



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 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty"

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As sisters and brothers in one human family, gathered here to worship God,

let us greet one another with the peace of Jesus 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.

*Opening Song "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

Response "Lord, Have Mercy"

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 146 (responsively)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:1–9

(page 157, O.T.)

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Sweatshirts and Baseball Caps: Which Team Is Yours?

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Beautiful Thing" Hadewijch of Antwerp; adapted by Dent Davidson

*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!

SanctusLucy 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 "Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe P. Knapp

Prayer After Communion (unison)

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Closing Song Guide My Feet

*Benediction

Sending Music

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

Judith L. Watt John W. Vest Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet Associate Pastor Associate Pastor

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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

Enrichment

"The King James Bible at 400," a special Michigan Avenue Forum at the Newberry Library, will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with Randall Zachman speaking, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. To register for this free event, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

"The Branch We Seldom Climb," a discussion for men sixty and more about the U.S. Supreme Court, will take place on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the 737 building. To register for this Center for Life and Learning event, call Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). "Christianity without Heaven or Hell," led by John Vest, and "Expected Grace: Can Jesus' Interactions with Women Help You Get Over Your Fear of the Bible," led by Judy Watt, will meet at 9:30 a.m. "Understanding Arab Spring," led by Azam Nizamuddin, and "At the Name of Jesus," led by Tom Rook, will meet at 11:00 a.m.

A "Living a Balanced Life: Coping with Stress and Anxiety" workshop will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 8:00 a.m. at the 737 building. Registration forms are available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. To register for this free event, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

A Family Night of pumpkin decorating will take place on Friday, October 21 in Anderson Hall. Families with younger children may arrive at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. Families with older children are invited to arrive at 6:15 p.m.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for parents who are expecting a child or who have had a child in the last year will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (Inickerson@fourthchurch.org).

A Moms' Group for moms of children ages 5-12 meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. at Oak Tree (900 N. Michigan). For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (Inickerson@fourthchurch.org).

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).

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News and Resources

A Fall Festival, including a costume contest, pumpkin carving, and fresh food, will take place on Saturday, October 22 at 12:00 noon at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago).

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church:

"Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

The 737 building, which provides additional off-site program and office space on the 19th floor during P2C construction, is located on Chicago Avenue, two blocks south of Fourth Church and just east of Michigan Avenue and Walgreens.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work. The number of lanes in use on Michigan Avenue will also be limited during October.

The 2011 Covenant Network Conference,

"Reconciling: Voices, Visions, Vocations," will be held November 3–5 in Durham, North Carolina. Registration details are available online at covnetpres.org.

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

The Ninth Annual Caring Luncheon Celebration

will take place on Thursday, November 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. All caregivers and those who receive care are invited to this free event. Registration is requested by Thursday, October 25. To RSVP, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date! Carnaval 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

Worship

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, October 28. 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 more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

An All Saints' Service featuring Brahms' *Requiem* sung by the Morning Choir will take place on Sunday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray with a Deacon at that time.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary 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.

Annual Appeal

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks and online. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For information, contact Kathryn Johnson, Associate Director for Development Relations, at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Cellist Sarah Marsh will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

The art exhibition "Bound for Glory," featuring Timothy Botts's expressive calligraphy inspired by African American spirituals, is on display in the Loggia through late November. An artist reception will take place Sunday, November 6 during Coffee Hour following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers to serve in hospitality and registration at the Care, Comfort, and Coffee Symposium on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at Fourth Church

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and in the office during the week

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 at 312.981.3382 (Inicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

A trip to Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday, October 19. A bus will depart from the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson) at 8:00 a.m. Anyone sixty years and more is invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Tutoring Holiday Cards will be available during Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 23. Cards are also available Monday–Thursday evenings during Tutoring this month. The cards being offered this year are cards remaining from previous years, as the Holiday Card program has been discontinued. Cards are available in 16-card packs, for \$5 per pack.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays, except the third Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 a.m. in the Superior Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

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, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@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 Judy 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 John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

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 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 Sunday, October 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).