



Gathering

Gathering Music “The Truth Will Always Be” *Pat Metheny*

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.

***Opening Responses**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, you too were tired when day was done;
you met your friends at evening time.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, you too enjoyed when nights drew on;
you told your tales at close of day.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, you kindled faith when lamps were low;
you opened scriptures, broke the bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.

People: Come, Lord Jesus. Meet us here.

Let us worship God.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Sheperd”

Please note

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Litany of Confession

Leader: Steal, Jesus, steal from us

**People: the grudge we will not let go, the pain we will not let heal,
the sin we most condemn in others and most disguise in ourselves.**

Leader: Liberate, Jesus, liberate in us

**People: the hands that care for only one body, the eyes that focus on what they want to see,
the tongues that condemn the petty but never challenge the powerful.**

Leader: Join, Jesus, join in us

**People: the frayed ends of broken temper,
the notion of conviction to the practice of commitment,
the tip of our fingers to the hem of your garment.**

Leader: Love, Jesus, love in us

**People: the self we despair about, the self we hide,
the self we throw at others because we cannot live with it on our own.**

Leader: And when you have stolen the sin from us, liberated our potentials,
mended our brokenness, and loved our withered selves,

**People: give us the grace to do for others
what you have done for us. 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 each other with the peace of Christ.

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 90 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God, you have been our refuge in every generation.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **From age to age, you are God. From age to age, you are God.**

Leader: For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow.
They pass away quickly and we are gone.
Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **From age to age, you are God. From age to age, you are God.**

Leader: Return, O God; How long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of God our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **From age to age, you are God. From age to age, you are God.**

Scripture Readings

John 18:33–40 (*New Testament, page 106*)

Sermon “What Is Truth?” *Hardy H. Kim*



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music “Open Your Eyes, You Can Fly” *Corea, Potter, Corley, Smith*

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

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 "All Good Gifts" *Stephen Schwartz*

Closing Responses

Leader: Let us pray.
In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

**People: Take us out to live as changed people,
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

Leader: Ask much from us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.

**People: So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Sending

*Closing Song. "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Patrick Mulcahy, bass

The “**Light Up a Life**” offering is being received throughout November and December. “Light Up a Life” provides opportunity to support congregational programs, mission, and community outreach—including Chicago Lights programs—as well as denominational efforts. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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

Worship

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Taking Communion to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry this Advent. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) at 312.640.5448.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. For more information, call Matt Helms at 312.573.3362.

Tunes for Tots for infants, young toddlers, and their parents is held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

Fourth Church Children and Youth Choirs meet on Sundays in Room 4G at 9:00 a.m. (Cherub, age 4–grade 1), 9:45 a.m. (Youth), and 10:30 a.m. (Children's, grades 2–5).

Youth gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Thanksgiving

Community Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State). Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name, and Fourth Church will be cohosting.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary this Thursday, November 26. Vicky Curtiss will preach.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held this Thursday, November 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are available at the reception desk on Sundays and during the week. For more information, contact Larry Nicholson (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) at 312.981.3382.

Thanksgiving Day parking for the Thanksgiving Day worship service and dinner is available at a discounted rate at the 900 parking garage. Please note, however, that the discount rate will not be the Sunday morning rate but will be the \$17 holiday rate set by the garage. The \$17 vouchers can be purchased with cash or check at the church reception desk on Thanksgiving morning. There will then be no additional fee when validating your ticket at the garage upon exit.

In this season of Thanksgiving we invite you to join us in "Texting to Give Thanks!"

Text @fourthchurch and a dollar amount to 52014 or make a gift online to the Fourth Church mission and ministry fund (www.bit.ly/FPCgiving, or scan the QR code) and your gift will be matched 2 to 1 (up to a total of \$25,000 for all new and unpledged gifts made by text or online by November 30).



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Due December 1 and 20 are applications for the mission trips to, respectively, Mexico and Cuba. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The Book Nook is selling copies of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* at Coffee Hour this holiday season.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Music and the Arts

“From the Euphrates to Chicago,” a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia until Monday, November 30.

Embellish Handbell Choir will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Bach’s complete *Brandenburg Concertos* will be presented in a free concert by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago next Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather this Tuesday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4J for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material.

Cornerstones will meet for their annual Christmas party next Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton (312.640.5448) at callerton@fourthchurch.org by next Wednesday, December 2.

News and Resources

Follow Fourth Church on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar and details about upcoming events, an archive of sermons, photos, and more.

To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter News@FourthChurch, send email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to take down the Fair Trade Bazaar, December 6

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

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

Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

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

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

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets

Magazines

Men's and women's winter clothes

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

Enrichment

Two new adult education opportunities offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begin next Sunday, November 29: "Becoming a Vital Member of a Church Body," led by Tom Payne, at 11:00 a.m. and "Handel's *Messiah*," led by John Sherer, at 12:15 p.m. Register online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion next Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Advent

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held next Sunday, November 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Items for Christmas Bags are being collected for guests of Meals Ministry's Sunday Night Supper and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. A list of needed items is available in the information racks.

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held next Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

"Holidays a cappella," with Chicago *a cappella*, will be held next Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org

"Candlelight Carols," a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place next Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and online. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

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, December 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, January 4 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 December 27 or January 24.

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.

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