



Second Sunday after Christmas

Gathering

Gathering Music "Little Drummer Boy" *Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati, and Harry Simeone*
"Pieces of Dreams" *Michel Legrand; Alan and Marilyn Bergman*

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.

* Stand as you are able

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,

Women: **among the persecuted,**

Men: **among the privileged,**

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: In the private house, in the public place,

Women: **in the wedding feast,**

Men: **in the judgment hall,**

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,

Women: **with a clear conscience,**

Men: **with burning love,**

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,

Women: **that the powerful might stumble,**

Men: **that the hidden might be seen,**

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,

Women: **in this place, in every place,**

Men: **for this time, for all time,**

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

***Opening Song "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

Prayer of Confession

After each petition:

Leader: . . . God of love, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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 Matthew 2 (*selected verses*)

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Sermon Dreams . . .

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 "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!**

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 "Jesus, the Light of the World"

George Elderkin and Charles Wesley

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
as we have come to this table for strength,
send us out filled with your love,
that we may meet the world that awaits us
with courage for each day and dreams for tomorrow.
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 H. Fronczek Associate Pastor
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 available on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. 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.

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. and 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 will next be held on Friday, January 24 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.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@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.

A “Faith Formation” workshop for parents will discuss “What Does Our Family Believe?” next Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A Family Service Project in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Casa Central Casa Infantil (2222 N. Kedzie Ave.).

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org.

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will come together for dinner and a performance by Fourth Acts this Friday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Buchanan Chapel. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 or Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, January 8.

We are celebrating 100 years on Michigan Avenue!

Throughout this centennial year, we will be sharing photos from our archives, so if you've not yet “Liked” Fourth Church on Facebook (at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today so you don't miss any of the fun snapshots of our history. Watch too for details about centennial celebrations!



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Today we recall the gifts brought by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. Light Up a Life gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights that help neighbors whose needs are great this season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Conversations about hospitality at Fourth Church will take place next Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Room 5G. Please stop by one of these half-hour discussions to share your input into how this congregation can be an even more hospitable and welcoming place to members and visitors alike.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago).

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to be in conversation with candidates. The role of “call” as part of the search process is the topic of a recent PNC reflection, and you can read that online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Mission and Outreach

Save the date for Carnaval: Friday, February 28 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (221 N. Columbus).

Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due this Wednesday, January 8. Application and trip details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

“New Volunteer” orientation sessions for Chicago Lights Tutoring will be held this Wednesday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4K. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at 312.981.3381 (ftiflis@fourthchurch.org).

Youth and Young Adults will participate in a joint Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Erie House (1701 W. Superior). For details, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org) or Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

An offering in support of the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Syria will be received January 19.

“Hope in an Age of Crisis,” a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and public meeting to address social issues, will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (8235 S. Shore Dr.). To RSVP or for details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org). Transportation for those who RSVP will be provided.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

Books by Women will discuss *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m.

"Taste and See: A Retreat for Women" will be held on Saturday, January 25 in the Gratz Center. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Immigration Today," a Center for Life and Learning minicourse, will be held on Mondays, January 27–February 17 at 2:45 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

"Understanding Marriage Equality," a forum hosted by Changing Conversations and Equality Illinois, will be held on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Several meditation opportunities are being offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center in early 2014. "Mindfulness and Meditation," led by Ruth Durchslag and Nesita Kwan, will be held on Wednesdays, January 8–February 5 at 7:00 p.m.; "Embodied Meditation: Introductory Class," led by Jon Hansen and Whitney Logan, will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and "Embodied Meditation: Advanced Class" will be held every other Monday, January 20–March 3, at 7:00 p.m. All classes will take place in the Third Floor Conference Room. To register, call 312.787.8425.

"Composing a Life: A Journaling Workshop for Boomers and Beyond," led by Carol LaChapelle, will be held on Tuesdays, February 4–25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room. To register for a discounted rate, call the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, January 28.

Music and the Arts

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals this Thursday, January 9.

Trumpeter Mike Brozick will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An art exhibition of architectural models commissioned by the Sharing Sacred Spaces program of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions is currently on display in the Loggia.

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.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

In2it Café instructors to share hobbies with Chicago Lights Tutoring students; once a week; 5:25–5:55 p.m.

Transcribers for Oral History Committee interviews
Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Teachers and health professionals for the Center for Life and Learning

Experienced website developer to help an AIDS agency improve their website

Current Donation Needs

Men's seasonal clothes in all sizes

Women's seasonal clothes in larger sizes

Nonperishable food items

Double paper/plastic bags

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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, January 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, February 3 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 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, and May 25.

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.