



Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

Gathering Music "Wade in the Water" *African American spiritual*
"Bridge over Troubled Water" *Paul Simon*

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: All who thirst, come to the water.

People: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

**All: Drink deeply of these living waters.
Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** "The Lone, Wild Bird"

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 family in Christ. Please stand and greet each other with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

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*

Reach out your hand in peace. Reach out your hand in peace.

Reach out your hand in peace. In re-turn you'll feel God's love.



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 29 *(the congregation sings the antiphon)*

ANTIPHON *(unison)* **May God give strength to the people,
may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: Ascribe to God, you gods;
ascribe to God glory and strength.
Ascribe to God the glory due the name;
worship God in the beauty of holiness.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people,
may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: The voice of God is upon the waters;
the voice of God thunders.
God is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of God is a powerful voice;
the voice of God is a powerful splendor.
The voice of God breaks the cedar trees;
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness.
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forest bare.
And in the temple of God, all are crying, "Glory!"
God sits enthroned above the flood;
God sits enthroned as ruler forevermore.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people,
may God bless the people with peace.**

Leader: God shall give strength to the people;
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **May God give strength to the people,
may God bless the people with peace.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4–11 (*New Testament, page 32*)

Sermon Layton Williams

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music “Shall We Gather at the River” *Robert Lowry*

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 "Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table" *Herbert Howard Booth*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**O God, as you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters
and number us among your own beloved,
give us power to do your work, to show your love,
and to live holy and joyful lives.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Be Thou My Vision"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Elizabeth Nickerson	Interim Director of Worship
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

News and Resources

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

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

Music and the Arts

Soprano Sarah van der Ploeg will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A complete schedule of concerts at Fourth Church is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

The St. Olaf Choir will be in concert on Saturday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at bit.ly/1Hh3enl

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 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Books by Women will discuss *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron this Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A meditation session and labyrinth walk, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

“Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m. on weekdays through January 27, with “iGods: How Technology Shapes our Spiritual and Social Lives” on January 12; “Kinderlager: Reflections of a Child Holocaust Survivor” on January 13; “CEO of the City” with Richard M. Daley on January 14; “When the People Speak: Deliberate Democracy” on January 15; and “On the Streets of Tehran” on January 16. For more information about the series and speakers, visit www.calvin.edu/january

A trip to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Friday, January 23. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by Wednesday, January 14.

Scaffolding was erected in the South Balcony

this week and will remain there through late March. As part of the organ rebuilding project, some of the west wall of that balcony will be opened to the chamber behind to make it easier to hear the pipes that will be there. The lower six ceiling panels will be removed, preserved, and replaced with replicas through which sound can travel. For details, see www.fourthchurch.org



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Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

The Mission Committee invites you to two Martin Luther King Jr. Day public gatherings: “It’s Still Time for a Freedom Party,” sponsored by Reclaim Chicago, on Saturday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Ballroom (6351 S. Cottage Grove) will address economic and racial justice. RSVP at reclaimchicago.org. “Faith in Action Assembly,” sponsored by Community Renewal Society, on Monday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Liberty Baptist Church (4849 S. Martin Luther King Dr.) will address employment, affordable housing, and violence reduction. RSVP with Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available for purchase by contacting Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Applications for 2015 mission trips

Cuba (May 11–18), “Racial Reconciliation” (May 2–9), and Guatemala (July 12–19) are due February 8, February 15, and April 11, respectively. Application information is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Angels on Call is a volunteer opportunity offering home-cooked meals to Fourth Church families who have recently welcomed a baby or who are recovering from surgery. To learn more about Angels on Call and how to help, contact Judy Watt at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date for Gala of Hope, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being: Friday, March 6. Watch for details, including ticket information, in the weeks ahead.

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

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

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

Dining room helpers to assist with Sunday Night Supper setup, beverage pouring, hosting, and cleaning; 3:30–6:00 p.m.

Bag lunch assemblers and distributors; Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; 10:30–11:45 a.m. or 11:50 a.m.–1:15 p.m.; on rotation

Church members to serve as liturgists during worship services

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Men’s and women’s sturdy, winter clothes in all sizes

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper
Nonperishable and individually wrapped food items for the Social Service Center

Department store bags with handles

Small lady pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Travel-size toiletry items, including deodorant

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

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Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.html

A hosted labyrinth walk will be held this Saturday, January 17 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel 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.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

“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 a preview of next Sunday’s worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff and members, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet 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 new Moms’ Group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month, beginning January 14, at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home in Lincoln Park. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

A “Parenting in Faith” opportunity for parents to connect as a community through casual conversation and fellowship will be held next Sunday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G. For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Family Ice Skating at Lincoln Park Zoo will be held next Sunday, January 18 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Helms at 312.573.3362 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers on Sundays for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or at www.fourthchurch.org/community/groups/youngadults.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.

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 Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, February 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 14, 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).

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 January 25 and February 22.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. 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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