



Gathering

Gathering Music “Windows”
“Across the Universe”

*Chick Corea
John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

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: Beautiful are the works of God!

People: **Beautiful are the skins of God's people!**

Leader: Beautiful is the mind of God!

People: **Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!**

Leader: Beautiful is the heart of God!

People: **Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!**

Leader: God made the heavens and the earth!

People: **To God be the glory for the things God has done!**

***Opening Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon (Psalm 25, sung by the congregation)

Leader: To you, O God, I set my hope in you; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your way, O God, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Antiphon

Leader: Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God. Gracious and upright is God, who teaches sinners the way; who guides the humble in doing right and teaches the way to the lowly. All the paths of God are love and faithfulness to those who keep the covenant and testimonies.

Antiphon

Leader: For your Name's sake, O God, forgive my sin, for it is great. Who are they who fear God? God will teach them the way that they should choose. They shall dwell in the prosperity, and their offspring shall inherit the land. God is a friend to those who fear and will show them the covenant.

Antiphon

Leader: My eyes are ever looking to God, who shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and have pity on me, for I am left alone and in misery. The sorrows of my heart have increased; bring me out of my troubles. Look upon my adversity and misery and forgive me all my sin. Look upon my enemies, for they are many, and they bear a violent hatred against me. Protect my life and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for my hope has been in you. Deliver Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

Antiphon

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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace"

Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Hebrews 11:29—12:2

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Sermon The Perseverance of Faith

Adam H. Fronczek

Musical Reflection

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 and Anne Warner

***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*)

**Gracious God,
we recommit ourselves to placing our trust in you,
for you have guided those who went before us,
you have forgiven us in times when we have forgotten you,
and you have welcomed us back to your table.
Thank you, Lord. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Spirit"

***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 Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Maria Eppler	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

When traveling to Fourth Church next Sunday morning, be advised that those using Lake Shore Drive from Division to Cermak may want to plan alternate routes due to the triathlon.

Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its ongoing work to identify a candidate to recommend to serve as Fourth Church's next Pastor.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago).

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church no later than September 30.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—
www.fourthchurch.org—for access to the calendar, details about events, photos, and more.

Mission and Outreach

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.:
Wednesday, September 11; Thursday, September 12;
Monday, September 16; or Tuesday, September 17.

Music and the Arts

Chestnut Street Players will present a classic Sherlock Holmes radio mystery this Thursday, August 22 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

Vocalist Libby York will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes Thursday, September 5. All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to attend the rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes on Sunday, September 8. All interested are invited to attend the rehearsals, which will be on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

The Music Institute of Chicago (MIC) will be offering at Fourth Church, beginning this fall, music classes as well as private lessons in all instruments. For details, call Emily Abraham of MIC at 847.448.8302 or visit www.musicinstituteofchicago.org.

Have you seen the pictures from Athens?

This past week was filled with fun and learning as preschoolers through fifth graders journeyed to Athens for Vacation Bible School's focus on Paul's travels and ministry. Check out the VBS pictures—as well as some favorite quotes from recent sermons and devotions and the Fourth Church news postings, all on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch.



News and Opportunities

Worship

An outdoor Jazz at Four Communion service, along with BBQ fellowship afterwards, will be held next Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Garth. Volunteers are needed to welcome worshipers and serve dinner. To help, contact Adam Fronczek at afronczek@fourthchurch.org.

An outdoor service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Taizé services are held on the fourth Friday of the month, usually in Buchanan Chapel.

A time of tailgating fellowship and BBQ, followed by a brief worship service with Communion, will be held on Thursday, August 29 on the upper level of the Waldron Parking Deck at Soldier Field. Fellowship will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until the 7:00 p.m. game time. The Communion service will take place at 6:00 p.m. A ticket to that evening's Bears preseason game is not required for tailgating.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Ali Trowbridge, former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church, will be preaching next Sunday, August 25 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Fellowship

The autumn open house of the Center for Life and Learning will take place Thursday, August 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

An adult with a special education background to assist an eleven-year-old during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Members to teach Sunday School for the fall, beginning September 8

Aides to sort clothes and assist guests on weekdays in the Social Service Center Share Shop

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

Current Donation Needs

Laptop or iPad for the Social Service Center bag lunch program

For details, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Children, Youth, and Family

There will be no Sunday School on August 25 and September 1. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

“Mindful Parenting,” a monthly parenting series led by Sue Schemper, will be held the second Sunday of the month, starting September 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of Parish House.

The Fourth Church Day School preschool is accepting applications for the fall. For details, call Ruthie Hornaday at 312.640.2579.

Kickoff Sunday for children, youth, and their families is Sunday, September 8. There will be a family lunch at 12:30 p.m. as well as fun, fellowship, and games in the Garth.

Save the date for Fall Family Camp at Camp Geneva, just outside Holland, Michigan, from Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29.

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 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, September 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 7, 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](https://www.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 August 25, September 22, and October 27.

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.