



Transfiguration of the Lord

Gathering

Gathering Music "Windows" Chick Corea
"You Are the Light of the World" Stephen Schwartz

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 you who are thirsty, come and drink living water.
All you who are hungry, come and enjoy the bread of life.
Come to the mountaintop to encounter the living God.
Come to the mountaintop to dwell in God's presence.
Come to the mountaintop to be transformed.
Come to the mountaintop at Christ's own bidding.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen
and act when we should wait.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
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 99 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*): **O, mighty God, lover of justice, it was you who created equity.**

Leader: God reigns; let the people tremble.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

God is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess the Name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O, mighty God, lover of justice, it was you who created equity.**

Leader: "O mighty ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed righteous justice in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of God, our God

and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O, mighty God, lover of justice, it was you who created equity.**

Leader: Moses and Aaron among the priests,

Samuel among those who call upon the Name,

they called upon God, who answered them.

God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud

and kept the testimonies and the decree that were given to them.

"O God, our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds."

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O, mighty God, lover of justice, it was you who created equity.**

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of God, our God,

and worship him upon the holy hill; for God, our God, is the Holy One.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O, mighty God, lover of justice, it was you who created equity.**

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

O God, glorious and faithful,
to those who seek you with a sincere heart
you reveal the beauty of your face.
Strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mysteries of your good news
and open our hearts to its transforming power.
Clinging in love to your will for us,
may we walk the path of discipleship
as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2–9 (*New Testament, page 41*)

Sermon A True Story John W. Vest

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” George Henry Day

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 "Just Taste and See" *Traditional*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of light,
you are great indeed.
You have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ,
and we thank you for your saving grace.
Transform us by your Spirit,
and let your love shine in all we do and say,
that all the world may see
the radiant light of God. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Elizabeth Nickerson	Interim Director of Worship
Cary Donham	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

News and Resources

A reception for Liz Nickerson will be held following today's Jazz at Four service, as it is her last Sunday with us as Interim Director of Worship and as Children and Family Ministry Coordinator. Liz has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights. We wish her Godspeed in this new chapter in her ministry!

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, more 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 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:
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Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Lent

Ash Wednesday services will be held this 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.

A hosted labyrinth walk in Buchanan Chapel will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 18 from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Midweek services will be held on Wednesdays, February 25–March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

To receive Lenten devotions by email (if you do not already receive our daily devotions), send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org. Devotions will also be available on the website and via Facebook and, beginning Wednesday, in printed format in the literature racks.

An Interfaith Passover Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). A limited number of tickets are available by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Tuesday, March 10.

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. For details or to register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Have You Entered the Spring Splendor Drawing?

Dinner at Chef Jean Joho's Everest. A suite at the Park Hyatt. A backstage tour of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and front-row balcony seating for the April 18 performance of works by Rachmaninov and Shostakovich. Brunch at NoMi. Drawing tickets for this fabulous April 18 package—available at bit.ly/GalaOfHope—benefit Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center.



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy classes are held on Sundays: “Experiencing the Word of God through Bible Stories” at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D; “Perspectives on Healing and Faith” at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G; and “The Impact of American Slavery on African American Spirituals: Sounds of Defiance to Sounds of Liberation” at 2:45 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Beginning next Sunday are new Academy for Faith and Life classes “The Laws of Leviticus” at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E and “The Rise of Modern Islamic Movements” at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F. To register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

“Enriching Relationships,” a series for couples, will discuss “Understanding Expectations,” next Sunday, February 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A SoulCollage® seminar, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held next Sunday, February 22 in Boyle Conference Room. An introductory session will take place at 12:30 p.m., followed by card creating and readings at 1:00 p.m. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

“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. Register by February 20 for a discounted rate.

The annual L.E.A.D. conference, a training event sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and the Presbytery of Chicago, will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Fourth Church. Register online at www.bit.ly/lead-2015

NEXT Church—which is committed to “sparkling imaginations, connecting congregations, and offering a distinctively Presbyterian witness to Jesus Christ” and on whose strategy team Shannon Kershner serves—will be holding its 2015 national gathering at Fourth Church March 16–18. All are invited to register. Details are available at www.nextchurch.net

Music and the Arts

Clarinetist Cory Tiffin 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. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ

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

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of most months, will next be held on Friday, February 27 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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.

News and Opportunities

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).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; a new-volunteer orientation session will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m.; register online at bit.ly/cltutoring2015

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

Audio recording operators for Sunday morning worship

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

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

Bag lunch assemblers and distributors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; on rotation

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes in all sizes

Individually wrapped food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice 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

The deadline to register for the "Racial Reconciliation" mission trip is today. Registration forms for this May 2–9 trip are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The Sunlight Project, which addresses sexual exploitation and trafficking of youth, invites women who may be interested in being a hotline volunteer to attend an orientation this Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Fourth Church. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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

An "Animal Night" Family Night will be held this Friday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Joel Frankel will entertain children and families at the annual Day School Benefit, which will be held Saturday, February 28 from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Gratz Center and Anderson Hall.

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, March 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 13, 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 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.

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