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: We are met in the presence of God.
People: And we do not meet alone.
Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven,
People: we gather to worship the Lord.
Leader: With the saints of every age,
People: we gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With the church throughout the world,
People: God’s holy name is praised.
Leader: With children and newborns,
People: God’s holy name is praised.
Leader: With drums, sitars, and trumpets,
People: God’s holy name is praised.
Leader: In barrios and basilicas,
People: God’s holy name is praised.
Leader: And here with our hearts and our voices,
People: God’s holy name is praised.

Leader: We are met in the presence of God.
People: And we do not meet alone.

*Opening Song  “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”
Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, because you made the world and intended it to be a good place and called its people to be your children; because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so, gracious God, we gladly say:

People: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.

Leader: Because confusion reigns inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision; because our minds worry about small things and blow them out of proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

People: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.

Leader: Because you have promised to hear us and are able to change us and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, control, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best. Hear our silent prayers . . .

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

Leader: Then let us cherish in our hearts what we proclaim with our lips:

People: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.

*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”
Psalter

Psalm 19 (the congregation sings the antiphon)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and skies are the work of God’s hands.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep God has set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Antiphon (unison)

Leader: The law of God is perfect
and renews life;
the testimony of God is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of God are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of God is clean
and endures forever;
the judgments of God are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

Antiphon (unison)
Leader: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

Antiphon (unison)

Scripture Job 42:1–6, 10–17 (page 462, O.T.)

Sermon A Sermon Series on Job: Part 4 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 “Trees” Margaret Pleasant Douroux

*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

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 “Spirit Song”

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious Lord,
we thank you for these your gifts of bread and cup.
Bless these gifts to our bodies.
Nourish us with better food than we could ever purchase:
your Word, your love, your interest, your daily bread for life’s journey,
in the company of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*Closing Song  “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*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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Emma Vis          Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet

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Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2013 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. We are grateful to all who have already made a pledge. Those who have not yet completed a 2013 giving response card are invited to do so today. Response cards are available in the pew racks and online. For details, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

Referring the Love of God

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Worship

Next Sunday is All Saints’ Sunday, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. Fauré’s Requiem will be sung by the recently formed Fourth Church Choral Society during a special communion service of remembrance at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers and Donations

Volunteers are needed to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, and job searches. For details about this and other volunteer opportunities, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Enrichment

The Jerusalem: The Biography book study continues this Tuesday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the 737 building. Participants are asked to read through Part 5 for this second session.

News and Resources

A church calendar of the many events and opportunities at Fourth Church is available at www.fourthchurch.org and on page 4 of the “News and Opportunities” insert in the literature racks.

Children, Youth, and Family

The Smorgasbord of Schools will be held next Sunday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for new or expecting parents will take place next 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.

Fellowship

Cornerstones will gather for a discussion, led by Calum MacLeod, this Friday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP (required), call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Wednesday, October 31.

Mission and Outreach

A screening of The Barber of Birmingham will take place on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation. To RSVP (required), call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by this Friday, November 2.

Three weeks from today we dedicate the Gratz Center and begin using our wonderful new space. Online you can see photos of the building as it’s progressed from ground-breaking to a nearly finished five-story home for the varied and vibrant programming going on here at the church. To view these photos and read about Fourth Church program opportunities, visit www.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.

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 Monday, November 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 noon; or Monday, December 3 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.