



Gathering

Gathering Music "Affirmation"..... Jose Feliciano
"I Believe in You" Frank Loesser

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: When we are happy, when we are full of fun and laughter,

People: God welcomes us.

Leader: When we are angry, when people let us down and make us sad,

People: God welcomes us.

Leader: When we are tired, when we need to stop and curl up and rest,

People: God welcomes us.

Leader: God of welcome, God whose door is always open,

People: we are glad to meet you here!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song.** “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession

*(In silence, let us name parts of our lives and parts of our hearts
that we need to either lay down or wrench open for God's transformation.
Let us confess the ways in which we are broken.)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,
but brothers and sisters 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 12:1–8 (*New Testament, page 151*)

Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13–20 (*New Testament, page 17*)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

Offertory Music “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” *Jennie Wilson and F. L. Eiland*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Leader: Gracious God, for your love for us that is gentle as a shower,
that heals our pain and binds up our wounds:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us that is as sure as the dawn,
that transforms our shadow places and reveals your truth:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us that is mercifully steadfast,
that calls us to you and raises us up:

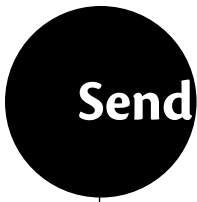
People: we give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us that encourages questions
and is open to doubts:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: Urge us on, O Christ, to find wholeness through serving you
by serving others in the power of your Spirit until you make all things new.

People: Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Brian Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano

Baptism

Otto James Kueck, son of Matthew and Kristine Kueck
Bowen John Powers, son of John and Kathleen Powers

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is 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.

Acknowledgments

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PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Matt Helms, Minister for Children and Families
Hardy H. Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 1:00 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. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.html

To sponsor new hymnals, please complete the sponsorship form, which can be found in the pew rack. Personalized bookplates will be placed in the hymnals to recognize the individual or family donating the hymnal or the persons being memorialized or honored by the gift. Information about the hymnals is also available from Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org) and online at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html

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.

Contemplative Prayer Meditation Group is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

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 on Friday, September 26 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. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize

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, all those in need, and mission partners around the world.

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.

Worship services can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids. Individual listening devices for improved sound are also available from ushers.

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.

Needed: new tutors for our Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which begins its fiftieth year this fall! We're also looking for volunteers to help with our Meals Ministry outreach and for additional ushers and lay liturgists. A complete list of volunteer needs—and opportunity to sign up—is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html



News and Resources

Conversations with Shannon—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our new Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sundays, September 7 and 14, October 5 and 19, and November 2 and 9 at 12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse. To RSVP (required in advance), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 14, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for up-to-the-moment news, worship, and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on the news.

Shannon Kershner will be installed as our next Pastor on Sunday, September 21 during 11:00 a.m. worship. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will return to Fourth Church to preach that morning, and we will have a celebratory reception for Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan following the 11:00 service.

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/contact/nominating_form.html. 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 by Monday, September 22.

The Autumn Open House for the Center for Life and Learning will take place on Thursday, September 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. Stop by to learn about the enrichment, wellness, and exercise opportunities offered by this program for adults sixty and more.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

The Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, is offering a variety of programs for those seeking a job, looking for meaningful work, or otherwise going through a career transition. For details, visit www.ctcchicago.org

To keep membership information up to date, please note any changes in mailing address, email address, or phone number on the pew pads, email them to databasechanges@fourthchurch.org, or click on “Member Login” on the Fourth Church website.

Fourth Church is on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Vocalist Arlene Bardelle will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes Thursday, September 4. All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to attend the rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes on Sunday, September 7. All interested are invited to attend the rehearsals, which will be on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

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.

Light, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

A chakras meditation seminar—led by Wyman Hall-Walker, Donna Yu, and Ruth Durchslag—will be held this Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A \$10 donation will be collected at the door.

Spiritual yoga and meditation are offered on Tuesdays through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday morning worship services and occasional afternoon services

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Labyrinth walk hosts in Buchanan Chapel to serve as a welcoming presence and offer guidance

Volunteers to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

Members to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Individuals to organize and pack supplies on Sunday afternoon for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

Bag lunch assemblers and distributors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays; 10:30–11:45 a.m. or 11:50 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Sunday Night Supper dining room helpers to assist with setup, beverage pouring, hosting, and cleaning; 3:30–6:00 p.m.

Members to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

Current Donation Needs

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper
Men's and women's sturdy, fall clothes in all sizes

Small women's pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Department store bags with handles

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

News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A conversation about global poverty—using the book *A Hole in Our Gospel*—will be held on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Meals Ministry volunteers help with the Bag Lunch Program, Sunday Night Supper, Monday Night Supper, and partnerships that help provide meals for those in need. More information is available by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

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: Thursday, September 11; Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday, September 17; or Monday, September 22. RSVP at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

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).

Delivery of fresh produce through the Chicago Lights Urban Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program is available through the fall. For more information about these "salad shares," contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@fourthchurch.org.

Save the date for Carnival 2015: Friday, March 6!

Children, Youth, and Family

Kickoff Sunday, hosted by children, youth, and their families, is Sunday, September 7. There will be an all-church lunch at 12:00 noon as well as fun, fellowship, and games in the courtyard.

Moms' Groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/children/moms.html or contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also meet for volleyball this Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones, hosted by couples in their fifties and older, will meet for a potluck on Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, September 3.

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 read aloud during 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, September 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 6, 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 contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; lnickerson@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. The next monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on September 28.

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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