



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: Beneath the mists of time, before the earth began,
beyond our understanding: in the beginning . . . God.

All: *(sung response)*

Leader: Fathering history, mothering creation,
parenting earth's people from the beginning . . . God.

All: *(sung response from above)*

Leader: Expecting the right moment, preparing the way,
revealing the right person for each new beginning . . . God.

All: *(sung response from above)*

Leader: We believe in one God.

All: **Maker and mover of heaven and earth.**

***Opening Song** "O How He Loves You and Me"

A Time for Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.**

In Christ's name we pray. 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** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 105:1–11 (*responsively*) (page 525, O.T.)

Song “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Scripture Romans 8:28–39 (page 148, N.T.)

Sermon All Things Work Together for Good. Really? 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 "All Good Gifts"

Stephen Schwartz

*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 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

French and Welsh melody

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God, you call us to follow Christ

and give us nourishment for the journey.

Filled with your Spirit, help us to follow Christ into the world,

sharing the good news of your kingdom in all that we do.

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***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
Daniel Burke	Liturgist
Margie Burke	Liturgist
Lucy Smith 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

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Professional fundraiser to lead a workshop for a local, nonprofit housing organization supported by Fourth Church

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, on rotation

A shopping aide to assist food pantry guests on Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Sorters to go through donated clothes on Mondays or Thursdays

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes

To volunteer or for details about other opportunities, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion. They will also gather on Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Vaughan's Pub (2917 N. Sheffield).

Cornerstones, a fellowship group hosted by couples fifty and older, will gather for a picnic on Friday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education opportunities will begin this fall. Course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL), a learning community for those sixty and more, is hosting their annual Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

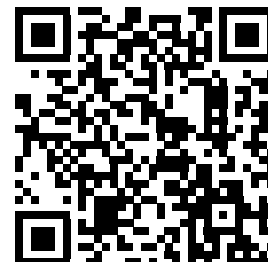
Worship

Morning Prayer is held on weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except on Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 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 for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be on Friday, September 28 in the Sanctuary.

Have you seen the latest Gratz Center photos?

With the November 18 official opening of the Gratz Center less than three months away, the interior spaces in the building are taking shape, as you can see in the latest Gratz Center photo albums. For a link to the pictures—and other albums of Fourth Church life—keep tabs on the “Photo Albums” page at www.fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning this QR code).



News and Resources

This Saturday, September 1 is the deadline for submitting recommendations of members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Recommendation forms are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Frequently Asked Questions about the pastoral search process—and their answers—are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

The Gratz Center Cornerstone Laying will take place Sunday, September 16 following the 11:00 service. All are invited to this historic event, which will take place 100 years after the cornerstone was laid for the Sanctuary. Two months later, on Sunday, November 18, the Gratz Center and Buchanan Chapel will be dedicated and the official opening of the building celebrated.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter at [@fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago) and [@fpcangel](https://twitter.com/fpcangel).

Children, Youth, and Family

Fall Family Camp at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, will be the weekend of September 28–30. Registration forms are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html or by contacting Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

Senior Highs will gather for a movie night this Wednesday, August 29 at 8:30 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. For details, contact Kimberlee Frost at 312.981.4035 (kfrost@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Save the date for Carnaval 2013—Friday, February 22—and watch for details in the weeks ahead.

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).

Helping Hands will participate in a work day at First Presbyterian Church (6400 S. Kimbark) on Saturday, September 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

More Carnaval 2013 committee members are needed to help solicit donations from organizations, corporations, and individuals to support this February 22 event. Those interested are invited to attend a planning meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. For information, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Submissions for an art exhibit of work by Fourth Church members, program participants, and staff are being accepted through Friday, September 7. For submission details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/arts/exhibitions.html.

Vocalist Libby York will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth, the last in this year's Music by the Fountain series.

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.

We invite you to 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/index.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 after worship for coffee, fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, September 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Interested in Baptism or Membership? Time is set aside in the 4:00 service on a regular basis for the purpose of offering opportunities for persons to be baptized and to become members of Fourth Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in discussing baptism and membership for yourself or for your child, you are encouraged to mention that to one of the ministers present at today's service or to contact one of us during the week.