



Gathering

Gathering Music "Windows" Chick Corea
"I Saw the Light" Hank Williams

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 sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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 back cover.

*Opening Responses

Leader: Come to the mountaintop, all God's people;
leave all else behind to reach out to the Eternal.

**People: How shall we climb the mountain
when we cannot walk or reach spiritual heights while weighed down with cares?**

Leader: In Christ, God brings the mountaintop to us and meets us,
even in the depths of despair.

**People: We see a lamp shining in a shadowy place,
and the morning star rises in our hearts.**

* Stand as you are able

Leader: Pay attention to the signs through which God speaks;
for those with discernment, they are everywhere.

**People: The dazzling splendor of God's glory is real,
even to those who have no eyes.**

Leader: Like a devouring fire, the Spirit sweeps through our midst,
and we are transformed in its glow.

**People: Let us come without fear or thoughts of favor,
opening ourselves to all God has in store for us.**

***Opening Song** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We seek you on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the city.
We would rather be dazzled by your splendor on some Sinai
than obey your commands in the urban wilderness.
We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus
than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death.
Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways.
Help us to find you wherever you choose to dwell
and to serve you wherever you choose to send us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: 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 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.

“O mighty ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed righteous justice in Jacob.”

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

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of God, our God,

and fall down before God’s footstool;

God is the Holy One.

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.”

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.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1–9 (New Testament, page 17)

Sermon Abbi Heimach-Snipes

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts *(Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.)*

Offertory Music “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” George H. Day and Thomas H. Troeger

***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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart". *Robert Kreutz and Omer Westendorf*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

Holy God, you teach us to share the vision of the mountaintop in the valleys of everyday.
We need this. How shall we share with others our experience?
Through Christ, we learn.
In genuine caring and humble service we give and receive your love in Christ.
We pray to listen to your beloved child's voice to "rise and have no fear."
We pray that as we depart this place with renewed energy and purpose,
you will help us live God's truth among all we meet. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “My Life Flows On”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr 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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Lent

Ash Wednesday services with Communion and the imposition of ashes will be held this Wednesday, March 1 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Shannon Kershner will preach at both services.

An Ash Wednesday labyrinth walk will be hosted in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1.

Daily Lenten devotions—using “Path of Discipleship” texts (*see below*)—will be available beginning Ash Wednesday via email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter ([@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)), the church website (www.fourthchurch.org), and in printed booklets, which can be found in the literature racks on March 1.

A contemplative Lenten retreat will be held this Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Contact Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3815) by Wednesday, March 1 to register.

A Lenten Taizé service will be held on Friday evening, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a contemplative time of song, silent reflection, and prayer. It will be preceded by a hosted labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall.

This year's Lenten sermon series will follow Jesus through the Gospel of John.

Music and the Arts

A dramatic reading of Richard Durham's *Destination Freedom*, about Harriet Tubman, will be presented Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as part of Black History Month.

The exhibition “Woven Quilts” by Betty Jane Lau is on display in the Loggia through February 27.

Pianist Mio Nakamura will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Poulenc's *Organ Concerto* will be performed by John Sherer and the Academy Orchestra of the Music Institute of Chicago as part of a free concert this Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Worship

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray for members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and again on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join Us on the Path of Discipleship This Lent

A six-week Lenten series based on Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* begins on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Each week “Path of Discipleship” will combine a shared meal, a spiritual practices discussion led by a member of the pastoral staff, and small-group conversation. Registration (*required*) is requested by February 27 at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2017



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A mission trip with BorderLinks in Tucson to learn about the immigrant experience in the Southwest will be led by Abbi Heimach-Snipes July 22–29. Register at www.bit.ly/border2017 by March 26.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts and treats for hospitalized children.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

PCUSA World Mission will be the topic of a four-week Academy for Faith and Life class, taught by staff of the PCUSA General Assembly, beginning next Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Sara Lisherness, Director of Compassion, Peace and Justice, will be the first speaker.

Volunteers Needed

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church to work with students of Chicago Lights Tutoring. A one-session orientation will be held Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP to Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

Additional Volunteer Needs

Greeters and ushers for the 4:00 p.m. service

Current Donation Needs

Paper or plastic bags with handles

Nonperishable food items, such as canned goods, for the Chicago Lights Social Service Center food pantry

Individually wrapped granola bars, fruit cups, and nonrefrigerated juice boxes for the Meals Ministry bag lunch program.

For more volunteer opportunities: www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer or email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their Bible study meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Guthrie's Tavern (1300 W. Addison).

Knitting and Crocheting will gather this Tuesday, February 28 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material.

"On an Elder's Trail: The Later Life of Charles M. Charnley" will be the topic of a program, presented by author Jack Perry Brown, at a 6:00 p.m. dinner gathering hosted by Cornerstones this Friday, March 3 in Borwell Dining Room. Register (*required*) by March 1 at www.bit.ly/CFPC0317

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Children, Youth, and Family

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2579).

Tunes for Tots, an opportunity for parents and children up to two years old to sing together, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Eighth-grade Confirmation, which typically meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A, will be on retreat the weekend of March 3–5.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

A **“Caring for the Caregiver”** four-week seminar will be offered on Mondays, February 27–March 20 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Space is limited; call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 to register (*required*).

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“Reading Romans with Karl Barth during Lent,” a Bible study led by Robert Cathey, begins next Sunday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

The last session of the book discussion about *It’s Complicated* has been canceled. Abbi Heimach-Snipes will lead discussion of the next book in our series, *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire*, on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

News and Resources

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation and assist with the city’s recycling program.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and share favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and daily devotions.

Find a wide variety of resources and information at www.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 silence all electronic devices 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, March 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 3 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 March 26 or April 23.

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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