

Gathering

Gathering Music "Higher Ground" Stevie Wonder
"Better Get Hit in Your Soul" Charles Mingus

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: Come among us, Jesus,
you whom the angels worship
and children welcome.

People: Come, Jesus, and meet us here.

Leader: Come among us, Jesus,
you who hurled the stars into space
and shaped the spider's weaving.

People: Come, Jesus, and meet us here.

Leader: Come among us, Jesus,
you who walked that long road to Jerusalem
and lit a flame that dances forever.

People: Come, Jesus, and meet us here.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Opening Song.** "Be Thou My Vision"

Call to Confession

John Calvin once wrote that we ought to have the Assurance of Pardon before we ever attempted to confess our sin. Calvin thought that we would only be truly honest about all the ways we keep living in bondage if we first really heard and believed that we were forgiven "nevertheless." So, trusting in God's great "nevertheless," let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
you invite us to live into your image,
but we confess that too often we say one thing with our lips
and another with our lives.
Help us to make our deeds fit our words.
Help our conduct match our affirmations of faith.
Forgive us when we say
that we will follow you into the world,
yet we stay behind
with our feet firmly planted in comfortable places.
Forgive us for any hypocrisy.
Forgive us for any neglect.
Fill us with such gratitude
that we cannot help but live and love differently.
And may we live into your image
and see that image in all those we meet.
In your Son's name we pray. Amen.**

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

Psalter Psalm 78:1–4, 12–26 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON

Hear my teaching, O my people:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times,
that which we have heard and known
and what our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide from their children;

we will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of God and the wonderful works God has done.

ANTIPHON

God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

God split open the sea and let them pass through
and made waters stand up like walls.

God led them with a cloud by day

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

ANTIPHON

God split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
God brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:23–32 (*New Testament, page 22*)

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 “Love’s in Need of Love Today” *S. Wonder*

***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

Litany of Prayer after Communion

Leader: God of our lives,
you are always calling us
to follow you into the future,
inviting us into new ventures,
new challenges,
new ways to care,
new ways to touch the hearts of all.

**People: When we are fearful of the unknown,
give us courage.
When we worry we are not up to the task,
remind us that you would not call us
if you did not believe in us.**

Leader: When we get tired, give us energy.

**People: And may we always remember
you are the bringer of hope and good news! Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “The Servant Song”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Jean Marie Koon	Lay Liturgist
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

Baptism

Lennon James Graham Cabrera, son of Fred Cabrera and Gavin Graham

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

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held on Sundays: “World War I and Faith,” led by Claudia Boatright, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D and “Biblical Storytelling,” led by Layton Williams, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion this Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth for Bridge will meet this Saturday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“**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

Fellowship

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

Cornerstones will gather for “An Evening with Shannon Kershner” this 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.

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Tuesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On Thursday, October 2, Presbyterian Women will tie purple bows on the trees on Michigan Avenue, as they do annually, to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A Peacemaking Offering will be received next Sunday, World Communion Sunday, to support the work of the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance.

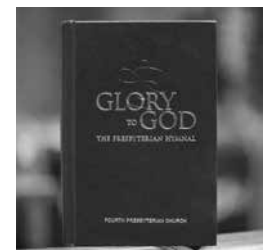
World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 5. All are invited to visit Coffee Hour following morning worship that day to learn about Fourth Church mission partners and 2015 mission trips.

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.

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.

Come to a special sneak peek at our new hymnal,
Glory to God, next Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. John Sherer will introduce us to the hymns new and old that make up the new hymnal, which we will begin using on the first Sunday of Advent. A repeat of this introduction will also be held on Sunday, November 2 as we prepare to sing our Advent glory to God!



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.

Elevation youth will meet for a lock-in Friday–Saturday, October 3–4 at Fourth Church. To register, contact Katie Patterson at 312.981.4035 (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Violinist Sara Su Jones will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m.

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.

Camerata Chicago and cellist Joshua Roman will perform works by Beethoven, Dvorak, and Rossini on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.cameratachicago.org

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

News and Resources

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 reception, or mailed by Monday, October 6.

This Friday and Saturday we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Yom Kippur services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years.

Did you see this week's photos of church life? They're posted at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, along with quotes from prayers and devotions, and the latest news of upcoming events.

Conversations with Shannon—a time for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our new Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal 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), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the calendar, an archive of sermons, photos, and more.

Annual Appeal 2015

"All In!" materials have been sent to member homes. Response cards for indicating your support of the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights are enclosed in that mailing and are available in the pew racks; they also can be completed online. All are invited to please consider making a pledge to this 2015 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights on or before Commitment Sunday, October 26. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org or call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

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, 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 9:00 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. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on October 26 and November 23.

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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