



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Family" . . . . . Pat Metheny  
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" . . . . . African American spiritual

*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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before God with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is God who made us and we are his;

**People: We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving  
and God’s courts with praise;  
give thanks to God and praise his name.

**People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.  
God’s faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**\*Opening Song.** . . . . . “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**Prayer of Confession**

*(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,  
but family in Christ. Please stand and greet one another with the peace of Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**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 67 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
and may God's face shine down upon us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your deliverance among all nations.

**ANTIPHON**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**ANTIPHON**

The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us a blessing.  
May God give us a blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 14:1–12 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 152*)

**Sermon** All in the Family . . . . . Layton Williams

**Musical Reflection**



**Sealing the Word**

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

**Offertory Music** “Let’s Get Together” . . . . . Chet Powers

**\*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** "As Members of the Body" ..... *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**God of grace,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May this food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Closing Song** ..... "O for a World"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Elizabeth Nickerson</b>	Worship Leader
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

### 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.

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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

### Enrichment

**Meditation opportunities**, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 (intro) and 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)

**Christian Century Study Groups** meet to discuss the *Christian Century* magazine every other Wednesday, beginning September 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**A trip to Shipshewana**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Friday, September 26. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)) by this Wednesday, September 17.

**New adult education opportunities** begin Sunday, September 28: "World War I and the Twentieth-Century Crisis of Faith," led by Claudia Boatwright, at 9:30 a.m. and "Old Stories, New Dimensions: A Creative Writing and Biblical Storytelling Class," led by Layton Williams, at 11:00 a.m., both on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/academy](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy) or contact Ryan Loeckel at [rloeckel@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

### Mission and Outreach

**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: Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday, September 17; or Monday, September 22. RSVP at [cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com](http://cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com)

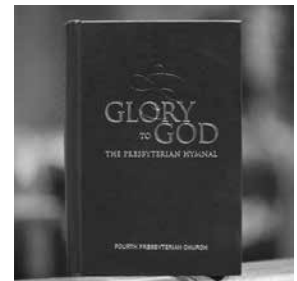
**The Benevolent Guild** gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

**A Safe Families for Children** orientation session for families interested in providing a temporary home for children in need will be held this Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5F.

**A celebration of Tutoring's 50th anniversary** will take place on Saturday, September 27 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/Tutoring50th](http://www.bit.ly/Tutoring50th). Tutors who were active with the program during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s are asked to contact Alex Cornwell at 312.981.3565 ([acornwell@fourthchurch.org](mailto:acornwell@fourthchurch.org)) to be included in the celebration.

**Save the date for GLOW**, the annual Chicago Lights Associates Board fundraiser, on Saturday, November 8 at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Tickets are available at [bit.ly/clglow2014](http://bit.ly/clglow2014)

**Today is the last day to personalize bookplates** to be included in our new *Glory to God* hymnals we will introduce in Advent. To sponsor hymnals in your name, your family's name, or the names of those you want to memorialize or honor, please fill out the form that is in the pew racks, at Coffee Hour, online at [www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html), or contact Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Two years ago Tuesday, September 16, 2012**, we laid the Gratz Center cornerstone. Wednesday, September 17 will mark the 102nd anniversary of laying the cornerstone for the Sanctuary in 1912.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and more.

**Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for favorite quotes, photos, 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 Pastor next 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.

**Next Sunday is the last Sunday** to submit nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Forms, which are available online and in the pew racks, can be completed and placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church by September 21.

**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, October 5 and 19 and November 2 and 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the church. To RSVP (required in advance), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**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 Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Fourth Church is on Twitter:**  
(@FourthChicago).

**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.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School classes** are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Tunes for Tots**, a time of singing and music for infants, young toddlers, and their parents, is held on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:20 a.m. in the Nursery.

**Youth** in grades 6 through 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.

**Fall Family Camp** will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, September 26 to Sunday, September 28. A registration form is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html)



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## Music and the Arts

**Pianist Yana Reznik** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Handbell Choir rehearsal** is held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

**The Choral Society** welcomes new singers to rehearsal on Thursdays, beginning October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will be performing Schubert's *Mass in G* on Thursday, October 30.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Audio recording equipment operators** for Sunday worship services

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

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

**Sunday Night Supper** dining room helpers, 3:30–6:00 p.m.

**Dessert bakers** for Monday Night Supper

**Bag lunch assemblers and distributors** on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Colorful tablecloths** for Sunday Night Supper

**Men's and women's sturdy, fall clothes**

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

**Nonperishable** food items

**Travel-size** toiletry items

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html) or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

## Worship

**An interfaith Blessing of the Animals** service will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**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 9:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**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.

**Contemplative Prayer Meditation Group** is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend.

**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.

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@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 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](http://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](mailto: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 Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, October 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on September 28 and October 26.

**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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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