journey to the cross, help us to live in the shadow of this world's brokenness, so that we may truly experience the glory of being reborn in the Christ's resurrection. Walk with us this week and always. Amen.

Sending

***Song** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Scripture Reading Mark 15

(page 50, N.T.)

Sending Song “Were You There?”

(The congregation departs in silence.)

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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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

Holy Week and Easter

On Easter Sunday, April 24, a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service will be held at Oak Street Beach; Easter worship at Fourth Church will be held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m., with a jazz service at 4:00 p.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 Sunday, a service that is identical to the 9:30 and 11:30 services. Please also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

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

During Holy Week, April 18–22, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk starts at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Family Lutheran Church (Hobbie and Larrabee) in Cabrini-Green.

Daily Lenten devotions are available in the church literature racks, by email (devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and by Twitter: www.twitter.com/FourthChicago.

News and Resources

Just one week remains to make P2C gifts and pledges to be matched by the Griffin Matching Challenge. Everyone's participation is important in realizing the Project Second Century goal. 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).

A new giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to give a gift to P2C, Fourth Church, or Chicago Lights by using a credit or debit card. Gifts can be recorded or given anonymously.

Links for Lights, the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, will be held Monday, June 13 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Non-golfers will enjoy a day trip to Harbor Country. For details, call Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 or visit www.chicagolights.org.

Follow Fourth Church on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) to keep up-to-date on news and events and to view demolition pictures.

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Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

"U.S. and World Labor Organizations" will be the topic of a Center for Life and Learning luncheon on Tuesday, April 26 for men age sixty and more. For details, call Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

Preregister for Academy for Faith and Life classes that begin on Sunday, May 1: **"A Globally Hospitable Church,"** led by Dean Lueking, and **"Heart of a Stranger,"** led by Kerri Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and **"Reading from Cultural Perspectives,"** led by Frank Yamada, and **"Thinking about Worship for a Diverse Congregation,"** led by Joyce Shin, at 11:00 a.m. To register, complete a form found in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html or call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Cornerstones will learn about "Finding Your Roots," presented by Newberry Library Curator of Genealogy and Local History Matt Rutherford, on Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. Reservations are required. To register, call the Cornerstones infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

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 weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A Candlelighting Vespers for Mental Health Recovery and Understanding will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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. **Church members to usher** at the 8:00 a.m. service

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.

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Mission and Outreach

Blue bows volunteers are needed to take down the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month bows Friday, April 29. To sign up to help, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Applications for mission trips to Guatemala (July 22–31) **and Northern Ireland** (July 31–August 9) are due 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.

A letter urging state legislators to support a bill that will give justice to victims of sex trafficking crimes is available at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

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.

Music and the Arts

Tower Brass and John Sherer will perform a benefit Noonday Concert on Friday, April 29 to support those affected by the Japan earthquake and tsunami.

Artwork by Georges Rouault is on display in the Loggia.

Fellowship

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Knox Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Connect with other young couples! Those who are recently married, engaged, or partnered and want to meet other couples for monthly events are invited to call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Children, Youth, and Family

A Good Friday service for children will be held this Friday at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

An Easter service for children four years through fifth grade will be held Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the tent in the Garth. Parents and children should enter through the Garth, from Michigan Avenue.

Moms' groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly, some in the evenings and others during the day. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

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, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, May 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).