



## Transfiguration of the Lord

### 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

All you who are thirsty, come and drink living water. All you who are hungry, come and enjoy the bread of life. Come to the mountaintop to encounter the living God. Come to the mountaintop to dwell in God's presence. Come to the mountaintop to be transformed. Come to the mountaintop at Christ's own bidding.

**\*Opening Song** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

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

**God of compassion,  
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,  
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.  
We confess that we speak when we should listen  
and act when we should wait.**

*Silent prayers of confession*

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.  
Grant us wisdom to live in your light  
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
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.*

**\*Song** “Halle, Halle”

*Caribbean traditional*

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter**      Psalm 19

**Antiphon** (*sung by the congregation*)

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and skies are the work of God's hands.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
In the deep God has set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

**Antiphon**

The law of God is perfect  
and renews life;  
the testimony of God is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of God are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of God is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of God is clean  
and endures forever;  
the judgments of God are true  
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

### **Antiphon**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound  
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth

and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O God, my strength and my redeemer.

### **Antiphon**

#### **Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

**O God, glorious and faithful,**

**to those who seek you with a sincere heart,**

**you reveal the beauty of your face.**

**Strengthen us in faith**

**to embrace the mysteries of your good news**

**and open our hearts to its transforming power.**

**Clinging in love to your will for us,**

**may we walk the path of discipleship**

**as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture** Mark 9:2–9

(page 41, N.T.)

**Sermon** John W. Vest  
Wasting God's Time

**Musical Reflection**

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

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

## Offertory Music "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

*George Henry Day*

## \*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** "Spirit Song"

*John Wimber*

**Prayer After Communion** (*unison*)

**God of light, you are great indeed. You have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, and we thank you for your saving grace. Transform us by your Spirit, and let your love shine in all we do and say, that all the world may see the radiant light of God. Amen.**



## Sending

**\*Closing Song** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

**\*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**

<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Adam H. Fronczek</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet</b>	

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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](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Volunteers to help before and during Carnival** on Friday, March 2

**Tutors for children** in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

### **Current Donation Needs**

**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 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Joel Frankel** will entertain children and families at the Day School Benefit on Saturday, February 25, with a reception at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse.

**A South Loop Moms' Group**, for moms with a child two years or younger, meets on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** gather for fellowship and discussion on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

## Mission and Outreach

**Tickets for Carnival 2012**—the March 2 Chicago Lights gala—are available online at the Chicago Lights website at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org).

**The Carnival pre-event online auction** is underway! Now through Tuesday, February 28, visit [biddingforgood.com/carnaval](http://biddingforgood.com/carnaval) to bid on a wonderful assortment of items benefiting Carnival 2012.

**Tickets for the Technology Treasures drawing**—benefiting Carnival and offering a prize package worth \$5,000—are available online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org).

**A discussion of *Very Young Girls***, a film on the commercial sexual exploitation of girls, will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

**A screening and discussion of *The Interrupters*** will be held on Monday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. A reception with light refreshments will take place at 5:00 p.m. preceding the screening.

**Applications for the Lakota Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations mission trip** (June 16–23) are due Monday, March 19. Details and application forms are available in the literature racks or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 ([vreynolds@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vreynolds@fourthchurch.org)).

**Photos of congregational life** are posted on Facebook. You'll also find there reflections on the daily readings that are part of our journey through the entire Bible and information about upcoming events. To be sure not to miss out on the latest at Fourth Church, "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone)—and invite your friends to like us too!





# News and Opportunities

## Worship

**Ash Wednesday services** will be held this Wednesday, February 22 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m., with Communion and the opportunity for imposition of ashes at both services.

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering opportunity for a time of prayer and silent reflection. The next service will be this Friday, February 24.

**World-renowned biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann** will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, March 4. The following two Sundays, March 11 and 18, Deborah Kapp, a former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church and currently a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00.

## Music and the Arts

**Organist Aaron David Miller**, former Associate Organist at Fourth Church and the composer of the 9/11 "Voices of Peace," will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be received.

## News and Resources

**A Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** was elected by the congregation at last Sunday's Annual Meeting. Serving on that eleven-member committee are co-chairs Juli Crabtree and Doug Grissom along with Nicholette Andrews, Ranjan Daniels, Sam Evans, Joan Hall, Marc Miller, Mark Nelson, Brad Pierce, Arlene Raine, and Hilary Richardson. To learn more, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html).

## Enrichment

**Academy for Faith and Life classes** meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

**"Values Clarification,"** a seminar led by Tom Schemper and Fraser Clark, will be offered this Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. For registration details, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**"Caring for Loved Ones with Breast Cancer,"** a seminar sponsored by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held this Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**"Change Your Story: Change Your Life,"** the Midwinter Conference through the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**"Vocation and Daily Work: Faith, Values, and Choice"** will be held on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

**A film screening and discussion, "Eating Mercifully,"** will take place on Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). RSVP to Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

**The congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year** is supported by a variety of resources: A Bible study of the previous week's texts meets at the 737 building Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html) and in the literature racks.

## 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](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 Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) after worship for coffee, 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 \$8.00. 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, February 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, February 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, March 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).