



# Gathering

**Gathering Music** “Nigerian Marketplace” . . . . . Oscar Peterson  
“Chelsea Bridge” . . . . . Billy Strayhorn

*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 page 12.*

## 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: Today, listen to what God says:  
Do not harden your hearts as did your forebears with Moses in the desert,  
when they refused to trust that God would provide for them.  
God, who lovingly led them for forty years, said of them:

**People: They refuse to heed my commands. They are disloyal, and because of this the first generation will never enter the promised land.**

Leader: Today, let us worship before our Maker,  
who cares for us, whose flock we are.

**People: God’s people were called to strive for the idea of shalom—  
a caring community in harmony with its neighbors, its land, and its God.  
To this goal God calls us still.  
Let us pray for our land today as of old they prayed for Jerusalem.**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . “Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

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## Prayer of Confession

*(please hold silence)*

Leader: Let us say to God:

**People: We confess deeds of wrong which cause ills to fester still.  
In sorrow we bring these to you and ask you to forgive.**

Leader: We confess that, for two thousand years,  
we who claim to embody Christ's all-powerful love  
have used our power to attack others because they are different from us—  
including Jews during the Crusades  
and Muslims during our present conflicts.

**People: Jesus said, "They who take up the sword shall perish by the sword."  
So we reflect in shame on the ways we have failed to live according to Christ's peace.**

*(please hold silence)*

Leader: We also confess with shame  
the times when we, people of the church,  
have acted without integrity, humility, and patience;  
when we have crushed spontaneity and have caged your wild Spirit;  
when we have broken off relationships because of our pride,  
have trodden over the lowly without care,  
have been arrogant about our intellect or overly satisfied with our possessions.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us.  
Open our eyes to the wrongs we have committed,  
touch our hearts with true sorrow,  
and put us on the path to peace.  
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 family in Christ.  
Please stand and greet one another 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



## Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 124 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: If God had not been on our side—  
    let Israel now say—  
    if God had not been on our side,  
    when enemies rose up against us,  
    then would they have swallowed us up alive  
    in their firece anger toward us;  
    then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
    and the torrent gone over us;  
    then would the raging waters  
    have gone right over us.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **The snare is broken and we have escaped. Blessed be our God!**

Leader: Blessed be God, who did not give us  
    over to be a prey for their teeth.  
    We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
    the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
    Our help is in the Name of God,  
    the maker of the earth.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **The snare is broken and we have escaped. Blessed be our God!**

### Scripture Readings

Mark 9:38–50 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 42*)

**Sermon** "Deep and Wide" . . . . . Hardy H. Kim

# Responding to the Word

## Musical Reflection

**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*)

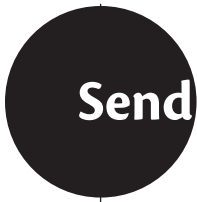
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### The Communion

**Communion Music** "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" . . . . . *Ira F. Stanphil*

### Closing Responses (*unison*)

Leader: Christ's food in our souls,  
**People: our food shared like his.**  
Leader: Christ's life in our hands,  
**People: our lives shaped by his.**  
Leader: Christ's love in our hearts,  
**People: our love warmed through his.**  
Leader: Christ's peace on our path,  
**People: our path following his.**



# Sending

**\*Closing Song** ..... "O Christ, the Healer"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	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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**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry  
**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



# News and Opportunities

## Music and the Arts

**Handbell Choir rehearsal** is held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

**Cellist Mira Luxion** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The Choral Society** welcomes new singers to rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. They will be performing Mozart's *Requiem* with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**A music trip to Scotland** in summer 2016 will include a Fourth Church choir concert at St. Giles' Cathedral, where Calum MacLeod is Minister. Those interested in taking part in this tour are invited to contact John Sherer at [jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org) or attend an information session on Sunday, October 11 following the congregational meeting.

