



Centennial Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music "Make Me a Memory"
"Fields of Gold"

Grover Washington Jr.
Sting

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** (*unison*)

Adapted from Psalm 31

Leader: Praise God, all people!

People: **Praise the Lord, all creation!**

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress.

People: **Our times are in God's hand.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Opening Song** “God of Our Life”

Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate and gentle God,
you have created us in love to be your people.
You have called us in love to be your light.
You have promised us in love that you are our home.
But in this space of honesty,
we confess we have often lost sight of these divine gifts.
And we also confess that sometimes
we have forgotten what it means to fully live as your people,
to shine as your light, and to trust in your presence.
Forgive us.
Forgive us and send your Spirit anew:
your Spirit of renewal and transformation;
your Spirit who upends our lives;
your Spirit that calls us back to you.
And then remake us in your image once again
so this congregation may move into your future
with confidence and hope.
We pray these things in the name of the One who rose from the grave.
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.

***Song** “Reach Out Your Hand in Peace”

Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 46 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth moves,
and though the mountains topple into the depths of the sea;
its waters rage and foam, and mountains tremble at its tumult.

Antiphon (*unison*): **The God of Hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations rage, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The God of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Come now and look upon the works of God,
what awesome things God has done on earth.
God makes war to cease in all the world;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
The God of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Scripture John 14:1–14

(page 97, N.T.)

Sermon

Shannon J. Kershner

Musical Reflection

Remembering Our Centennial

*Adapted from the 1914 dedication liturgy written by
Fourth Church's then-pastor, John Timothy Stone*

Minister: This house we rededicate to God.

People: **This house we rededicate to God.**

Minister: We believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and we believe the power of God's Spirit will lead and guide us into the next century.

This house was built by loving hands and generous friends in order that God's name may be glorified here and that the good news of Jesus Christ may be a saving power to our community, our city, and our world.

That mission to proclaim the good news of the gospel has been lived out with faithfulness over these last 100 years.

And we promise that with God's help, we will continue to live out that mission as we follow our God into God's future.

And so we say again: This house, we rededicate to God.

People: **This house we rededicate to God!**

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Wayfaring Stranger"

Traditional

***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

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 and Prayers of the People

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**There is no place where you are not, O God,
so even as we enter back into our day
and into all that life holds for us outside this place,
we know that you go with us.
You are behind and ahead of us,
and you hold our hand every step of the way.
Thank you for feeding us—
for nourishing us in this meal,
in this time of quiet and sanctuary.
Feed us throughout this day and this week.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Judy Kerch	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Ernie Adams, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

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.

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News and Resources

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

As we give thanks today for the legacy given us by those who built this church, we remember that we too are caretakers of that legacy, charged with passing it on to those who follow. 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 initials SJK, for Shannon Johnson Kershner, have been added by Morgan Simmons to the front of the cushion on the Sanctuary preacher's chair. All the needlepoint cushions, panels, and gold cross in the Sanctuary are the handiwork of Morgan, a member of this congregation and, from 1968 to 1996, organist and choirmaster of Fourth Church.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. More information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Interested in serving as a liturgist for a Jazz at Four service and helping with the readings? Please let Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, know at 312.981.3382. All ages are welcome!

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.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago)

Children, Youth, and Family

Today is the last day to register for Spring Family Camp, which will be held Friday–Sunday, May 30–June 1 at Camp Geneva in Holland, Michigan. Registration forms are available in the 4C Lounge of the Gratz Center and online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html.

There will be no Sunday School on Memorial Day weekend (May 25) or Family Camp weekend (June 1). Summer Sunday School (with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only) will begin on Sunday, June 8.

A bake sale to support the youth work camp trip to Haiti July 11–19 will be held on Sunday, June 15 during Coffee Hour.

Save the date for VBS: August 11–15!

Do you have plans to travel this summer?

We hope you'll stay connected with us while away: to see the latest Fourth Church news; thought-provoking quotes from sermons, prayers, and devotions; and photos of church life, "Like" the Fourth Church page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). And why not tell a friend about Fourth Church by sharing one of our posts!



News and Opportunities

Worship

Shannon Kershner will next preach on Sunday, June 15—at the 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. services—after she and her family make the post-school-year move to Chicago. She will then preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services for the remainder of June and July. She will also preach at occasional 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services.

The installation of Shannon Kershner as Pastor of Fourth Church will take place on Sunday, September 21 during the 11:00 a.m. service. After that service all are invited to a special reception to officially welcome Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan to Fourth Church.

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 4:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held this Friday, May 23 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

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.

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.

Enrichment

A Center for Life and Learning Bible Study for adults sixty and more takes place on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in Room 5F of the Gratz Center. For more information, call Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

Music and the Arts

"Birds of Longing: Memory and Exile," an exhibition of Laurie Wohl's artwork, is currently on display in the Loggia.

Cellist Sarah Marsh will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A concert celebrating the pipe organ of Fourth Church will take place on Thursday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. with John Sherer performing works by Bach, Widor, and Franck. In mid-July the organ will be removed as part of the organ rebuilding project, and a replacement organ will be used in its place until the rebuilding work is complete.

Encore, a Center for Life and Learning benefit, will be held the evening of Saturday, June 14. A private performance of *In the Garden: A Darwinian Love Story* will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Lookingglass Theatre. A pre-show reception be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Ticket information is available at Coffee Hour, online at www.fourthchurch.org/cll, and by calling Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

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

A microfinance mission trip to Colombia (September 21–26) is being offered by Fourth Church and Opportunity International. More information is available in the literature racks and by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

The Chicago Lights Summer Day program is looking for volunteers to serve as classroom assistants, meal-time helpers, or field-trip chaperones. Interested volunteers are asked to attend one of two orientation sessions held in Room 4G of the Gratz Center: Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. or Thursday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Fernie Tiflis at 312.981.3381 (ftiflis@fourthchurch.org).

Cuba and Guatemala mission trip participants from this year will talk about their trip experiences on Sunday, June 1 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The Benevolent Guild gathers to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children. Meetings are held on Wednesdays, except the third Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center.

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).

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers for Chicago Lights Summer Day

Handbell ringers for the Handbell Choir

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper,

5:00–6:00 p.m. on rotation

Teachers and healthcare professionals for the Center for Life and Learning

Clothing sorters and shopping assistants

for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center's Share Shop; Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons

Beverage pourers for Sunday Night Supper,

3:30–6:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's seasonal clothes in all sizes for the Share Shop at the Social Service Center

Nonperishable food items for the Consumer Choice Food Pantry at the Social Service Center

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

Fellowship

Cornerstones will gather for dinner at Trattoria Gianni (1711 N. Halsted) and the theatrical production Bible Bingo at the Royal George Theatre (1641 N. Halsted) on the evening of Friday, June 6.

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 Judith 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.

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 left-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, June 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, July 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), 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 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 May 25, June 22, and July 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.

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