



# Gathering

- Gathering Music** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” . . . . . *African American spiritual*  
*arr. Richard Billingham*
- “He Knows Just How Much We Can Bear” . . . . . *African American spiritual*  
*arr. Raymond Henry*

*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: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

**People: When I consider your heavens, the moon, and the stars,  
 what are mere humans that you are mindful of them?**

Leader: You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
 you put everything under their feet.

**People: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

**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 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 111 *(the congregation sings the antiphon)*

**ANTIPHON** *(unison)*: **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord,  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Leader: Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of God!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

God's work is full of majesty and splendor,  
and God's righteousness endures forever.

God makes marvelous works to be remembered.

God is gracious and full of compassion  
and gives food to those who fear him;

God is ever mindful of the covenant.

God has shown the people powerful works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*): **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord,  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Leader: The works of God's hands are faithfulness and justice;

all the commandments are sure,

standing fast forever and ever,

wrought in truth and equity.

God sent redemption to the people

and commended the covenant forever;

holy and awesome is the name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;

those who act accordingly have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*): **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord,  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

**Scripture: New Testament Lesson**

Mark 1:21–28 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 33*)

**Sermon** A New Teaching. . . . . Elizabeth Nickerson

**Musical Reflection**



# Sealing the Word

**Offertory Music** "Saving Grace" ..... *Bob Dylan*

**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** "God Has Smiled on Me" . . . . . *Isaiah Jones Jr.*

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**Forgiving God,  
we give you thanks and praise for your mercy.  
Help us to understand  
that you alone are God  
and that we are not.  
Having been fed with the bread of life,  
we remember Christ's great sacrifice for us.  
We remember that  
with your loving guidance  
all things are possible.  
You bring new life out of death;  
you can transform our lives and our world.  
In praise, and with hope, we give you thanks. Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Live into Hope"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Elizabeth Nickerson</b>	Interim Director of Worship
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Robert Crouch</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>John W. W. Sherer</b>	Organist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	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.

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# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Next Sunday's Annual Meeting** of the Congregation will be held following 11:00 worship. As part of the meeting, the congregation will elect new officers. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided.

**Next Sunday's congregational luncheon** will follow the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Tickets for this intergenerational, Italian-themed meal held in Borwell Dining Room are available at the reception desk.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events, an archive of sermons, photos, and more.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:**  
@FourthChicago and @FPCAngel

**Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://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!

**Inquirers' Class**, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets this Monday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

## 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 4:00 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.html)

**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.

**Ash Wednesday services** will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with Communion and opportunity for imposition of ashes at both services.

**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. or 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.

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship** and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), by sending email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)

**This Friday is the last day for the early-bird rate** for Gala of Hope tickets! Seating is limited, and tickets are selling fast for this fun and festive event, which will take place on Friday evening, March 6. All proceeds support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. To register, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 or visit [www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope](http://www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope)



# News and Opportunities

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

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

**Audio recording operators** on Sunday mornings

**Helpers** to assist with the Identity Arts program and Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Clean blankets** for the Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**Men's and women's** sturdy winter clothes

**Individually wrapped** food items

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html)*

## 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 [hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)

**Cornerstones** will meet for “Preventing Gun Violence: Causes and Potential Remedies” this Friday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by this Wednesday, February 4.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for “Stealing Authority from Ferguson” on Friday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (required), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, February 11.

## Enrichment

**“Dying to Know: Life-Affirming Conversations about Living and Dying Well,”** offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held on Saturday, February 28 at Fourth Church. More information is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc). Register by February 20 for a discounted rate.

**Meditation**, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, February 3, with an introduction for beginners at 6:30 p.m. and a regular session at 7:00 p.m., in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**Christian Century Study Groups** meet every other Wednesday, beginning February 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**New Academy for Faith and Life** classes begin next Sunday, February 8: “Experiencing the Word of God through Bible Stories,” led by Tom Payne, at 9:30 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center and “The Impact of American Slavery on African American Spirituals: From Sounds of Defiance to Sounds of Liberation,” led by A. Alyce Claerbaut, at 2:45 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For more information or to register, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/academy](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy)

**“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.



## News and Opportunities

### 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.

**“Mindful Parenting,”** a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, will be held next Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

**An “Animal Night” Family Night** will be held on Friday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

### Music and the Arts

**Chicago Ensemble** will be in concert on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org)

**The Chicago Mosaic School** will present on the work of Verdiano Marzi, whose art will be on exhibit in the Loggia this spring, on Sunday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

**Kithara Trio**, with flute, cello, and harp, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The scaffolding in the South Balcony** will be in place (and the balcony closed to seating) through late March as work is done on the southwest pipe chamber. This is in preparation for the installation of the rebuilt pipe organ, which will take place in late 2015. More information is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ)

### 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. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**An orientation session** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at [bit.ly/cltutoring2015](http://bit.ly/cltutoring2015)

**Applications for 2015 mission trips** to 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 online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html)

**A Spring Splendor Drawing** for a night out at Everest, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Park Hyatt will benefit Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Tickets for this Gala of Hope drawing, held on Friday, March 6, are available online at [www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope](http://www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope)

**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)).

## 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 Monday, February 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, March 2, 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](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 February 22 and March 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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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