



Epiphany of the Lord

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: This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on,

People: **time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

Leader: For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,

People: **can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.**

Leader: Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind

People: **our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find**

Leader: Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

People: **This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.**

*Opening Song "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of light,

we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.

When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.

When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part.

When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way.

Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.

Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see,

through the light that lingers when all else fails,

even the bright Morning Star of our faith,

Jesus Christ, the 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 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 96 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Sing to God a new song;
sing to God, all the whole earth.
Sing to God and bless the Name;
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

Antiphon (*unison*) **Ascribe to God the glory of the Name.**
Bring an offering and come into the courts.

Leader: For great is God and greatly to be praised;
our God is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is our God who made the heavens.
O, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!
O, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!

Antiphon (*unison*) **Ascribe to God the glory of the Name.**
Bring an offering and come into the courts.

Leader: Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to God honor and power.
Ascribe to God the honor due the Name;
bring offerings and come into God's courts.
Worship God in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: "God is Sovereign!
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
and will judge the peoples with equity."

Antiphon (*unison*) **Ascribe to God the glory of the Name.**
Bring an offering and come into the courts.

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before God, who is coming,
who is coming to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with truth.

Antiphon (*unison*) **Ascribe to God the glory of the Name.**
Bring an offering and come into the courts.

Scripture Matthew 2:1–12

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Sermon by 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 “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Gloria Shayne and Noel Regney

***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 "Little Drummer Boy" *Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati, and Harry Simeone*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
we give you thanks that you are our source of new beginnings:
valuing who we have been,
helping us to appreciate who we are,
urging us on to who we might become.
Thank you for these gifts that are the same yesterday, today, and forever,
showing us that you have always been with us
and will guide us into the future. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

***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

Adam H. Fronczek Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet

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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to the Gratz Center Community Grand Opening this Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. The open house that will follow will include refreshments from Ditka's and live music as well as information about the many programs and opportunities available at Fourth Church. Additional information and invitations are available in Coffee Hour.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates. For details about the PNC process, visit www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Interested in computers and AV? Able to make a regular commitment to helping record worship services at Fourth Church? A rotation of volunteers is needed to help with this important ministry on Sunday mornings and for special services. For more information or to volunteer, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to teach Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. for a mixed-age class

A shopping aide to assist guests at the EDSSC consumer choice food pantry on Thursdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Energetic individuals to share hobbies and activities with Chicago Lights Tutoring students, one evening a week, January 7–March 7

Members to transcribe recorded oral histories, flexible hours

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Members to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, job searches, housing rights, public benefits, life skills, and art appreciation

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a chronically ill ten-year-old girl

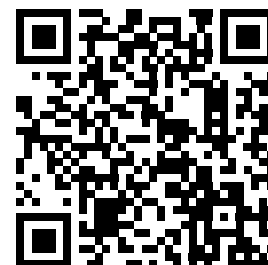
Men's winter clothes in larger sizes

Double paper/plastic bags with handles from Treasure Island for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Items for a new baby

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Please share our post on Facebook inviting friends and neighbors to Saturday's Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center—a wonderful way to introduce others to our new building and all the programs, resources, and opportunities offered here. You can find the post at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch (or scan the QR code at right) and help spread the word that all are welcome!



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Fellowship

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of “Voices from Our Past,” a Fourth Acts dramatization, this Friday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

Men’s Group will gather for a breakfast meeting this Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. To register (required), call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, January 9.

Cycling Club will meet for a bike ride on Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the Delaware entrance to the Gratz Center.

Changing Conversations will host a potluck on Saturday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at a member’s home. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Saturday, January 12.

Mission and Outreach

Carnaval invitations for the February 22 gala at the Radisson Blu are in the mail. Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn more—and to purchase drawing tickets for a Vespa! Information is also available online and by calling Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Martin Luther King Jr. service projects will be held on Saturday, January 19 at Casa Central Casa Infantil (2222 N. Kedzie), “The Studios” of Central City Housing Ventures (1801 S. Wabash), and Erie House (1701 W. Superior). Details about the projects are available in the literature racks, online, and by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

The deadline to submit applications for the 2013 mission trip to Guatemala (July 6–14) has been extended. This intergenerational trip will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

Enrichment

Books by Women will discuss *Yellow Dirt: An American Story of a Poisoned Land and a People Betrayed* by Judy Pasternak this Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A Career Transitions Center introductory information session will be held this Wednesday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. at 703 W. Monroe. To register, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

“Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (USA),” an Academy for Faith and Life class led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held for six weeks, beginning next Sunday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. To register, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

The CLL Foreign Film Series will take place on Wednesdays, January 16–February 13. Adults sixty and more are invited to register for a single film or the entire series by contacting Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386 (jbergen@fourthchurch.org).

Bible Trivia Night will be held next Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Pizza and beverages will be served. To RSVP, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

Worship

Tony Campolo and J. Herbert Nelson II will be preaching at Fourth Church during the 9:30 and 11:00 services on Sundays, January 13 and January 20 respectively.

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, January 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, February 11 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).

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 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.