



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 (Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved; the one who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **The one who keeps us will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: **The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

People: **The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore. Amen.**

* Stand as you are able

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers in Christ. 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** “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Musical Improvisation

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

Silence

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

People: **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Silent prayers of confession

Leader: O people, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is God who will redeem us from all our iniquities. Amen.

Song “When the Storms of Life Are Raging”

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon by John W. Vest

Reflecting on the Death of the Wicked

Exodus 21:12–27

Ezekiel 18:1–32

Matthew 26:47–56

Matthew 5:38–48

Luke 19:41–44

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Solo

“Love’s in Need of Love Today”

Stevie Wonder

*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 "Of All the Gifts Thy Love Bestows"

John Stevenson

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

God of grace and love, at this sacred table you have shared with us the mysteries of bread that is broken and a cup that is poured out. Fed in ways too deep for words, transform us into the body of Christ to go out into the world to love others as you love us. Amen.

Sending

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

*Benediction

Sending Song

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.

Gifts to help those affected by the recent devastating storms in the South can be made by using the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance offering envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “PDA” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Worship Leaders

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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).

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2011 are asked to contact Deanna Fedaj (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org) at 312.573.3364 no later than Monday, May 9 so that they can be recognized next Sunday, May 15, which is Baccalaureate Sunday.

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, along with non-golfers who may attend a day trip to Harbor Country. Reservations can be made in the Narthex or online at www.chicagolights.org.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building being built as part of Project Second Century will be Sunday, June 5 following 11:00 worship.

Theological reflections on the killing of Osama bin Laden, written by Fourth Church pastors, are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/reflections.html.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, via Facebook and Twitter, and by email: send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter—
@FourthChicago—to receive daily devotions, Fourth Church sermons, and occasional updates.

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

New photos are added weekly to the Fourth Church page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. Be sure to "Like" Fourth Church in order to stay up to date on the latest Fourth Church news.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give a gift to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C. A receipt will be printed immediately, and gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet 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 and confirmed eighth graders gathering in the Multipurpose Space.

The Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for their summer work camp trips will take place Sunday, May 22. Tickets will be available next Sunday, May 15 during Coffee Hour and on May 22 at the door.

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.

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Enrichment

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

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held Sundays at the Clare (Rush and Pearson):
“**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.

Martin Marty will speak about “The Faces of Fundamentalism” as part of an ongoing series sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning on Thursday evenings at the 737 building. All are invited. For details and fees, call Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386 (ssoltero@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Violinist Ryan Loeckel, a member of the Fourth Church music staff, will perform this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Artwork by Georges Rouault is on exhibit in the Loggia.

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 12:45 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

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 for this daily opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

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. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

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.

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Mission and Outreach

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).

The Benevolent Guild gathers to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. Meetings are held on Wednesdays 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, stop by the Narthex or contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

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)

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.

Fellowship

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for conversation about faith and the rise of the entertainment industry.

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. in Anderson Hall. Larry Braskamp and Ken Vander Weele will talk about their recent stay in India with Opportunity International. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, May 10.

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 Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, is a prerequisite for membership.

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.

Young couples 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.

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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