



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 (responsively)

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come dwell with us as we gather in this place.

People: Find us where we are.

Leader: Show us what stops us reaching out to those who are different.

People: Show us what stops us speaking your word of truth and strength.

Leader: Show us what stops us building bridges to those who have hurt us.

All: Dissolve the attitudes and fears in our lives, that block the flow of your Spirit. Amen.

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

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51)

Antiphon: (sung by the congregation)

Leader: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion! Wash me completely

clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

Antiphon

Leader: Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me. I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

Antiphon

Leader: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me. And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

Antiphon

Leader: Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more. Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds! Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 37:1–36

(page 32, O.T.)

Sermon by John W. Vest Sins of Our Fathers and Mothers

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Love's in Need of Love Today" Stevie Wonder

*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 Lucy Smith

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 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Doris M. Akers

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 your children and invite us to love each other as sisters and brothers. Transformed by your Spirit, send us out into the world to love and serve others in your name. Amen.



***Song** "Guide My Feet"

*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
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).

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. The top five items needed this week are pencils (packs of 8–12), backpacks (extra-large), backpacks (small, for preschool and kindergarten), black ink pens (packs of 8–12), and spiral notebooks (wide-ruled). Donations can be dropped off during the week at the church reception desk or at the 737 building. For a complete list of items needed, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.

A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break will provide an opportunity to help build a home and a school outside of Antigua. For information or to apply, contact Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch. org) by Monday, September 19.

A letter urging Illinois state senators to support an increase in the minimum wage in Illinois is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm is holding open hours on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New volunteer orientation is held each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

On September 11, a community service of commemoration will be held at Fourth Church at 7:00 p.m. Cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, the Downtown Islamic Center, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral, it will include reflections by John Buchanan and other representatives from each of the faith communities as well as the world premiere of Aaron David Miller's "Voices of Peace," sung by a 95-member choir and based on children's poetry about peace.

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 congregation and those in need.

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 Friday, August 26. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information about the service, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

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.

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News and Resources

The Chicago Architecture Foundation's "Devil in the White City" tour will be available for all those sixty and more on Wednesday, August 24. For fee details or to register (required), call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Monday, August 15.

Those who have not yet completed a 2011 Giving Response Card for the Church Alive Annual Appeal are encouraged to do so to help Fourth Church and Chicago Lights meet the need for the \$5.2 million in pledged gifts required for the 2011 budget. We are deeply grateful to the 1,001 households who have already made pledges, with commitments totaling \$3.7 million, helping to ensure that Fourth Church is truly a Church Alive. Pledges can be made at www. fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html or by using the Giving Response Cards available in the pew racks.

Nominating forms for the officers 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

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.

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

received through September 30.

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.

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

Enrichment

Weekly Bible Study Opportunity

CLL Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

"Go with the Grain," a cooking demonstration, will take place on Thursday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the 737 building. To register (required), contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

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, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

T'ai Chi classes offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health will be held on Thursdays beginning September 8 in the 737 building. To register (required), call the T'ai Chi InfoLine at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Single parents interested in forming a group to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting are invited to contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (Inickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth-graders is August 15–19. The "Hometown Nazareth"-themed program is held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A drop-in playgroup for parents and their children is held on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (Inickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

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

"Small Bites, Small Bands," featuring local bands and food from Chicago chefs, will take place on Friday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). This all-ages event is held on the third Friday of the month. For information, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones is gathering for an old-fashioned barbeque and potluck dinner on Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by August 31.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men's shoes and pants for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

Adult assistants for Vacation Bible School

August 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adults to assist with the Urban Farm children's summer program August 22-26 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Church members to teach Sunday School in the fall

Clothes sorters for the Elam Davies Social Service Center on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Cooks/servers for the weekly Social Service Center Sunday night supper

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

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

Music and the Arts

Anyone interested in singing during the community service of commemoration at Fourth Church on September 11 is invited to join the choirs of Holy Name Cathedral, Fourth Church, and Chicago Sinai Congregation for rehearsals on Thursday, September 1 and 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For information, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Vocalist Laura Freeman will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

An art exhibition, "Seeing with Indian Eyes," by P. Solomon Raj will be on display in the Loggia through mid-August.

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

Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident
Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
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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