



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

* Stand as you are able

Prayer of Confession

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

Leader: Almighty God, in the risen Christ you gave us a promise:
we are a new creation, forgiven and redeemed, gifted with your Spirit.
But we confess that the promises of Easter seem so long ago.
You called us to live as a resurrection people, but we hesitate to do so,
fearful of what the world might say.

Antiphon

Leader: There are many hurts in this world, Lord,
yet we are more apathetic than active; more isolated than involved;
more callous than compassionate; more legalistic than loving.
We are overwhelmed by the needs of this world, and we pull back.

Antiphon

Leader: Gracious Lord, forgive us for the ways
in which we have sinned against you and our neighbor.
Forgive us for not trusting in the promise of the resurrection.
For it is by your grace that we are renewed and made your people.

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 14:1–12	(page 152, N.T.)
Reflection	The Splinter and the Log	Matthew J. Helms
Refrain	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	<i>Dutch melody</i>
Reflection	140 Degrees	Matthew J. Helms
Refrain	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	<i>Dutch melody</i>
Reflection	To Forgive, Divine	Matthew J. Helms
Refrain	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	<i>Dutch melody</i>

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “The Decision”

V. Michael McKay

***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 "I Love to Tell the Story"

William Fischer

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Merciful Lord, at your table we are reminded of your great love for us,
found in the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
Having received this sacrament, may we reflect that love to all.
Help expand our limited vision in order that we might break bread
with those whom we would otherwise avoid. Amen.**

Sending

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

***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

Matthew J. Helms

Pastoral Resident

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

Worship

Brother Emile of the Taizé community will lead prayers this Friday, April 27 at the Taizé service here at 7:30 p.m. Following the service, he will talk about Taizé Chicago, a Memorial Day weekend event at DePaul for young adults.

Lillian Daniel, Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services here on Sundays, May 6 and 13. The following Sunday, May 20, Frank Yamada, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A Mental Health Candlelighting Vespers will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend; a coffee reception will follow.

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. 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.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes for children three years old through those in fifth grade are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Space (confirmed grade 8–12).

The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for youth summer WorkCamp trips will take place next Sunday, April 29 in the Dining Room during Coffee Hour following morning worship services. The meal will include a warm breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Made-to-order omelets will be prepared by John Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry.

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 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Family camp will be held June 1–3 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available online at www.fourthchurch.org. For information, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.5278 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

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!



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.) this 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 Knox Room at the 737 building 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.

Please complete a survey for the PNC to help with the pastoral search. Paper copies are available during Coffee Hour. The survey can also be completed online or downloaded at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html.

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.

Music and the Arts

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).

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"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.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Light, the newest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available on iTunes, online at www.cdbaby.com, and by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Those who would like to receive *Fine Arts enews*, a monthly email newsletter about fine arts at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to arts@fourthchurch.org.

News and Opportunities

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 in the booklets in the literature racks and via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

“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 this 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. All those sixty and more are invited to attend. For information, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

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

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 Fourth Church Cycling Club will participate in “Bike-to-Church” Sunday on May 6, when cyclists will ride their bikes to worship.

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 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

A mission trip to Cuba is underway, with participants spending April 21–28 at our sister church, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Volunteers to remove blue bows from the trees on Michigan Avenue, tied in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, are needed on Monday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. into the afternoon. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Sewing and Knitting Group will meet this Tuesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Michigan Room at the 737 building for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

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

Applications for the mission trip to Urban Plunge: Chicago (May 18–20) are due on Tuesday, May 15. Information 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 contacting Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380 (kbates@fourthchurch.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).

GoodFood Mobile, a part of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, is taking orders; a produce delivery form is available online at www.chicagolights.org.

A series of multicultural outings begins next Sunday, April 29 with a trip to the DuSable Museum of African American History. Participants will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the museum lobby. For information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Connect with Chicago Lights, a nonprofit organization at Fourth Church serving those facing the challenges of poverty. Chicago Lights is on Facebook (www.facebook.com/chicagolights), Twitter (@Chicago_Lights), and online at www.chicagolights.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 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).