



Reign of Christ Sunday



Gathering

Gathering Music “Three Views of a Secret” *Jaco Pastorius*
“All the Things You Are”. *Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II*

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 place, and this is the time.

Here and now, God waits to break into our experience,

People: to change our minds; to change our hearts; to change our ways;

Leader: to make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light;

People: to fill us with hope, joy, and peace.

Leader: Here and now, let us praise God.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “All Creatures of Our God and King”
(verses 1, 2, 5, and 6)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**We confess our failings in community:
our lack of understanding,
our lack of forgiveness,
our lack of openness,
our lack of sensitivity.**

**We confess the times
when we are too eager to be better than others;
when we are too rushed to care;
when we are too tired to bother;
when we are too lazy to really listen;
when we are too quick to act from motives other than love. 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 95:1–7a (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Come, let us sing, let us shout for joy!**

Leader: Come, let us sing to God;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout with psalms.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Come, let us sing, let us shout for joy!**

Leader: For God is a great God
and a great ruler above all gods.
In God’s hands are the caverns of the earth
and the heights of the hills as well.
The sea is God’s, who made it,
and God’s hands molded the dry land.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Come, let us sing, let us shout for joy!**

Leader: Come, let us bow down and bend the knee
and kneel before God our Maker.
For the Most High is our God,
and we are the people of God’s pasture and the flock of God’s hand.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Come, let us sing, let us shout for joy!**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31–46. (*New Testament, page 27*)

Sermon It’s Already Here John W. Vest

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music "In the Garden". *C. Austin Miles*

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

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 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Doris Akers*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we have been
nourished at this table with this sacred meal;
take now our lives and use them for your purpose;
take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our hearts and fill them with love
for you and for all people. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Live into Hope"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Ellen Schaller	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	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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News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this 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 this Thursday, November 27. Joyce Shin will preach.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets are available online at bitly.com/thanksdinner2014. This traditional dinner will be served this Thursday, November 27 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are limited. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Thanksgiving Day parking for the Thanksgiving Day worship service and dinner is available at a discounted rate at the 900 parking garage. Please note, however, that the discount rate will not be the Sunday morning rate but will be the \$16 holiday rate set by the garage. The \$16 vouchers can be purchased with cash or check at the church reception desk on Thanksgiving morning. There will then be no additional fee when validating your ticket at the garage upon exit.

News and Resources

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 and photos.

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

Music and the Arts

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

Flutist Mary-Christine Stingley will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A complete schedule of concerts is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

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

As you begin to make your Christmas shopping list, let Fourth Church and Chicago Lights help you spread double the joy with your giving: “Light Up a Life” gifts—which are easy to place online at www.fourthchurch.org and perfect for all on your list—provide a meaningful gift for recipients and make a lasting difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights and Fourth Church.



News and Opportunities

Advent

The **“Christmas Wishes”** gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held next Sunday, November 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

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 call Carol Allerton by next Sunday, November 30 at 312.640.5448. 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

“Candlelight Carols,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

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.

Items for Christmas gift bags are being collected for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Instructions and a list of needed items are available at the reception desk. Items are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 7.

“Holiday Pops!”—a concert with Chicago Chamber Orchestra and cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael—will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.chicagochamberorch.org

“Holidays a cappella,” with Chicago *a cappella*, will be held on Friday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities, and feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. To learn more, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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, 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.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

"Faith Today," a Bible study offered through the Center for Life and Learning, is held on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. No RSVP is needed for this free class, which is open to all ages. For more information, visit 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.

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 for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Food Pantry

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).

Mission and Outreach

Recycled newspaper is being collected by the Chicago Lights Urban Farm for composting with worms. Donations are being received at the reception desk starting this Tuesday, November 26. For large-quantity donations, contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@fourthchurch.org to schedule a drop-off time at the Urban Farm.

The Chicago Lights Associates Board is participating in the Santa Hustle on Saturday, December 6, with all proceeds benefiting Chicago Lights. To join or support the team, visit bit.ly/CLABhustle

Due December 15 are applications for mission trips to Cuba and Haiti. More information is available in the literature racks and online.

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.

Fellowship

Cornerstones will meet for their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, December 3.

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 December 28 and January 25.

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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