



First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "India" John Coltrane
"Naima" J. Coltrane

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: Where Christ walks,

People: we will follow.

Leader: Where Christ stumbles,

People: we will stop.

Leader: Where Christ cries,

People: we will listen.

Leader: Where Christ suffers,

People: we will hurt.

* Stand as you are able

Leader: When Christ dies,

People: we will bow our heads in sorrow.

Leader: When Christ rises again in glory,

People: we will share his endless joy.

Leader: For us there is no other way;

People: Jesus is our true way.

***Opening Song** "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

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Litany of Confession

Leader: Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts,
neither are your ways our ways.
You look at the ugliest soul and see,
still unstirred, the wings of an angel.

People: We scan the finest of our neighbors, anxious to find the flaw.

Leader: You view time in the context of eternity
and so find a place for waiting, for yearning, even for suffering, even for dying.

**People: We demand instant results
and look for tomorrow before savoring today.**

Leader: You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save;

**People: we fear that vulnerability which defies our power
and so we cry for your crucifixion.**

Leader: Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

People: neither are your ways our ways.

Leader: And yet we know that your way is the ladder to heaven,
while, left to our own devices, our ways slope downwards to hell.
So we are here, not to have our worst confirmed,
but to have our best liberated. And we pray,

**People: forgive in us what has gone wrong,
repair in us what is wasted, reveal in us what is good.**

Leader: And nourish us with better food than we could ever purchase:
your word, your love, your inspiration, your daily bread for life's journey.
In the company of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: 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** "Sign Me Up" Kevin Yancy and Jerome Metcalf



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

John 11:1–45. (New Testament, page 98)

Sermon "Weeping Jesus" Hardy H. Kim

Responding to the Word

Lenten Meditation

The Lenten season is a time for self-reflection, deepening spiritual practices, and drawing closer to God, who loves us. Throughout the six weeks of Lent, we will practice different methods of prayer and meditation taken from the rich history of Christian traditions. Through these practices we seek to embody our faith in community.

Prayers of the People

During this season we will practice saying some of our prayers out loud before the community. As you consider sharing, remember that you don't need to explain everything about your prayer—simply lift up a few words, or name a person or persons. God will receive the fullness of your prayer without many words, and the community will join our hearts with yours in prayer.

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.

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

Offertory Music "You've Got a Friend" Carole King

***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!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table" *Herbert Howard Booth*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Lord God, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other,
instill in us, and in all your people, discernment to see what is right,
faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right.**

**During our journey through Lent, keep us aware of the things in the world around us,
and the forces at work inside us, that pull us away from you and your way for us.**

Preserve us, body, mind, and soul, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “O Christ, the Healer”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
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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News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

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

Path of Discipleship, a weekly Lenten series using Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* to explore—with pastoral staff—various spiritual practices, begins this Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required: www.bit.ly/fpcpod2017

Daily Lenten devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions or send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org). They are also posted on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and the church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and are available in printed booklets in the literature racks.

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.

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, April 2 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks or online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by contacting Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

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 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 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.

Music and the Arts

Chicago Ensemble will perform Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets will be available at the door.

Organist Elizabeth Lenti will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An exhibition of art by members of the Center for Life and Learning, our program for adults sixty and over, will be shown in the Loggia beginning Friday, March 10.

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days ahead. You'll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code to learn more.



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

PCUSA World Mission, a three-week Academy for Faith and Life class, continues at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room next Sunday, March 12. The PCUSA's Rachel Yates, Associate Director of World Mission, will be that morning's speaker.

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

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 Borwell Dining Room. 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 concludes this Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Guthrie's Tavern (1300 W. Addison).

Men's Breakfast will meet this Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. Jay Fehnel will present a brief history of college sports mascots. RSVP to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Books by Women will discuss *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

A "Magical" Family Night, complete with a magician, takes place Friday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

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 children join their parents in 9:30 and 11:00 worship for the first half of the service next Sunday, March 12 before going to their classrooms.

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

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 5G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

“Reading Romans with Karl Barth during Lent,”

an Academy for FAith Bible study led by Robert Cathey, meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church and about Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, meets this Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The book *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* will be the topic of a discussion led by Abbi Heimach-Snipes on Wednesdays, March 8 and 22 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

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12.

So be sure to set clocks ahead an hour next Saturday night!

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday morning, March 19 in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets will be available at the door that day, and all proceeds will support our youth summer mission trips to Cuba, Montreat, and Detroit.

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.

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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