



Gathering

Gathering Music "Steepian Faith" Kenny Kirkland
"Fall" Wayne Shorter

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 the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

People: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

Leader: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

People: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

Leader: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

People: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Gather Us In”

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 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 130 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*sung in unison*)

**I'm waiting for God more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: Out of the depths I called to you, O God:

God, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, God, were to note what is done amiss, O God, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;

therefore you shall be revered.

ANTIPHON (*sung in unison*)

**I'm waiting for God more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: I wait for God; with my entire being, I wait for God,
whose word is my hope.

I am eager for God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

ANTIPHON (*sung in unison*)

**I'm waiting for God more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord;
for with God there is steadfast love
and great power for redemption.
God shall redeem Israel from all its sin.

ANTIPHON (*sung in unison*)

**I'm waiting for God more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14–30 (*New Testament, page 27*)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music “Come Along with Me”. *Joe Sample*

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

***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 (*unison*)

There are no limits to the gifts
you have given us, gracious Lord.
Now we return thanks to you for these gifts.
We thank you for the gift
of your presence in our quiet.
We thank you for the gift
of your presence in our music.
We thank you for the gift
of your presence in our music.
As we leave this place tonight,
may we be daring, faithful parts of your work
of love and mercy to this world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals 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.

Acknowledgments

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News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

A **“Thanks and Giving” Family Night** for children and their families will take place this Friday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The annual Thanksgiving Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held next Sunday, November 23 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street). A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating, and Shannon Kershner will preach.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 27. Joyce Shin will preach.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets are available online at bitly.com/thanksdinner2014. This traditional dinner will be served on Thursday, November 27 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are limited. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—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.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago) and [@FPCAngel](https://twitter.com/FPCAngel)

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 5:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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.

It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:

whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday Noonday concert in the chapel, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).
Why not share at least one with friends?



News and Opportunities

Advent

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday, November 22 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

Taking Communion to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry in December. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please contact Carol Allerton by Sunday, November 30 at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org). Those individuals will then be called to ask about setting up a time for the Deacons to visit.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held on Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat will be held Saturday–Sunday, December 13–14 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms, which are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/advent-christmas, are due Sunday, December 7.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and online. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center.

Music and the Arts

The Chicago Mosaic School will present on the work of Verdiano Marzi, whose art will be on exhibit in the Loggia this spring, this Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

“Art from Esperanza,” on display in the Loggia, features the work of program participants from Esperanza Community Services, which supports children and adults with developmental challenges.

Organist John W. W. Sherer will play the Jardine organ in the East Balcony for this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 rloeckel@fourthchurch.org

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Enrichment

"Psychology and Faith," an Academy for Faith and Life class led by Elinor Hite and Tom Schemper, will conclude next Sunday, November 23 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Center for Life and Learning offers classes and activities for those sixty and more. Details about the many opportunities offered through the CLL are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

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 (grades 6–12) gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A Youth and Family Luncheon will take place next Sunday, November 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A "Parenting in Faith" opportunity for parents to connect as a community through casual conversation and fellowship will be held next Sunday, November 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

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.

Mission and Outreach

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).

Due December 15 are applications for mission trips to Cuba and Haiti. More information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring; one evening a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

Volunteers to help take down the Fair Trade

Bazaar on Sunday, December 7; 2:00–4:30 p.m.

Audio recording operators for worship

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service

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

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper

Travel-size toiletry items

Nonperishable food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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.

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, December 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, January 5, 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. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on November 23 and December 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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