



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 (based on Psalm 147:1–7)

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: **The Lord builds up the city; God gathers the outcasts from exile.**

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: **God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

People: **The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; God casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on instruments of praise!

***Song** "O for a World"

Prayer for Illumination

Prayer of Confession (*Psalms 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 Israel, 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 Israel from all its iniquities. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven 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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter

By the Rivers of Babylon

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:11–20

(page 411, O.T.)

WorkCamp Reflections

Song

“Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)”

All things bright and beautiful you are;
all things wise and wonderful you are.
In my darkest night, you brighten up the skies.
A song will rise.

I will sing a song of hope. Sing along:
God of heaven come down, heaven come down.
Just to know that you are near is enough.
God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

All things new I can start again.
Creator, God, calling me your friend.
Sing praise, my soul, to the Maker of the skies.
A song will rise.

Hallelujah, sing. Hallelujah, sing. Hallelujah, sing.

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music

“Inner City Blues”

Marvin Gaye and James Nyx Jr.

***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 Music "Corner of the Sky"

Stephen Schwartz

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace and love, at this sacred table you have shared with us the holy mysteries of bread that is broken and a cup that is poured out. You call us home from exile and restore our lives. Transform us now into the body of Christ to go out into the world to love and serve others in your name. Amen.

Sending

***Song**

"Servant Song"

***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.

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest

Associate Pastor

Kimberlee Frost

Youth Ministry Associate

**2011 Senior High WorkCamp
to Detroit, MI**

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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).

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

The Annual School Supply Drive, organized by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, is underway and continues through August 28. 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.

An intergenerational luncheon, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health and Center for Life and Learning, will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Summer Day. The themed luncheon, "Exercise: A Healthy Choice," will take place on Thursday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

A Guatemala Mission trip over Christmas break will provide an opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. To apply, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, September 19.

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.

A letter urging U.S. senators to form a circle of protection around funding for programs for the hungry in the U.S. and abroad is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

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, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, July 22. 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.

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 the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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.

News and Resources

Hardy Kim was elected Associate Pastor for Evangelism at last week's congregational meeting and will join the Fourth Church staff on August 8. Hardy previously served Fourth Church as Pastoral Resident in 2007 and 2008.

The 2010 Chicago Lights Annual Report, which provides a detailed account of programmatic accomplishments and giving in 2010, has been mailed to member homes. Chicago Lights is a nonprofit organization reflecting and expanding Fourth Church's historic commitment to serve the city and our urban neighbors. Supporting the 2011 Church Alive Annual Appeal makes possible the mission and outreach of Chicago Lights and Fourth Church. For more information about giving to the 2011 Annual Appeal, visit www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html or contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

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.

A tour of Brookdale Senior Residences will take place on Thursday, August 4. The tour, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health and the Center for Life and Learning, will include lunch and dessert. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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

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. Recommendations will be received through September 30.

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. at 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 Sunday, July 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

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

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for fellowship on Sundays by the Garth fountain following 11:00 worship. 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 meets every Monday through August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center (which is now on the third floor). For information, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

An excursion to the state fair in Wisconsin, offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Monday, August 8. Those sixty years and more are invited to enjoy classic American tastes, sights, and sounds during this full-day trip. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men's pants, all sizes but especially sizes 32-36

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Assistants for Vacation Bible School from August 15-19

Cooks/servers for Sunday night supper

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)

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

Music and the Arts

A choral group from Windy City Performing Arts will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

An art exhibition, "Seeing with Indian Eyes," featuring batiks, woodblock prints, copper etchings, and acrylics by P. Solomon Raj, will be on display in the Loggia through mid-August.

Children, Youth, and Family

The Chicago Lights Summer Day final performance, "Rise Up," will be held Thursday, August 4 at 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend as these students showcase through acting, song, and dance what they have learned from this summer program.

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

Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be held on August 15-19 with the theme "Hometown Nazareth," which will recreate the life and times of Jesus' hometown. Stop by Coffee Hour to register or volunteer. Registration information is also available from Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (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).

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.

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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