



Gathering

Gathering Music “The Calling”
“Where You Lead”

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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: You are the salt of the earth.

People: **But if salt loses its saltiness,
how will it become salty again?
It's good for nothing
except to be thrown away
and trampled under people's feet.**

Leader: You are the light of the world.
A city on top of a hill can't be hidden.

People: **Neither do people light a lamp
and put it under a basket.
Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand,
and it shines on all who are in the house.**

Leader: In the same way,
let your light shine before people,
so they can see the good things you do
and praise God, who is in heaven.

People: **Let us worship God!**

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God, we ask your forgiveness
for times when we have known what we should do
but have shrunk before commitment.
We are sorry for the times when we have known what is right
and have chosen what is easy,
for times when we have sensed our greater potential
but opted for the status quo,
for times when we have longed for what is best
but settled for good enough.
Forgive us, Lord.
Inspire us with your word to live lives worthy of your calling.
Help us to know that you have created us in your image,
and help us to live accordingly. 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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace"

Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 139:1–18 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeying and my resting and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips but you, O God, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you; night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same thing.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: For you created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I thank you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made; your works are wonderful. I know it well. My body was not hidden from you, while I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb; they were written in your books; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! I count them, but they are numbered like sand; my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture Luke 14:25–33

(page 73, N.T.)

Sermon by 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 “Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name” *African American spiritual*

***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 “Lord, the Ancient Types and Symbols”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, we thank you for calling us to service as your disciples,
committed to sharing your grace and peace in all kinds of ways.
We thank you for the strength you give us at this table
to accept what you have called us to be, to hear your challenge for our lives,
and to go out into the world to love and serve one another. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “Be Thou My Vision”

***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
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

Acknowledgments

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News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth in grades 6 through 12 meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs rehearse on Sundays, with Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B, Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel, and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Fall Family Camp will be held at Camp Geneva, on Lake Michigan, just outside Holland, Michigan, from Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29. A registration form is available at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html and by contacting Liz Nickerson at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org.

"Mindful Parenting," a series led by Sue Schemper, is held on the second Sundays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is typically available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Linda McCarty will talk about Faith in Practice and medical outreach in Guatemala during a presentation next Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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. in Borwell Dining Room: Wednesday, September 11; Thursday, September 12; or Monday, September 16. New male volunteers may attend one of the above sessions or an all-male orientation session on Tuesday, September 17. For details, call Alex Cornwell at 312.981.3565.

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays for fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a presentation on "Amtrak: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" on Friday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. To register (required), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 5:00 p.m. this Tuesday, September 10.

Remarkable photos published 100 years ago this week

in a Chicago building-trades magazine show Fourth Church under construction. You can view those pictures online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. (You do not need a Facebook account to do so.) That album anticipates next year's centennial celebrations of our 100 years on Michigan Avenue. Watch for details in the months ahead!



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Inquirers' Class next meets this Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. and again this Saturday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m., both in Room 4F.

The first class of Stephen Ministers will begin fifty hours of training on October 9. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister are encouraged to complete an application by mid-September. Information is available online at www.fourthchurch.org or by calling Judy Watt at 312.573.3360.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in conversation with a select group of candidates. You can read the PNC's latest online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

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.

"Get Connected" through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 15, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following morning worship for the annual "Get Connected" Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

Do you have a Gmail address? If so, to ensure you continue to see emails from Fourth Church, go to Gmail's "Promotions" tab and drag any Fourth Church email to your "Primary" inbox tab. That will keep Gmail's new filtering system from directing Fourth Church emails away from your main inbox.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Greeters and attendants for the Covenant Network Conference at Fourth Church, Oct. 31–Nov. 2
Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists to provide medical knowledge prior to Sunday Night Supper, 3:00–4:00 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.

Music and the Arts

Organist Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Enrichment

Center for Life and Learning classes and activities for those sixty and over resume on Monday, September 9. Details about the CLL are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/cll.

Books by Women will discuss *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel this Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Nadia Bolz-Weber will talk about *Pastrix*, her new memoir, at a free forum this Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. See the Academy for Faith and Life catalog in the literature racks for details.

Christian Century Study Groups will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, starting September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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 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.