



Christ the King Sunday

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 have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

People: **God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Leader: Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass:

People: **God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Leader: Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

People: **God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Leader: Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

People: **God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

*Opening Song “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

The choices we make, mighty God, reveal who we are.

Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips.

Choosing independent and isolated lives,

we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others.

Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day,

we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God, who became weak for our sake.

Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly.

Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ,

our King, our Lord, our Savior. 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 132 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God, remember David,
and all the hardships he endured;
how he swore an oath to God,
vowing to the Mighty One of Jacob:
“I will not come under the roof of my house,
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not allow my eyes to sleep,
nor let my eyelids slumber
until I find a place for God,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Antiphon (*unison*): **I will not rest until I find a place for the Mighty One.**

Leader: “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
Let us go to the dwelling place of God;
let us fall upon our knees before the footstool.”
Arise, O God, into your resting place,
you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.
For your servant David’s sake,
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
God has sworn an oath to David in truth
and will not break it:
“I set upon your throne a child, the fruit of your body.
If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I teach them,
their children
will sit upon your throne
for evermore.”

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: For God has chosen Zion;
and has desired her for a habitation:
“This shall be my resting-place forever;
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
I will surely bless her provisions
and satisfy her poor with bread.
I will clothe her priests with salvation,
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
There will I make the horn of David flourish;
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
As for David’s enemies, I will clothe them with shame;
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture John 18:33–37

(page 106, N.T.)

Sermon by Hardy H. Kim

Jazz Improvisation



Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Standing on the Promises”

R. Keslo Carter

***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 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Vicar Earle Copes

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Great God,
ruler of the universe, we give you thanks that you are a gracious host
and that you make room at your table for us.
We believe that your Son Jesus overcame the powers of sin and death
through his sacrificial love and that he is now ruler over all creation.
Through the bread and the cup that we have received, make our hearts open
to Jesus' triumph in our lives—so that he can rule in our lives as well. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

***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

Hardy H. Kim Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez Pastoral Resident
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, 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.

Music and the Arts

The St. Charles Singers will perform “Candlelight Carols” this Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickerts are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com.

“**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.

Enrichment

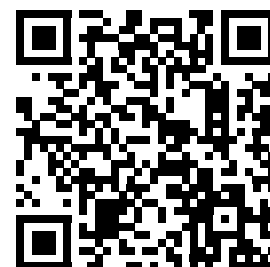
A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. For details or an application form, call Adam at 312.640.5398.

The Jerusalem: The Biography book study continues this Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4D. Participants are asked to read through Part 8 for this third session.

Books by Women will discuss *Literary Ladies’ Guide to the Writing Life* by Nava Atlas on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5G.

“**Our Pastors’ Call to Ministry**,” led next Sunday by Joyce Shin, takes place at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E of the Gratz Center.

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

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place on Sundays in the Gratz Center. "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.

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 this 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 Wreath Workshop** for families takes place next Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For details, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

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.

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

Sewers with machines to cut and hem muslin panels to be used for the Gratz Center Community Grand Opening (which will be Saturday, January 12)

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.

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), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Presbyterian Church, please see Adam Fronczek or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on December 16, January 27, February 24, March 24, and April 28.

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.