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 (unison)**

Leader: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

People: **Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.**

Leader: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

People: **Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.**

Leader: Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

People: **Like little children, we have come to be surprised!**

Leader: Hear the word of God and make your reply:

“My heart has heard you say, ‘Come and talk with me, O my people’!”

People: **And my heart responds, “God, I am here!”**

*Opening Song*  “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom,
but we live with tightness in our chest.
You have called us to move in a new direction,
but we cling to the path we know.
You have called us to reach outward in love,
but we draw inward for protection.
You have called us to live with abandon, in trust,
but we live carefully, in fear.
God, forgive 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”
Psalter  Psalm 142

Antiphon (sung by the congregation)

I cry to God with my voice;
    to God I make loud supplication.
I pour out my complaint
    and tell all my trouble
    when my spirit languishes within me.
You know my path;
    they have hidden a trap for me where I walk.
Look at my right hand:
    I have no friend;
    I have no refuge;
    no one cares for me.

Antiphon

I cry out to you, O God;
    I say, “You are my refuge,
    all I have in the land of the living.”
Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low;
    save me from those who pursue me,
    for they are too strong for me.
Free me from prison,
    that I may give thanks to your Name.
When you have dealt bountifully with me,
    the righteous will gather around me.

Antiphon

Scripture  Exodus 16:2–21  (page 60, O.T.)

Sermon  Bread from Heaven: When You Need It, When You Get It  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** “Throw It Away”  
_Abbey Lincoln_

**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.
Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord, we thank you for these your gifts.
Help us to accept them not just in our bodies, but in our hearts.
Renew in us a sense of your presence and your purpose
that as we leave this place and go out into the world
we will know that you go with us. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*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
David Irvin, Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet

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News and Opportunities

Reflecting the Love of God

“Reflecting the Love of God” response cards have been mailed to member homes with an invitation to participate in the 2013 Annual Appeal, which provides vital support for the daily work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Visit www.fourthchurch.org to learn more about the ways in which we live out our call to “Reflect the Love of God,” and join in completing a response card, available online, by Commitment Sunday, October 28.

Volunteers and Donations

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
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., on rotation
Sorters to go through donated clothes on Mondays or Thursdays
Food truck unloaders in the morning on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

Current Donation Needs
Men’s sturdy clothes in larger sizes

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

News and Resources

A church calendar of the many 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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work to identify a candidate for Pastor to lead this congregation into its second century on Michigan Avenue. For updates on the work of the PNC, visit www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter at @fourthchicago.

Children, Youth, and Family

Monday is the deadline for Fall Family Camp registration forms, which are available at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html or by contacting Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

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

A new Lakeview Parents’ Group will meet on Tuesdays, beginning October 9, at 11:00 a.m. For information, email Liz Nickerson at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org.

Have you seen the cornerstone laying pictures? The photos of Sunday School in the catacombs? Pictures of the Gratz Center green roof? They’re all posted—along with many others!—on our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch, or scan this QR code). You can find these photos and stories via our website as well: www.fourthchurch.org.
News and Opportunities

Enrichment

A monthly book conversation on Jerusalem: A Biography with Adam Fronczek begins on Tuesday, October 2. Participants are asked to read through Part 3 by that first session.

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.

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 and via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Details about the 2013 South Africa mission trip are available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html. Applications are due Monday, October 1.

Safety issues and strategies for community involvement will be the topic of a presentation by the commander of the 18th District of the Chicago Police Department at the Near North Unity Program—of which Fourth Church is a member—on Monday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Center (1111 N. Wells).

Sewing and Knitting Group will meet this Tuesday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Peace and justice issues in the Middle East will be the topic of a luncheon presentation by Majd Lahham, an international peacemaker from Damascus, Syria, this Tuesday, September 25 at 12:00 noon at the 737 building. RSVP (required) for lunch to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Helping Hands, the hands-on mission group at Fourth Church, will meet on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Worship

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be this Friday, September 28.

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.

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties will meet for fellowship this Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. at ZED451 (739 N. Clark).

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Cornerstones will host a presentation by Dr. Robert Schenck on Friday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP at 312.787.2727, ext. 454 by Wednesday, October 3.

Music and the Arts

The Fourth Church Choral Society’s first rehearsal is open to all singers in the community and will be held on October 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
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.

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.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

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 for children, are available from a greeter.

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.

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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers’ Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Sunday, September 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 20 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).

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you’re leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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.