

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** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

* Stand as you are able

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive the ways we have wandered from your will. Forgive the times when we hide ourselves from you. Forgive our selfishness. And give us renewed strength for the days to come.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.**

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 4:13–25 (page 145, N.T.)

Sermon Hope against Hope Judith L. Watt

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Instant Karma” John Lennon

***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 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Vicar Earle Copes

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**O God, your Son made himself known
to his disciples in the breaking of the bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***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	Associate Pastor
Adam H. Fronczek	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).

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 racks 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).

Flutist Madeline Christensen will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert on Sunday, May 13 at 2:00 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.

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 Music Notes, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

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).

Cornerstones will meet for "Reflections on the Gilded Age," led by Fourth Church member Jane Hunt, on Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP (required), call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Wednesday, May 2.

Fourth for Bridge will meet on Saturday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for game location.

Fourth Dimension will gather for "The Supreme Court and the Press," led by Joe Mathewson, on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

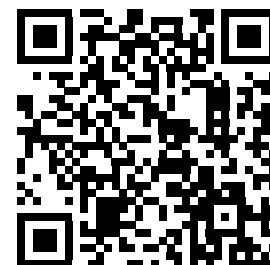
Men's Group will meet for breakfast and discussion with Bruce Rigdon on "What's God's Problem: Another Look at the Creation Story" on Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, May 9.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please complete the PNC survey to help with the pastoral search. The survey can be completed online or downloaded at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html.

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

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.

The ninth annual Candlelighting Vespers for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding will be held next Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A 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. 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.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower will take place on Sunday, 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).

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

Next Sunday is "Bike to Church" Sunday, when all are invited to join the Cycling Club in riding bikes to morning worship services.

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

The Links for Lights Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 18 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. There will also be a **one-day cycling tour** of Harbor Country that day for nongolfers. Information about these events, which support Chicago Lights, a community outreach organization at Fourth Church, is available online at www.chicagolights.org and by contacting Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380 (kbates@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Lights Tutoring is looking for businesses to provide summer internships for its students. For details, call Tanya Uyigue at 312.274.3828.

Volunteers to remove blue bows from the trees on Michigan Avenue, tied in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, are needed this Monday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. into the afternoon.

Applications for mission trips to Urban Plunge: Chicago (May 18–20) and a Children's Defense Fund conference (July 21–25), are due Tuesday, May 15 and Friday, June 1 respectively. Details and applications are available online and by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

The Chicago Lights Associates Board will hold an open meeting for prospective members on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the 737 building. Young adults are invited to learn about this fundraising board. For details, contact Erin Dalpini at 312.981.3596 (edalpini@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

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

Reinhold Niebuhr's *The Nature and Destiny of Man* will be the topic of a new three-week Academy for Faith and Life class taught by Adam Fronczek beginning next Sunday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

A third weekly Bible study option for those reading the Bible in a year will begin next Sunday, May 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). Identical studies are also held on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. 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).

A trip to see historical Lincoln sites in Springfield, Illinois, will take place Monday–Tuesday, June 18–19. Adults sixty years and more may RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org) by this Monday, April 30.

Books by Women will discuss *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building.

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, May 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 21 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).