

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

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

People: and we have seen his glory.

Leader: To all who received him,

People: he gave power to become children of God.

*Opening Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to God. O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Leader: We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and resistance to prayer, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities for service, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Leader: Let each of us in silence make confession to God.

Please observe some moments of silence for silent prayers of confession.

Leader: Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your abundant mercy, cleanse me from my sin and create in me a clean heart. Put a new and right spirit within me. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

*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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture	1 Samuel 3:1–10

John 1:43–51

Sermon Judith L. Watt Robocalls, Crank Calls, Missed Calls, God's Calls

Jazz Improvisation

Seal<mark>ing the Word</mark>

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "In the Garden"

*Doxology

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

(page 236, O.T.)

(page 87, N.T.)

C. Austin Miles

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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Robert E. Kreutz

Prayer After Communion (unison)

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have given us your love in this feast of good news. We thank you that you have refreshed us in the company of one another with your word, with song, with prayer, and with this meal. Now strengthen us and defend us, we pray, in joyful service to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song "The Summons"

*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 Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Honoring John Buchanan

This week the memory box for John and Sue Buchanan is being assembled so it can be presented to them at the Sunday, January 22 congregational meeting. Private expressions of gratitude, well wishes, or shared memories can be submitted as notes, letters, or photos to thank John and Sue for their ministry among us and to wish them well postretirement. They can be emailed to memorybox@ fourthchurch.org or dropped off at the reception desk today.

Walter Brueggemann will speak this Thursday at a special Michigan Avenue Forum honoring John Buchanan. The topic will be Christianity— "where it's been and where it's going." A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann's comments at this special January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. A brief reception will follow the symposium. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

A special meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church congregation has been called by the Session for Sunday, January 22. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with John Buchanan, effective Tuesday, January 31. The gift of the congregation—a memory box of notes, messages, and photos from members and friends—will be presented; there will be a brief program; and a reception with John and Sue Buchanan will follow. All are invited to attend.

News and Opportunities

John Buchanan's last Sunday as Pastor of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. Please note that the third morning service on January 29 will be at 11:30 a.m. To accomodate all who will be worshiping with us that morning, we encourage those who regularly attend the 9:30 or 11:00 service to consider attending the 8:00 service that day.

A drop-in meet-and-greet open house for John and Sue Buchanan will take place between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29 at the Drake Hotel. All are invited to attend.

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.

Morning Prayer is held Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday through Friday at 9:30 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 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.

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you've not yet "Liked" Fourth Church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), please do so today and invite your friends to like us too. You can see photos of the Gratz Center construction, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

A new art exhibition "1985-2011:

A Retrospective," featuring photographs of ministry at Fourth Church during the twenty-six years John Buchanan has served as Pastor, is on display in the Loggia through February 21.

Light, the new CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available by calling Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

Soprano Erin Snell will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Mission and Outreach

Donations needed for Carnaval's Silent Auction include sports/event tickets, airline tickets, home décor and art items, and restaurant and spa gift cards. Volunteers for the Silent Auction Committee are also needed. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (Iradetski@ fourthchurch.org).

Connect with Chicago Lights, a nonprofit organization at Fourth Church serving those facing the challenges of poverty. Chicago Lights is on Facebook, Twitter, and at www.chicagolights.org.

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).

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. on the 19th floor of the 737 building,

Moms' Groups for new moms and moms of sixto twelve-year-olds meet regularly. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (Inickerson@ fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion as part of the weekly "Called to Be" Gathering series.

A support group for those mourning significant losses will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center from January 30 through March 5. To register, call 312.787.8425.

This year's Women's Winter Retreat is "Exploring the Essence of Spiritual Friendships." It will be held on Saturday, February 4 at the 737 building. To register, contact Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@ fourthchurch.org).

Nia fitness classes, offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

The Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, is hosting two events this week at 703 W. Monroe St. "Hear It from the Pros: Make the Connection with Recruiters, HR, and Hiring Managers" will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 11:15 a.m. and "Over 40 and Hired" will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. To register (required) for these free events, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

Join us in reading the entire Bible in a year!

Fourth Church is participating in a congregationwide Bible journey that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31. **A weekly Bible study** of the texts for the week takes place on Tuesdays at the 737 building (Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan; 19th floor) at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Bible studies, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364. **Daily devotions** (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, email from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and in the literature racks) also reflect on the daily readings.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children Mondays–Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (Inicholson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

A congregational luncheon will take place in Anderson Hall following the Annual Meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 12. Tickets are available at the church reception desk today and during the week.

Children's Christmas Pageant photos as well as other photos from Christmas at Fourth Church are posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch. org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; and devotional resources.

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

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 Pastoral 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 Pastoral 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 Anderson Hall (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 Street) 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, January 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 18 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).