



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 (*unison*)

Leader: God, God the Maker,
maker of color, sound,
texture, quietness,
and the restless beauty in living things,

People: **we praise you, God.**

Leader: God, God the Maker,
maker of granite and mustard seed,
of grey cloud and starlight,
of earthquake and heartbeat,

People: **we praise you, God.**

Leader: God, God the Maker,
maker of all that is unseen,
of all that has been,
of all that words could never capture,

People: **we praise you, God.**

Leader: God, God the Maker,
we the children of your love,
the creatures of your kindness,
the guardians of your creation,
bless you.

People: **We praise you, God,
for your making,
your trusting,
your loving,
your goodness. Amen.**

***Opening Song** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, we give you thanks,
for you have been with us from the beginning
and will be with us until the end.
Yet we confess that we have often doubted your presence
or your goodwill for us,
and we have struggled to see your place in our lives.
In times of frustration or laziness,
we have lapsed in our commitments to you
and to our brothers and sisters.
We have not loved well enough;
we have been impatient and unforgiving;
we have judged others unfairly;
we have selfishly chased our own interests
instead of putting others before ourselves.
Forgive us, Lord.
Renew our trust in you, and renew our hope for this world.
Especially in times when we feel distanced from you,
help our faith to remain strong.
Hear now our silent prayers . . .

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

Scripture Job 23:1–9, 16–17

(page 446, O.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Jazz Improvisation “Hallelujah”

Leonard Cohen

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

Traditional

***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!**

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 "If the Path I Travel"

Margaret E. Barber

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of the living, we know that you will not leave us alone.
Even when we feel frustrated with the distance we feel from you,
you have left us these gifts to remind us that you are close at hand
in the simple gifts of bread and wine, things of the earth, our home.
We thank you, God, and ask that you would strengthen us
as we go out into the world to love you and to serve you
by loving and serving one another. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

***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

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Lucy Smith Quartet

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News and Opportunities

Reflecting the Love of God

“Reflecting the Love of God,” the 2013 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards, which have been sent to member homes and are in the pew racks, can also be completed online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 28, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2013. For more information, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

Volunteers and Donations

Volunteers are needed to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, job searches, housing rights, public benefits, life skills, and art appreciation. For information, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Current Volunteer Needs

Substitute tutors and In2it Café leaders for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening each week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

A church member to teach Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. to three-year-olds on alternate Sundays

Current Donation Needs

Men’s sturdy clothes in larger sizes

Laptop computer, less than five years old, capable of running Windows 7 Pro

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

Fellowship

An outing to the Morton Arboretum is being hosted for adults sixty and more on Thursday, October 25 at 10:15 a.m. To register, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by this Monday, October 15.

Young Adults will meet for a weekly Gathering discussion on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Music and the Arts

The Fourth Church Choral Society’s rehearsals are open to all singers in the community; the next rehearsal will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Roosevelt University Conservatory Chorus will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children, Youth, and Family

Family Night, which will include pumpkin decorating, will be held this Friday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for new or expecting parents will take place on Sunday, November 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org by Tuesday, October 30.

Even if you like us on Facebook, you might be missing some of our posts. To make sure you aren’t, go to facebook.com/fourthchurch. Hover over, or point to, the “Like” button under the tulip photo and make sure “Show in News Feed” has a checkmark in front of it. If it doesn’t, click on those words. That way you’ll ensure you’ll see all of our posts of the latest Fourth Church news, resources, and fun photos!



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place on Sundays at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson): “Our Pastors and Their Call to Ministry,” led next week by John Boyle, and “The Book of Mormon,” led by Adam Rose, at 9:30 a.m.; “Before and After Constantine,” led by Ken Sawyer, and “Faith, Politics, and Why You Should Care,” led by Edwin Estevez, at 11:00 a.m.

“**Saving the Sacred**,” a lecture with Father Columba Stewart of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library about documenting ancient sacred texts, will take place this Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clare. RSVP to Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

“**A Civil Conversation between Evangelicals and Mormons**,” a special Michigan Avenue Forum with Richard Mouw and Robert Millet, will take place next Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

N. T. Wright, author and New Testament scholar who spoke at Fourth Church last fall, will be presenting this year’s annual Christian Century lecture, “Paul for Tomorrow’s World,” on Friday, October 26. Registration details are available at www.christiancentury.org.

A “**Festival of Psalms**” will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Homewood the weekend of November 9–11. For details, see www.fpchw.org.

Worship

A **service in the style of Taizé** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next Taizé service will be on Friday, October 26 in the Sanctuary. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

News and Resources

Photos of the newly laid labyrinth floor in Buchanan Chapel, along with other Fourth Church photos, are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/photos.

The pew cushions have been removed for routine cleaning and repair, a process that takes approximately two weeks.

The Pastor Nominating Committee’s October update, along with other details about the search process, is posted at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

The Dedication and Official Opening of the Gratz Center will take place on Sunday, November 18 at 12:15 p.m. The event will also include celebrating with John and Sue Buchanan the dedication of the Buchanan Chapel.

Mission and Outreach

Applications for 2013 mission trips to Cuba and the Dominican Republic are due Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, December 2, respectively. Details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

Save the date for Carnaval: Friday, February 22 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (221 N. Columbus).

This Saturday, Glow, a gala hosted by the Chicago Lights Associates Board for young adults, will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Tickets are available at glowgala.eventbrite.com.

The Joining Hands initiative will be the topic of a talk on Monday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building. PC(USA) Mission coworkers Christie and Jeff Boyd will speak about their work with the campaign in Cameroon.

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 Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, October 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, November 5 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).

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.