



Gathering

Gathering Music “Footprints”

Wayne Shorter

“Do You Know Where You’re Going To?” *Gerry Goffin and Michael Masser*

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: All you who are thirsty,

People: **this is the place for water.**

Leader: All you who are hungry,

People: **this is the place to be fed.**

Leader: Why spend your earnings on what is not food?

Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

People: **Here, without money,**

here, without price,

all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

Leader: God speaks, and all who listen will have life.

People: **Let us worship God!**

***Opening Song** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God,

we have wandered from you like lost sheep.

We have followed

the desires of our own hearts

instead of seeking your will.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are sorry.

And grant, O merciful God,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Reception of New Members

***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 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
God makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
God renews my life
and guides me along right pathways
for the sake of God's Name.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture Luke 15:1–10

(page 73, N.T.)

Sermon Searching for the Lost

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 “Let It Breathe on Me”

Magnolia Lewis-Butts

***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 "One Bread, One Body"

John Foley, S. J.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
may this table and its gifts be a reminder to us
of the patience, kindness, and simplicity with which you seek us out.
You come to us at a welcoming table; you call every one of us to sit down
and eat; and you strengthen us for the road before us.
Thank you, Jesus. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

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

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News and Opportunities

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.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held on the fourth Friday of the month, will next be held on Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions, and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study will next gather this Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at rloeckel@fourthchurch.org.

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.

Beginner T'ai Chi Chuan classes, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Tuesdays, starting October 1, at 2:00 p.m. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

Four new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin later this month: "An Introduction to the Bible," led by Kenneth Vaux; "Immigration and Our Journey of Faith," led by Edwin Estevez; "New Paths: Christians Engaging Israel," led by Robert Cathey and Esther Menn; and "Forgiveness," led by Vicky Curtiss. Register online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

Craig Barnes, who preached at Fourth Church in June and is President of Princeton Theological Seminary, will be speaking on "Humility and Expectation" at the Christian Century's annual lecture. For registration details about the lecture, which will be held at the Arts Club on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m., contact the Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

Be sure to take a moment to enjoy the photos from last Sunday's Children and Youth Kickoff activities. They are being shown on the information kiosks in the Commons and are also posted in an album online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. In the days ahead, watch both places for more church life photos as well as information about upcoming events and opportunities!



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

The congregational letter from Calum MacLeod, which was emailed this past week, is also posted on the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org. If you did not receive the letter, be sure to send your email address to news@fourthchurch.org to ensure you don't miss future updates.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for access to the Fourth Church calendar, an archive of sermons, and more.

The September update from the PNC is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc. As noted there, the Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in conversation with a select group of candidates.

One year ago tomorrow, September 16, 2012, we laid the Gratz Center cornerstone. Tuesday, September 17 will mark the 101st anniversary of laying the cornerstone for the Sanctuary in 1912.

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.

An interfaith Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online. 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.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago).

Volunteers and Donations

A Time and Talent Volunteer Fair will be held next Sunday, September 22 during Coffee Hour following morning worship services. Stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons to learn about opportunities to volunteer through Fourth Church.

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, 3:45–5:00 p.m.

Experienced website developer to help an AIDS agency improve their website

Computer lab instructor for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening a week, 5:25–5:55 p.m., starting September 30

Current Donation Needs

Laptop or iPad for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center bag lunch program

Men's and women's sturdy seasonal clothes (coats, hats, socks, etc.)

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html.

Fellowship

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

Knitters and Crocheters, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, will next gather on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth in grades 6–12 gather 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.

A Family Movie Night will be held this Friday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room and the Michigan Avenue courtyard (weather permitting).

Fall Family Camp will be held at Camp Geneva, on Lake Michigan, just outside Holland, Michigan, from Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29. Registration forms, which are available at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html, are due this Friday, September 20.

Music and the Arts

Pianist Katie Reimer will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Choral Society welcomes new singers to rehearsal on Thursdays, beginning September 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will perform Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* on November 8.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Mission and Outreach

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Monday, September 16. New male volunteers may attend this session or an all-male orientation session on Tuesday, September 17. Both sessions are held at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For more information, contact Fernie Tiflis at 312.981.3381 (ftiflis@fourthchurch.org).

The Benevolent Guild, which creates stuffed animals for hospitalized children, will gather for an educational meeting this Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

"Hope in an Age of Crisis," a presentation about how congregations can play a role toward a more just society, will be held this Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Cathedral (65 E. Huron). A light dinner will be served. To register, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

A World Habitat Day work day with Windy City Habitat for Humanity will be held on Monday, October 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 119th and Union Ave. For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@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 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, October 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 4, 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.