



Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

Gathering Music “Wade in the Water”
“Down to the River to Pray”

Traditional

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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.

* Stand as you are able

***Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;

People: **worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

***Opening Song 1** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Opening Song 2** "When the Storms of Life Are Raging"

Prayer of Confession

Each petition will be followed by a moment of silence and the following response:

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

People: **hear our prayer.**

All: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism,
forgive our sinful ways,
and heal our brokenness.**

**Set us free from all that enslaves us,
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants,
showing forth your healing love to the world,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 43:1–7

(page 631, O.T.)

Second Lesson Matthew 3:13–17

(page 3, N.T.)

Sermon “We Do What Jesus Did”

John W. Vest

Sealing the Word

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

***Profession of Faith**

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: **I do.**

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

People: **I do.**

Minister: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: **I will, with God’s help.**

***Credo**

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music "Shall We Gather at the River"

Robert Lowry

***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 "God Has Smiled on Me"

Isaiah Jones Jr.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God,

you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,

to seek and save the lost.

We follow him in baptism

and join him in this sacred meal.

May we, who have been baptized in his name

and nourished at this table,

never turn away from the world

but reach out in love to all those in need.

In you, in Christ, in the Holy Spirit we pray.

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** “Baptized in Water”

***Benediction**

After the benediction, those who desire to receive the laying on of hands and a prayer of blessing may come to the baptismal font.

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

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals
	Michael Caskey, drums
	Bryan Doherty, bass
	Marcin Fahmy, piano

Worship note

Today's Credo is "A New Creed" from the United Church of Canada (1968).

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News and Opportunities

Worship

The Christmas Eve “Lessons and Music” service is available for viewing online at www.bit.ly/FPCXmasEve2013

The labyrinth will not be available for walking on weekdays this week but will be available on Saturday between 7:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please call the receptionist at 312.787.4570 before coming to walk to ensure the labyrinth is open.

News and Resources

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, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets this Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Mission and Outreach

To help with service projects on the Saturday of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, stop by the Multicultural table or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org). There is opportunity to help youth and young adults paint at Erie House and to help families with young children clean at Casa Central Casa Infantil.

Children, Youth, and Family

A sledding outing for families will take place next Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m. at Cricket Hill near Montrose Harbor. To RSVP, contact Matt Helms at mhelms@fourthchurch.org.

Music and the Arts

Flutist Mark Alan Longo will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An art exhibition of architectural models commissioned by Sharing Sacred Spaces is currently on display in the Loggia.

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties will meet to discuss “Life in Focus: Wired,” led by Scott Paeth, next Sunday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Volunteers

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

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

Have you seen the Children’s Pageant pictures?

Some are posted on the information kiosks in the Gignilliat Commons and even more are on Facebook. Also on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) you will find photos of Fourth Church in the recent snow and cold, images celebrating our centennial year on Michigan Avenue, and quotes from recent sermons, devotions, and prayers.



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.