



Gathering

Gathering Music "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" *Joe Utterback*
"In Thee Is Joy" *Johannes Mathias Michel*

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: Throughout God's world this day,
Christian churches celebrate the Lord's Supper
as one family dining together in one room, under one roof.

**People: Our sisters and brothers in all lands and countries
join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Leader: In Christ's love there is no east, no west, no north, no south,

People: but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all!

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession *(please hold silence)*

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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 8 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Leader: O God our sovereign,
how great is your name in all the earth!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Leader: When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what is humanity that you should be mindful of them?
The children of humanity that you should seek them out?
You have made humanity little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honor.
You give them mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under their feet: all sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O God our sovereign,
how great is your name in all the earth!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:42-47 (New Testament, page 112)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Old Testament, page 174)

Sermon "Give. Grow. Become!" Shannon J. Kershner



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "Throw It Away". Abbey Lincoln

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

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 "Beautiful Thing" *Hadewijch of Antwerp, 13th century;
adapted by Dent Davidson*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**O God, through this bread and cup
you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table be a gift
that we carry out into your suffering and divided world.
Help us find strength in knowing that you,
the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.**



Sending

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

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Mark Eldred	Worship Coordinator and Interim Director of Adult Education
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano
John W. W. Sherer	Organist

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

News and Resources

Congratulations to Joyce Shin, who this past Sunday was called by Swarthmore Presbyterian Church to be their Pastor and Head of Staff. Please join us on Sunday, October 11—Joyce's last Sunday with us—as we gather at 12:30 p.m. for a reception thanking Joyce, Michael, and Sophia for her ministry among us and wish them Godspeed in this new call.

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for next Sunday, October 11 at 12:15 p.m. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Joyce Shin.

Today we kick off Give. Grow. Become!—the 2016 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. Watch your mailbox in the coming weeks for an invitation to support the many ways in which this congregation daily lives out its call to love and serve through mission and ministry. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks. For more information, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576

Directions and the easiest routes for getting to Fourth Church on Sunday, October 11, the day of the Chicago Marathon, can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf

Fellowship

Young Adults will meet on Sunday, October 18 for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For information, call Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399.

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

Sunday School classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

Fourth Church children and youth choirs rehearse on Sundays in Room 4G, with Cherub Choir at 9:00 a.m, Youth Choir at 9:45 a.m, and Children's Choir at 10:30 a.m.

A pumpkin-decorating Family Night will be held on Friday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, call Matt Helms at 312.573.3362.

Each of the photographs of church life you see at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch is a snapshot of just one of the many things you make possible through your pledges and gifts. It is your generous giving that brings our congregation to life in its mission and ministry, as together we all give, grow, and become!



Music and the Arts

Violinist Emily Nash will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etah Hrieb will be on display in the Loggia until Monday, November 30.

Mozart's Requiem will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society 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 or attend an information session on Sunday, October 11 following the congregational meeting.

The new pipe organ console will be placed into the choir loft this week. Although it will not be useable for several more weeks, there will be opportunity to view the new console on Sundays at 12:15 p.m., beginning October 18.

Worship

Beginning on Wednesday, October 14, Morning Prayer will be held once a week, on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A "Nourishing Body and Soul" hosted labyrinth walk will be held in Buchanan Chapel on Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Walter Brueggemann will be our guest preacher on Reformation Sunday, October 25 at the 9:30 and 11:00 services of worship.

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet on Sundays: "The Book of Job," led by Mark Eldred, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B and "Thinking Theologically," led by Carolyn Roncolato, at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion this Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"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. Details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

ThirtiesForties' "Answering Big Questions in Good Company" series begins next 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.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, October 19–November 23 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. on the third floor of the Parish House. To register (*required*), call 312.787.8425.

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*.

News and Opportunities

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

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

Current Donation Needs

Rain ponchos

Jars of peanut butter

Clean blankets

Men's and women's seasonal clothes

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Lights Tutoring begins its fifty-first year this week! We look forward to welcoming back for a new school year the 400 students who will meet one-to-one with their tutors here at the church one evening a week. See www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights to learn more.

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

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. Registration is due by November 16.

A Fall Farm Festival will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago).

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 312.573.3369.

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; 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.

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, 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) or go to 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), 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 Hardy Kim (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.

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