**The installation of the pipe organ** continues, with work being done in the choir loft in preparation for the new console. The temporary electronic organ will thus be on the Sanctuary floor during the remainder of the project. We anticipate dedicating the rebuilt organ on Sunday, November 22. In the meantime, you can follow the project progress online at [www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ)

## Fellowship

**A Young Adults retreat** will take place this coming weekend, October 2–4, at Grand Beach Inn in New Buffalo, Michigan. Register online at [www.bit.ly/yaretreat15](http://www.bit.ly/yaretreat15)

**Cornerstones** will meet this Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "U.S. Submarine *Illinois* Commissioning," presented by Bob Koonce and Chris Gaines. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at [callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org) by this Wednesday, September 30.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for the presentation "The Changing Role of Women in the Mosque," led by Hind Makki, on Friday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, October 7.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**The deadline for Fall Family Camp** registration is this Thursday, October 1. Register online for this October 9–11 trip at [www.bit.ly/familycamp1015](http://www.bit.ly/familycamp1015)

**A Senior High lock-in** will be held this coming weekend, October 2–3, at the church. To register, contact Shelley Donaldson at 312.981.4036.

**The deadline for 2016 officer recommendations** is this Wednesday, September 30. Before then, please share with the Nominating Committee suggestions of Fourth Church members who you think would serve this church well as elders, deacons, trustees, or Chicago Lights Board members. You can do that by completing the form in the pew racks and also online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**A congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, October 11 at 12:15 p.m. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Joyce Shin. The congregation of Swarthmore Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, is meeting today to call Joyce to be their new Pastor and Head of Staff.

**A reception for Joyce Shin, Michael, and Sophia** will take place on Sunday, October 11 following the congregational meeting. Please plan to be with us as we thank them for their ministry among us and wish them Godspeed!

**Did you see this week's photos** of church life? They're posted at [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), along with quotes from prayers and devotions, and the latest news of upcoming events.

**The tree at Michigan and Delaware**, which was planted in the mid-1930s and has been dying for the past two years, will need to be cut down this Monday and Tuesday, September 28 and 29, as it poses a safety hazard. A new tree will be planted in its place either later this year or next spring.

## Worship

**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.

**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.

## Enrichment

**"Lectionary and Job,"** led by Mark Eldred, is a new Academy for Faith and Life class meeting on Sundays through October 25 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

**"Thinking Theologically,"** a three-week Academy class led by Carolyn Roncolato, will begin next Sunday, October 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

**"Art of Architecture: Today's Black Architects,"** with Carolyn Armenta Davis, will be offered by the Academy for Faith and Life on Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

**ThirtiesForties'** "Answering Big Questions in Good Company" series begins on Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D with discussion of the topic "Power."

**Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich.

**Presbyterian Women's Horizons** Bible study will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The Monthly Book Club** of the Center for Life and Learning, open to all sixty and over, will meet on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 5B to discuss *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.

**Mass incarceration** will be the topic of a series of book discussions hosted by the Multicultural Committee. The first will take place on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. Claudia Boatright will lead that conversation about Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Members to assist a child** with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Assistants** to help lead Junior High youth on Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service

**Drummers** for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle to perform with the Morning Choir at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on occasional Sundays

**Experienced cooks** for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Thursdays, 3:00–6:30 p.m.

**Identity Arts program** assistants to work at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Tuesdays, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

**Coffee Hour hosts**

**Attendants to staff the Book Nook** during Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

**Audio-video recorders** for the 11:00 a.m. service

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and sandwich teams, on rotation

**Nursery caregivers** on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

**Clothes washers** to wash and dry clothes, on rotation, for a family with a chronically ill child and living in zip code 60618

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

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Yoga mats**

**Jars of peanut butter**

**Travel-size toiletry items**

**Umbrellas**

**Men's and women's seasonal clothes**

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

## Mission and Outreach

### **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

On Friday, October 2 Presbyterian Women will tie purple bows on the trees outside the Manse, as they do annually, to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**World Mission Sunday** is next Sunday, October 4. All are invited to visit Coffee Hour that day to learn about Fourth Church mission partners and 2016 mission trips.

**A Peacemaking Offering**, which supports ministries that further reconciliation and address violence, will be received next Sunday, World Communion Sunday.

**The Benevolent Guild**, which gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children, is looking for new members. For details, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**A January mission trip to Mexico**, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, will engage participants in partnering with local villagers to build rain cisterns to collect drinkable water. Details are posted online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html). Registration is due by November 16.

**Save the date!** The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope, co-chaired by Cynthia Joho and Elaine Scales, will be Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For details, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org); 312.640.2576).

## 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. 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, October 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 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)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.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 Hardy Kim ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@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 October 25 or November 22.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk. The validation tickets with a magnetic stripe are no longer valid. Please be sure to pick up a new validation ticket, which has a bar code.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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