



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** *(based on Psalm 46)*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a help always near, in times of great trouble.

People: **That's why we won't be afraid, when the world falls apart,
when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea.**

Leader: God is with us, yesterday, today, and forever.

People: **Let us worship God.**

***Opening Song** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Gracious God,
we often struggle through life in your world,
forcing ourselves to be self-reliant,
believing we can only depend on ourselves,
and ignoring your promises to care for us.
In our self-absorption, we have also neglected the needs of others
and have forgotten to care for the world you have created.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to place our trust in you,
for you alone can sustain us. 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 46

Antiphon (*sung by the congregation*)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth moves,
and though the mountains topple into the depths of the sea;
its waters rage and foam,
and mountains tremble at its tumult.

Antiphon

There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations rage, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Antiphon

Come now and look upon the works of God,
what awesome things God has done on earth.
God makes war to cease in all the world;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Antiphon

Scripture Revelation 6:1–8

(page 234, 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 “From a Distance”

Julie Gold

***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 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Doris M. Akers

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and cup,
reminders to us of your love for the world you have created and for us.
Send us out into the world as ambassadors of your love,
sharing hope with all whom we meet. 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

Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Emma Vis	Lay Liturgist
Andrea Pokrefke	Song Leader
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).

Volunteers and Donations

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room: Monday, September 10; Wednesday, September 12; or Tuesday, September 18. For details, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to teach Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. to three-year-olds or at 11:00 a.m. to kindergarteners/first graders on alternate Sundays

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.

Dishwashers following Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Personal shoppers to assist Elam Davies Social Service Center guests on Wednesdays or Thursdays

Sorters to go through donated clothes on Mondays or Thursdays

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes (T-shirts, polos, shorts, jeans, socks, etc.) in larger sizes

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.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. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the 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.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next Taizé service will be on Friday, September 28 in the Sanctuary. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

A Lot Has Happened at Fourth Church This Summer

—from Gratz Center construction to youth events, from VBS to Chicago Lights Summer Day, from mission projects to outdoor concerts. If you missed any of it, we have pictures! Check out the “Photo Albums” page at www.fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning the QR code with a smartphone) for the latest photos of life and events at Fourth Church.



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

A **church calendar** of the many other events and opportunities available to you here at Fourth Church is available via the website (www.fourthchurch.org) and on page 4 of the “News and Opportunities” insert in the literature racks.

Gifts to help those affected by Hurricane Isaac can be made by using the special envelopes in the pew racks. Those gifts will be directed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which is working to respond to needs in the affected areas. For more information or to give online, visit www.pcusa.org/pda.

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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been hard at work over the summer, as they continue to gather and receive names of possible candidates for Pastor of Fourth Church. For information about the PNC process, visit www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

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

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 23, all are invited to Anderson Hall following morning worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

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 at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html or by contacting Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

The Cherub, Children’s, and Youth Choirs rehearse on Sunday mornings. Details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth in grades 6 through 12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan).

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties will meet for a picnic this Saturday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Daley Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph). For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and conversation. For details, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Dimension will gather for a discussion led by Marge Nykaza, Executive Director of Harmony, Hope, and Healing, this Friday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! Identical Bible studies that offer opportunity to reflect on the assigned texts meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. Devotions on the texts are available online (www.fourthchurch.org) and via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@fourthchicago), and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Center for Life and Learning classes and activities for those sixty and over resume on Monday, September 10. Details about the many opportunities offered through the CLL are available at www.fourthchurch.org/ctl.

Books by Women will meet to discuss *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World* by Maya Jasanoff this Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

"Great Decisions," a men's discussion series offered by the Center for Life and Learning for men sixty and more, begins Wednesday, September 12. To register (required), contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Four new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin on Sunday, September 30: "Our Pastors and Their Call to Ministry," led by a different Fourth Church pastor each Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.; "The Book of Mormon," led by Adam Rose, at 9:30 a.m.; "Before and After Constantine," led by Ken Sawyer, at 11:00 a.m.; and "Faith, Politics, and Why You Should Care," led by Edwin Estevez, at 11:00 a.m. Details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

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).

Applications for a mission trip to South Africa (April 2–18, 2013) are due by Monday, October 1. Details and application forms are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

Music and the Arts

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Fourth Church Choral Society's first rehearsal is open to all singers and will be held on Thursday, October 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Choir rehearsals for the Chancel and Morning Choirs are held on Thursdays and Sundays. For more details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/music/choirs.

Light, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.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.

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.