



## 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.*

### \*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.*

\* Stand as you are able

### **Call to Worship** (*Psalm 100*)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

People: **we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

People: **give thanks to God and praise God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;  
God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

**\*Song** "Be Thou My Vision"

### **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you are our creator and our helper, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. When we have no place else to turn, you are there to save us. We confess that we have been neglectful in loving you and loving our neighbors. Disappointed that you do not always care for us at the time or in the way we would choose, we are impatient and have turned away from you. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be confident of your presence even when we doubt you are there. Help us to love one another with patience and perseverance, just as you have loved us. Amen.**

## **Hearing and Proclaiming the Word**

### **Jazz Improvisation**

**Psalter** Psalm 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

#### ***Antiphon:***

Leader: God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. God renews my life and guides me along right pathways for the sake of God's Name. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

### ***Antiphon***

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

### ***Antiphon***

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 18:1–15 (page 13, O.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 Music** “Standing on the Promises”

*R. Keslo Carter*

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

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

**God, we thank you for the promises  
you have made to us and for the promises you keep.  
We thank you that in this holy meal  
you again show your presence in our lives,  
keeping your promise to strengthen and care for us wherever we go.  
Send us out into the world to care for others as you have cared for us.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

## \*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

**Kerri N. Allen**

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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 ([jwatt@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## Mission and Outreach

**Fourth Church Senior Highs** are currently participating in their work camp trip in Detroit, where they are doing light home repair and food ministries from July 9–16. Please keep the youth and their leaders in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

**The Annual School Supply Drive** organized by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee begins today. Donations can be dropped off during the week at the church reception desk or at the 737 building. For a list of the top items needed, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/women.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women.html).

**An intergenerational luncheon** celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of Summer Day and lifting up the theme “Exercise: A Healthy Choice” will take place Thursday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 ([aelskus@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aelskus@fourthchurch.org)).

**A Guatemala Mission trip** over Christmas break will provide an opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. To apply, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Monday, September 19.

**A letter urging President Barack Obama** to lift the travel ban to Cuba is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html) and at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour.

**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 Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

## 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 outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be on Friday, July 22.

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

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Summer Sunday School** for preschool through fifth grade meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held August 15–19 with the theme “Hometown Nazareth.” To register, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 ([dholladay@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dholladay@fourthchurch.org)).

**A drop-in summer playgroup** for parents and their children through three years old is held on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 ([lnickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnickerson@fourthchurch.org)).

## News and Resources

**A tour of Brookdale Senior Residences**, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health and the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Thursday, August 4. The tour will include presentations of the two residences, Hallmark and Kenwood Lakeview, along with lunch and dessert. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

**Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board** are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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

**Project Second Century (P2C) construction** of the five-story Gratz Center, which will house classrooms, gathering spaces, and the Buchanan Chapel, is continuing work on the foundation. We are deeply grateful to all who have given gifts to make this project possible, including those who helped raise \$9.4 million toward the Griffin Matching Challenge, surpassing the challenge goal of \$5.5 million. For periodic photo updates of the construction, visit [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).

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

**Stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news, resources, photos:** “Like” Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

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

## Enrichment

**Nia fitness classes** offered through the Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building. For information or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

**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 this Monday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

**A Crop Rotation and Fertilization workshop** will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). This workshop is free and open for those ages ten and older. For information, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 ([nholbert@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)).

**Weekly Bible Study Opportunity**  
CLL Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

# News and Opportunities

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meet Sundays by the Garth fountain following 11:00 worship for fellowship. They also gather on Monday evenings for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

**A grief support group** for those dealing with significant losses will meet tomorrow, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. and each Monday thereafter through August 15 at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center (which is now on the third floor). For information or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**An excursion to Cedarburg, Wisconsin**, offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place this Tuesday, July 12 at 8:00 a.m. Anyone ages sixty and more is invited to attend and explore nineteenth-century living in this historic town. For details or to register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

**The Chicago Lights Urban Farm** will host "Small Bites, Small Bands" on Friday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). Featuring local bands and food from Chicago chefs, "Small Bites, Small Bands" is an all-ages event that takes place on the third Friday of the month during the summer. For information, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

**Bridge lessons** through the Center for Life and Learning are offered on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

## Music and the Arts

**Vocalist Libby York** will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard as a part of the Music by the Fountain series.

**An art exhibition, "Seeing with Indian Eyes,"** featuring artwork by P. Solomon Raj, will be on display in the Loggia through mid-August. The exhibit curator will be available for an informal Gallery Talk this Wednesday, July 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Loggia.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Helpers at the Urban Farm** on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and in the Urban Farm's office on weekdays to assist with community outreach

**Helpers for Summer Day**, anytime Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**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.*



## 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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

**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, July 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 24 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)).