



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Work Song" . . . . . Nat Adderley  
"Peace Piece" . . . . . Bill Evans

*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: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**People: Hear the praises of your people, O God our Creator.**

Leader: How unsearchable are God's judgments and how inscrutable God's ways!

**People: Hear the praises of your people, O God our Redeemer.**

Leader: From God and by God have all things come and to God are all things going.

**People: Hear the praises of your people, O God our Sustainer.**

Leader: To God be glory forever.

**People: Hear the praises of your people  
and be glorified in our worship today, almighty God. Amen.**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song.** . . . . . “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

**Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Loving and merciful God,  
you have called us to refrain from anger  
at our sisters and brothers  
and to examine our own lives  
before seeking to change others’ ways.  
Yet we confess that we, broken as we are,  
continue to cast stones of judgment at our neighbors  
in ways that only damage our relationships  
and point out our hypocrisy.  
In this moment, hear us as we confess  
the ways we have forgotten your call to humility  
and have wounded others by our pride. . .

*[silence]*

Leader: Amen.

**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 siblings 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 105:1–6, 37–45 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Give thanks to God,  
    call upon the Name;  
make known God's deeds among the peoples,  
    your deliverance among all nations.  
Sing to God, sing praises,  
    speak of all the marvelous works.  
Glory in the holy Name;  
    let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

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**ANTIPHON**

Search for God and God's strength;  
    continually seek God's face.  
Remember the marvels done,  
    the wonders and judgments of God's mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham, the servant,  
    O children of Jacob, the chosen.

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**ANTIPHON**

God led out his people with silver and gold;  
    in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
Egypt was glad of their going,  
    because they were afraid of them.

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**ANTIPHON**

God spread out a cloud for a covering  
    and a fire to give light in the night season.  
They asked, and quails appeared;  
    God satisfied them with bread from heaven.

**ANTIPHON**

God opened the rock, and water flowed,  
so the river ran in the dry places.  
For God remembered the holy word  
and Abraham, the servant.

**ANTIPHON**

So the people were led forth with gladness,  
the chosen with shouts of joy.  
God gave the people the land of the nations,  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
that they might keep the statutes  
and observe the laws.

Hallelujah!

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 20:1–16 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 20*)

**Sermon** It's Not Fair . . . . . Hardy H. Kim

**Musical Reflection**



# Sealing the Word

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

**Offertory Music** "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" . . . . . *Bob Russell and Bobby Scott*

**\*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** "Let Us Break Bread Together" . . . . . *Traditional*

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

Loving God,  
you graciously feed us with the bread of life  
and the cup of eternal salvation,  
though we know we've not done enough to earn them.  
May we who have received this sacrament of grace  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face-to-face in your kingdom.  
Send us forth in this grace with strength and courage—  
knowing you have made us all equally your own people—  
so that we can each, in our own way,  
continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ, in this world. Amen.



# Sending

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Holly McGuire, song leader Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums 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

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**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
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**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# News and Opportunities

## Enrichment

A **“Shamanic Journeying”** ceremony will be offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

**New adult education opportunities** begin Sunday, September 28: “World War I and the Twentieth-Century Crisis of Faith,” led by Claudia Boatright, 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.

**“Working Well,”** a three-part series offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held on Thursdays, beginning October 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For details, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc) or call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**A Center for Life and Learning excursion** to the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be held on Friday, October 10. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by Monday, September 29.

## Worship

**A service in the style of Taizé** will next be held this Friday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall.

**Learn about our new hymnal**, “Glory to God,” on Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, as John Sherer introduces us to the hymnal we will begin using on November 30. To all who sponsored hymnals, thank you! All the new hymnals for the Sanctuary have now been sponsored.

## Mission and Outreach

**Colombia mission trip participants** are spending this week learning about the impact of microfinance in alleviating poverty and supporting families and communities. Read about their experiences at [www.opportunity.org/blog](http://www.opportunity.org/blog)

**A one-session orientation** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at [cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com](http://cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com)

**Knitting and Crocheting** will next gather this Tuesday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4K.

**A celebration of Tutoring’s 50th anniversary**, with author Alex Kotlowitz as keynote speaker, will take place this 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)

**A screening of *Divided Families: Responding with Faith***, followed by a panel discussion about U.S. immigration policies, will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Cornerstones** will gather for conversation with new Pastor Shannon Kershner on Friday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), call Carol Allerton 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, October 1.



# News and Opportunities

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School classes** are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **Youth** gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**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.

**Today is the deadline to register** for Fall Family Camp, which will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, September 26 to Sunday, September 28. Register online at [www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/children/family-camp.html)

## Music and the Arts

**Roosevelt University's** Chicago College of Performing Arts Chamber Orchestra will be in concert this Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

**Organist John W. W. Sherer** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert.

**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 operators** for worship  
**In2it Cafe instructors** for Chicago Lights Tutoring;  
one evening a week

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Colorful tablecloths** for Sunday Night Supper  
**Men's and women's** sturdy, fall clothes  
**Nonperishable** food items

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html)*

## News and Resources

**This week we are honored to host** Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Rosh Hashanah services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years.

**Today we kick off the 2015 Annual Appeal** for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. Watch your mailbox in the coming days for an invitation to support the many ways in which this congregation daily lives out its call to be a vibrant, alive church in the city. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks today. For more information, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

**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 at 12:30 p.m. at the church. To RSVP (required in advance), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for favorite quotes, photos, and programming information.

**Nominating forms for the offices** of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board, 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 Monday, October 6.

**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, and more.

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

## 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 Monday, October 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 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](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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