



## 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.*

\* Stand as you are able

## Call to Worship

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make today!

People: **For God liberates us from doubt and fear.**

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

People: **For Christ moves us past darkness and despair.**

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

People: **For the Holy Spirit awakens in us long-awaited new life.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

People: **Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!**

Leader: May his peace and presence be known to you.

People: **And also to you.**

## \*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 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

## Prayer of Confession

**Antiphon:** Psalm 23:6 (*sung by the congregation*)

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you that in the Easter gift of your Son, we celebrate our own resurrection. You promise us forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. You show us that nothing is impossible with you; you call us to live without fear; you summon us to walk through the door you have opened to a life lived in freedom.

**Antiphon**

Leader: Generous God, we confess that we have doubted the abundance of your gift given in Jesus Christ. We refuse to accept that you can forgive us; we doubt that your love can set us free; and a week after Easter Sunday, we act as if nothing has happened. We think that our lives can be no different from what they have been. We would rather live in our own houses that fall down around us than take the chance of walking through your door.

**Antiphon**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our doubt, our unbelief, and our lack of faith.  
Forgive us for willfully counting only on ourselves, when you have so graciously offered to take our burdens upon you. Help us to let go of our need for control, for power, and for dominance over our lives and everything within them.  
Even when many uncertainties remain in life, help us to trust in you.  
Help us to walk through your door.

### ***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** *selections from* Matthew 28:1–8, Mark 16:1–8, Luke 24:1–12, John 20:1–18

**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** “Window in the Skies”

**\*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** "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

*F.L. Eiland*

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

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you that in the midst of our uncertain and unfinished lives, you invite us to this table and feed us with gifts of bread and wine as strength for our journey. May we who have met you in love at this table take your message of love out into the world, that all may know the hope of resurrection. Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Song**

"Thine Is the Glory"

## \*Benediction

## Sending Song

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### 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

**Adam H. Fronczek**

Associate Pastor

**Matthew J. Helms**

Pastoral Resident

**Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet**

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## The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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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

**The count of P2C pledges continues,** but we are pleased to announce that gifts and pledges to Project Second Century have exceeded the \$5.5 million matching challenge goal. Gifts and pledges can still be made using the forms available online and throughout the building. The final campaign results will be announced as soon as the recording is complete.

**A day trip to Harbor Country in Michigan will be part of Links for Lights,** the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, to be held on Monday, June 13. The golf classic to support Chicago Lights will take place at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Reservations can be made online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org) or by contacting Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 ([rhoiben@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rhoiben@fourthchurch.org)).

**Daily devotions,** written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**“Like” Fourth Church on Facebook** to receive the latest Fourth Church news.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:**  
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago).

**A giving kiosk in the Narthex** makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School classes** meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Fourth Church Youth** meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Space. Confirmed eighth graders join Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Space.

**The Elevation Mother’s Day Flower Sale** takes place Sunday, May 8 during Coffee Hour and will support the youth trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics.

**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.

**The Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser** for their summer work camp trips will take place Sunday, May 22. Tickets will be available beginning May 15.

## Music and the Arts

**The Chicago Ensemble** will be in concert on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206.

**The Chicago Chamber Orchestra** will perform a free concert next Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Artwork by Georges Rouault** is on exhibit in the Loggia.

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## Worship

**A Bible study and sermon discussion** follow the 4:00 p.m. worship service.

**A Candlelighting Service for Mental Health Recovery and Understanding** will be held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, May 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

## Volunteers

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

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

**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.*

## Enrichment

**New Academy for Faith and Life classes** meet Sundays at the Clare: **"A Globally Hospitable Church,"** led by Dean Lueking, and **"Heart of a Stranger,"** led by Kerri Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and **"Reading the Bible from Cultural Perspectives,"** led by Frank Yamada, and **"Thinking about Worship for a Diverse Congregation,"** led by Joyce Shin, at 11:00 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

**"Not in Our Neighborhoods,"** a panel discussion on child sex trafficking in Chicago, will be held Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

**Martin Marty** will speak at a four-part series sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning on Thursday evenings, May 5–26 at the 737 building. All are invited to these presentations on varieties of fundamentalism. For details and fees, call Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks at its Tuesday, May 10 gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

### **Weekly Bible Study Opportunities**

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

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

# News and Opportunities

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** age twenty-two to thirty-five meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

**Inquirers' Class** offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Monday, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Second-Floor Conference Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

**Cornerstones** will meet on Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building for a presentation by the Newberry Library curator of genealogy and local history. To register (required), call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Monday, May 2.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for a presentation on "High Speed Rail in the Midwest?" by the executive director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association on Friday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the 737 building. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The Men's Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. Larry Braskamp and Ken Vander Weele will speak on "India: A Country of Opportunity," a report on their recent stay in India with Opportunity International. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, May 10.

**Fourth for Bridge**, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**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.

## Mission and Outreach

**Applications for mission trips to Guatemala** (July 22–31) **and Northern Ireland** (July 31–August 9) are due today. For details, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html).

**Ecojustice** will be the topic of a Care of Creation panel presentation on Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

**The Chicago Lights Associates Board**, a new leadership opportunity for young professionals, will hold an informational meeting Wednesday, May 25. For details, contact Erin Dalpini at 312.981.3596 ([edalpini@fourthchurch.org](mailto:edalpini@fourthchurch.org)).

**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, call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

**To vote for Chicago Lights to receive \$25,000** as part of the Chase Community Giving campaign, visit [facebook.com/chicagolights](http://facebook.com/chicagolights).

**A letter urging aldermen** to support the Clean Power Ordinance is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html).



## 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 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](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).