

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** “We’ve Come to Worship You”

Stephen Key

***Opening Song** “Christ Is Alive!”

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon: Psalm 23:6 (*sung by the congregation*)

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you that in the Easter gift of your Son we celebrate our own resurrection. You promise us forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. You show us that nothing is impossible with you; you call us to live without fear; you summon us to walk through the door you have opened to a life lived in freedom.

Antiphon

Leader: Generous God, we confess that we have doubted the abundance of your gift given in Jesus Christ. We refuse to accept that you can forgive us; we doubt that your love can set us free; and a week after Easter Sunday, we act as if nothing has happened. We think that our lives can be no different from what they have been. We would rather live in our own houses that fall down around us than take the chance of walking through your door.

Antiphon

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our doubt, our unbelief, and our lack of faith. Forgive us for willfully counting only on ourselves, when you have so graciously offered to take our burdens upon you. Help us to let go of our need for control, for power, and for dominance over our lives and everything within them. Even when many uncertainties remain in life, help us to trust in you. Help us to walk through your door.

Antiphon

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

Scripture Romans 1:8–17

(page 142, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Samuel McFarland

***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 "Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe P. Knapp

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God, we thank you for this meal, a meal of common bread and juice, regular things that you make holy, reminding us of your presence in our everyday world. Send us out to live as your disciples, thankful for the gift of Christ and inspired to share his good news in all we do. Amen.



Sending

Closing Song "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

***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

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

John W. Vest

Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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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).

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

The 100th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking will be commemorated in a concert by John W. W. Sherer, Fourth Church Organist, tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will feature music of 1912 along with music heard on board the Titanic and selections to remember those lost in the sinking of the ship, including the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save."

To help rebuild the Fourth Church organ, which is rapidly deteriorating, please use the gift intention card found in the pew rack and also available online. To make a gift online or learn more about the organ, visit www.fourthchurchorgan.org. Additional information is also available by contacting Anita Bright at 312.274.3822 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Pianist Shuann Chai will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Fourth Acts, the Fourth Church theater group, will present an all-ages reading of *The Lorax*, in recognition of Earth Day, on Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

"The Cardboard Chronicles: The Biblical Art of Rudolph Bostic" is on display in the Loggia through June 17. The collection features several cardboard panels with different types of paint and color palettes, all depicting important biblical stories.

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building. For information, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

A Fourth Church Running Group is being formed. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

ThirtiesForties will meet for fellowship at McCormick & Schmick's (41 E. Chestnut St.) on Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m.

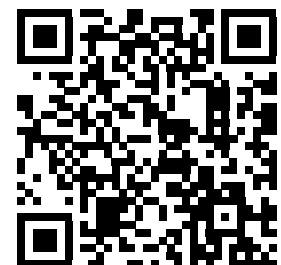
Pastor Nominating Committee

The congregation is asked to provide input to the PNC at one of two upcoming input-gathering sessions: Tuesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Sunday, April 29 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This input will be used to develop criteria for, later this year, evaluating candidates for the Pastor position.

An overview of the PNC process as well as a list of frequently asked PNC questions can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html. Comments and questions for the PNC can be sent to pnc@fourthchurch.org or through a message to Fourth Church on the Fourth Church page on Facebook.

Have you "liked" Fourth Church on Facebook?

It's easy to do (visit facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code here with any smartphone), and it ensures you won't miss photos of congregational life as well as glimpses into our history. You'll also find reflections on our journey through the entire Bible, excerpts from sermons, and details about upcoming events. And you can share it all with friends too!



News and Opportunities

Worship

Members of the Taizé community in France will attend the Taizé service here on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Following the service, they will talk about Taizé Chicago, a Memorial Day weekend event for those eighteen to thirty-five.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held 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.

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. and 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.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth (grades 6–12) meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for youth summer WorkCamp trips will take place Sunday, April 29 in the Dining Room during Coffee Hour following morning worship services.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower will take place on May 6 at 12:30 p.m. Expecting or new parents are invited to RSVP to Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Servers for monthly Friday Night Suppers

Helpers at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Cooks and servers at a men's shelter on Tuesdays 6:30–8:45 p.m. on a rotating schedule

Assistants to help with a variety of tasks at the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

A reader for someone who is legally blind

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes

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).

News and Resources

The construction work at the west end of Anderson Hall is creating doorways that will connect Anderson Hall to the Commons of the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church is also on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](#) and [@FPCAngel](#).

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

Mission and Outreach

Hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are being collected by Women@Fourth Connect during Coffee Hour following morning worship services on Sundays, April 22 and May 6, 20, and 27. A list of items to be included is available from Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“How to Recognize Child Sex Trafficking in Your Neighborhood,” a discussion hosted by the Sunlight Project, will take place this Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Helping Hands, a mission group to help with cleaning, construction, and gardening projects, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room. For details, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

The Chicago Lights Associates Board will hold an open meeting for prospective members on Wednesday, April 18 at the 737 building. Young adults are invited to learn about this fundraising board. For details, call Erin Dalpini at 312.981.3596.

Applications for mission trips to Urban Plunge: Chicago (May 18–20) and Haley Farm, Tennessee (July 18–22), are due on Tuesday, May 15. Details and application forms are available in the brochures in the literature racks and by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

A one-day cycling tour of Harbor Country and the annual **Links for Lights Golf Classic** will be held on Monday, June 18 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Information about these events, which support Chicago Lights, a community outreach organization at Fourth Church that provides hope to those facing the challenges of poverty, is available online at www.chicagolights.org and by calling Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380.

Enrichment

“Dante’s *The Divine Comedy* Still Speaks,” an Academy for Faith and Life class led by Sue Anderson, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! A Bible study meets at the 737 building on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is online and in the literature racks. Devotions on the texts are available via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Changing Conversations will host Trey Hall for a discussion, “A New Community of People Trying to Do Church Differently,” this Friday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

“Relationships: Dealing with Differences,” a seminar led by Elise Magers, will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. To register (required), call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

“Relative Strangers: Italian Protestants in the Catholic World,” a presentation by Frank Cicero, will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Elaine Pagels will talk about her new book, *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation*, at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. RSVP to Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study takes place on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

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 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. 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, April 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 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).