



Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Actual Proof" Herbie Hancock
"The Calling" Pat Metheny

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: The servant is coming whom God upholds, the chosen one in whom God delights.

All: On that one God's spirit firmly rests, by that one God's justice will be done.

Leader: God's chosen one will not shout or cry out;

All: God's chosen one will not falter or be crushed.

Leader: In that one God's holy arm is bared;

All: through that one God's sure salvation comes.

Leader: Then let the watchers shout for joy and let the wasted places sing:

All: "Now is the time for deliverance! Now earth's deliverer has come!"

* Stand as you are able

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Litany of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
you refused to turn stone into bread.

**All: Save us from using our power, however little,
to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the needs of others.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
you refused to leap from the temple top.

**All: Save us from displaying skills, however modest,
to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

**All: Save us from offering our devotion, however weak,
to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path
on which you bid us to follow you.**

Leader: Savior of the world,
you saw Satan masquerading as an angel of light and shunned him.

**All: Give us wisdom to discern behind each subtle temptation
the ploy of the prince of shadows;
and in the face of all that is hellishly attractive,
help us to choose the will of God. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle

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 18:12–27 (New Testament, page 106)

Sermon “Speaking Correctly” 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 are practicing 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.

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

During this season we are practicing 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 "Standing on the Promises". R. Keslo Carter

***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!

The Communion

Communion Music "I Love to Tell the Story" Catherine Hankey and William Fischer

Closing Responses

Leader: We have spoken about you when it would have been better to stay silent;

All: and we have kept silent when we should have said a word in your favor.

Leader: We have preferred to think of our "cross" as the sum total of our worries,

All: rather than the hard but essential task which we alone can do for you.

Leader: We have stayed with you when people needed healing,

teaching, or telling off. We enjoyed what you did for them and for us.

All: But there is a different tone in your voice now,

as if more is being asked of you and you are asking more of us.

We are not sure how long we can stay with you.

Leader: You are very patient with us, even when you are annoyed with us.

Your smile is always kind, never nervous.

Knowing all, you still welcome us in your company as if we have just arrived.

All: We will stay with you.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, 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 and Easter

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

This Friday, March 24 a Lenten Taizé service will be held 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 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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.

The third morning service on Palm Sunday, April 9, will begin at 11:30 a.m. A complete schedule of Holy Week and Easter services of worship is posted online: www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

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 (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576).

Mission and Outreach

Habitat for Humanity Chicago Women Build will be the topic of a presentation by Jennifer Parks, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Chicago, that will be hosted by Women at Fourth this Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

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 stuffed animals and taggies for children and infants in hospitals and shelters. No sewing experience is necessary.

Blue Bow events in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month begin on Tuesday, April 4 with an interfaith prayer service and a press conference at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by tying bows to the trees outside the Manse. To volunteer to tie bows, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Read about Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—in their 2016 annual report: www.bit.ly/clreport2016

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

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

Volunteers and Donations

The Fourth Church Meals Ministry Bag Lunch

program is in immediate need of sweet snacks, such as granola bars, cookie packs, pudding cups, or unopened boxes of Girl Scout cookies to be used in packing lunches. Donations labeled “Bag Lunches” can be dropped off at the church reception desk.

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Orientation will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/CLtutor0417

For more volunteer opportunities or to sign up, email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org, or visit the website: www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

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 for children age three through fifth grade meets on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center

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).

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 gather with pastors and other staff to pray for Fourth Church members and those in need in this community and around the world.

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

Music and the Arts

Soprano Sarah van der Ploeg of the Morning Choir will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An exhibition of art by members of the Center for Life and Learning, our program for adults sixty and over, is on exhibit in the Loggia this month.

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Greg Borzo will talk about his book *Chicago’s Fabulous Fountains*, which includes our courtyard fountain. Reservations (*required*) can be made with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week's session will focus on sacred sound and walking meditation. For fee details, see www.fourthchurch.org/rc/meditation.html

"Reading Romans with Karl Barth during Lent," an Academy for Faith and Life Bible study led by Robert Cathey, meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 21 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 this Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Christian Century Study Group will next meet Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

John M. Buchanan will lead a two-session discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together* on Wednesdays, April 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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.

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, next meets Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

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, April 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 1 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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