



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: 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.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Song** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

***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

Psalter Psalm 46 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: 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 (*unison*): **The God of Hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: 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 (*unison*)

Leader: 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.”
The God of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture Selected verses from Ruth 3–4

(page 231, O.T.)

Sermon A Sermon Series on Ruth: Part 2

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 "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Robert Lowry

*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 "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Ira F. Stanphill

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God,

**we thank you that you show us your presence through things of this world,
bread and wine, the waters of baptism and the stories of your people,
and the relationships and loves in our very own lives.**

**We pray that you would continue to be present with us each and every day,
encouraging us as we continue on the journey you have set before us. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

***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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Hardy H. Kim Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Quartet

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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Help create the ribbon that will be cut at the Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center on Saturday, January 12. Ribbon pieces to decorate are available by contacting Rob Koon at 312.981.3593 (rkoon@fourthchurch.org).

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center will be available Sundays, November 25 and December 2 and 9 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. They will also be offered on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Tom Long, named one of the twelve most-effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sundays, December 2 and 9.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates and begin to learn more about those individuals. Information about the PNC process is posted at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Mission and Outreach

Dominican Republic trip applications are due Sunday, December 2. The application form is available online and in the literature racks.

Thanksgiving

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior). Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating, and Rabbi David Levinsky will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held on Thanksgiving morning, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Hardy Kim will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets are available today and during the week at the reception desk. This traditional dinner, which will include roast turkey, whipped potatoes, gravy, dressing, fall vegetable medley, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie, will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 22. Space is limited.

Music and the Arts

Handel's Messiah will be sung by Bella Voce today at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

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 Gratz Center 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

Advent

Through “**Light Up a Life**” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or at www.fourthchurch.org.

The “**Christmas Wishes**” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“**The Music and Meaning of Advent**” invites adults and children to a time of fellowship and music on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

The **Fair Trade Bazaar** will be held the weekend of December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Gignilliat Commons.

“**Center Yourself for the Holidays**,” offered through our Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

An **Advent contemplative retreat**, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 7–8 at The Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

“**Christmas and Consumerism: Advice for Parents**,” a conversation about helping children celebrate the season in a healthy way, will be led by Susan Schemper on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

The “**Christmas Gift Bag**” project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at reception. Filled bags are to be returned by Sunday, December 9.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 14 for names to appear in the bulletin.

Fellowship

Cornerstones will gather for a Christmas Party on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, December 5.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to set up and take down the Fair Trade Bazaar on Friday, November 30 and Sunday, December 2

Current Donation Needs

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

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

Enrichment

The **first Academy for Faith and Life** classes in the Gratz Center will begin next Sunday, November 25. “Growing in Service, Growing in Spirit,” led by Vicky Curtiss, and “The Church and the Definition of Marriage,” led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, will meet at 9:30 a.m. “Christianity outside the Presbyterian Church,” led by Bruce Rigdon, and “Love and Conflict,” led by John Boyle, will meet at 11:00 a.m.

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, December 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, December 16 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).

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](https://www.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.