



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Choices" . . . . . Mike Stern  
"Black Narcissus". . . . . Joe Henderson

*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: This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities.

**People: We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.**

Leader: Old ways and tired routines can be left behind.

**People: God comes to us in unexpected ways  
and refreshes all who join the adventure of faith.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew our spirit.

**People: Amen! Let us worship!**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not been your faithful, called-out people.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We have been filled with self-concern and self-interest.  
“Me-first” has become the order of our lives.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We have lacked vision; our commitment has been shallow;  
our love has been narrow.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We have been bitter complainers, forgetting who we are called to be.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, God, and help us to be like Jesus,  
who gave up everything for our salvation.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, for Jesus’ sake. 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 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 100 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*): **For God is good, and God’s mercy is everlasting.**

Leader: Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
serve God with gladness;  
come before God’s presence with a song.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For God is good, and God’s mercy is everlasting.**

Leader: Know this: God is the Most High,  
who has made us, and we are God’s;  
we are God’s people and the flock of God’s pasture.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For God is good, and God’s mercy is everlasting.**

Leader: Enter the gates with thanksgiving,  
the courts with praise.  
Praise God!  
Bless God’s name!  
For God is good;  
God’s mercy is everlasting;  
and God’s faithfulness endures from age to age.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **For God is good, and God’s mercy is everlasting**

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1–14. . . . . (*New Testament, page 23*)

**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** "Gotta Serve Somebody" . . . . . *Bob Dylan*

**\*Doxology** . . . . . *Lucy Smith*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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** “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” . . . . . *Vicar Earle Copes  
and Louis F. Benson*

### Litany of 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** . . . . . “My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)”

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Shannon J. Kershner</b>	Pastor
<b>Elizabeth Nickerson</b>	Worship Leader
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Patrick Mulcahy, bass

### 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  
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**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# News and Opportunities

## Annual Appeal 2015

**Commitment Sunday** is Sunday, October 26. Please join in pledging your commitment by that day to be “All In” so we can go out to love and serve. The pledge cards for the 2015 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights can be found in the pew racks or completed online at [www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal](http://www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal). For more information, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 ([kbever@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kbever@fourthchurch.org)).

## Worship

**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.

**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, October 24 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 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 those in need.

## News and Resources

**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.

**Open House Chicago**, a free public festival that offers behind-the-scenes access to 150 buildings across Chicago, will include Fourth Church as one of the sites this year. The festival takes place on Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19. Details are available at [www.openhousechicago.org](http://www.openhousechicago.org)

**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 this Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://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.

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

**To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter**, [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), send email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)

### Want to make your 2015 pledge online?

Simply scan the QR code at right with any smartphone or go to <http://bit.ly/fpcgiving>, where you can enter your pledge for the 2015 Annual Appeal “All In!”

On that page you can also make 2014 gifts to support the life-giving worship, mission, education, fellowship, outreach, music, and caring ministries of this church that we are together.



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### Enrichment

**Academy for Faith and Life** classes are held on Sundays: "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, and "The Power of Holiness," led by Tom Dozeman, at 11:00 a.m. All classes are held on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center.

**"Marriage: The Master Class,"** a series offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will explore "The Emotionally Wise Marriage" this Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register or for more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Dear Life* by Ann Munro this Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Spiritual yoga and meditation** are offered on Tuesdays through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For details, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)

**Christian Century Study Groups** will gather for discussion this Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**"Working Well,"** a Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being series led by Elinor Hite, will be held on Thursdays, October 16 and 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**David Brooks** will be speaking at Fourth Church on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. Details and ticket information are available online at [www.chicagohumanities.org](http://www.chicagohumanities.org)

### Mission and Outreach

**Early-bird tickets for GLOW**, the annual Chicago Lights Associates Board gala, are available through this Wednesday, October 15 at [bit.ly/clglow2014](http://bit.ly/clglow2014). GLOW will be held on Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

**The purple bows on the trees** outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

**A new-volunteer orientation** session for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP at [cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com](http://cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com)

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

**A Fall Farm Festival** will be held this Saturday, October 18 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago).

**Details about 2015 mission trips** to Cuba, Haiti, Tanzania, Guatemala, and the U.S. Midwest are available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html). The deadlines to register for the trips are December 15 for the trips to Cuba and Haiti, January 22 for Tanzania, February 15 for the U.S. Midwest, and April 11 for Guatemala.

**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](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).



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### Music and the Arts

**“Art from Esperanza,”** a collection of artwork by participants in the programming at Esperanza Community Services, is currently on display in the Loggia.

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

**Thomas Gouwens**, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### 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.

**Youth** in grades 6 through 12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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

**A Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night** will be held this Friday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room and Anderson Hall.

### Fellowship

**Young Adults** gathers 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)).

### Volunteers and Donations

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday–Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Experienced cooks** for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

**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.

#### **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](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html)*

## 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, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.; Monday, November 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 15, 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 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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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