



Gathering

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.

Gathering Music "Higher Ground" Stevie Wonder
"Heaven" Duke Ellington

Greeting

*Opening Responses

Leader: We are called to be the body of Christ,

People: We are the ones called to serve as Christ in this world.

Leader: We are called to share in the gifts of the Spirit.

People: We are the ones who teach, care, and love as Christ loves us.

Leader: We are called to bring the Good News.

**People: We are the ones who proclaim Christ's death and resurrection
until Christ comes again.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God,

People: who dwells in us as the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

* Stand as you are able

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds
instead of on the earth you have given us.

We desire heavenly treasure, but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it.

Forgive us for our short-sightedness.

Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success,
and call us to the down-to-earth message of your love,

to care for the needs of those around us, especially the oppressed and marginalized.

You have called us through scripture to care for the widows and orphans among us;
help us to see all those who are left out by society and are in need.

Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have placed,

so that we may truly be one, as you and Christ are one,

for it is in Christ's name we pray. 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*

Welcome

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 Reading

Acts 1:1–11 (New Testament, page 110)

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy One, Risen God,

People: fill us with your power.

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 "Get Together" Chet Powers

***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 "Just Taste and See". *Traditional*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

**Most Holy God,
we give you thanks that the resurrected Christ
who dwells with you also lives with us.
Bless us with the power of your Holy Spirit
so that we may have the strength and courage
to bring your love every place we go.
Nourished at this communion table,
empower us to carry your grace to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Barbara Norman	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Tom Vaitsas, 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

Worship

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

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 with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. Friday, June 23 will be our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song and meditation.

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

News and Resources

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2017 are asked to send their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, June 12 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 18.

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, June 4 following the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. At that time the congregation will elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to work to identify a candidate to serve Fourth Church as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry.

The Senior Associate Pastor Nominating

Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education position. As they seek to narrow the list of applicants they are considering, please continue to keep the committee and their discernment work in your prayers.

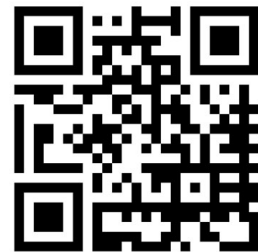
Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to both learn more about Fourth Church as well as explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make pledge contributions online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving (or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button at the top left of the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org).

Will you be traveling in the weeks ahead?

We hope you'll stay connected with us while away: to see the latest Fourth Church news; thought-provoking quotes from sermons, prayers, and devotions; and photos of church life, "Like" the Fourth Church page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). And why not tell a friend about Fourth Church by sharing one of our posts!



News and Opportunities

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—

www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Children, Youth, and Family

Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, June 4, with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only.

Two Day School summer weeks are being offered for children ages three to five: June 6–9 and June 19–23, both from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. To sign up for one or both weeks or for information about the openings in the Day School preschool program here at the church for the 2017–18 school year, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Vacation Bible School—which this year will take us back to ancient Rome as we travel with the Apostle Paul—will be held the mornings of August 7–11. Early-bird registration discounts are available through Friday, June 30. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17

Youth and their families will go camping in Michigan the weekend of September 1–3. For details, see www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday Bible study for women, meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

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 a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m.

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende will be the topic of discussion at the Tuesday, June 13 monthly gathering of Books by Women at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“Don’t Believe Everything You Think: Get out of Your Mind and into Your Life,” a one-day conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be Saturday, June 10 in Buchanan Chapel. For details or to register call 312.787.8425.

Mission and Outreach

A mission trip to China, led by Linda VanderWeele September 23–30, is being offered through Opportunity International. Registration is due Monday, July 3. For details, contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Fresh, local produce is available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Weekly produce shares are also available through the Farm’s Community-Supported Agriculture program. For details, visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

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

Volunteers Needed

Chicago Lights Summer Day needs volunteers (June 26–August 3) for academic and art class assistance and as field trip chaperones. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

Men are needed as Shower Ministry greeters on Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m., on a rotating schedule.

Greeters and liturgists for the Taizé service are needed to assist on the fourth Friday of the month

Meal hosts are needed to welcome two to four Urban Youth Mission staff on a Saturday evening during June or July.

To volunteer—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering, a time for fellowship and for conversation about various topics, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Each summer Monday, beginning June 5, they will also meet at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach for a fun evening of volleyball

Andy Shaw on “Good Government in Illinois” will be the program at the Friday, June 2 dinner hosted by Cornerstones at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Register at www.bit.ly/cfpc0517 by May 31.

Men’s Breakfast will meet on Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. To RSVP, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

Music and the Arts

Encore, a benefit for our Center for Life and Learning, will be held this Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. CSO concertmaster Robert Chen, his children, and cellist Gabriel Martins will perform. For details and tickets, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll

To sign up for the South Africa music trip planned for summer 2018, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3592).

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert features Patrice Michaels, soprano, and Elizabeth Buccheri, pianist, at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An exhibition of colored-pencil drawings by Rhonda Nass is on display in the Loggia.

The six ceiling canvases that were removed from the South Balcony when a sound opening was cut for the organ chamber in 2015 have been restored and are now on permanent display in the Gignilliat Commons. Painted by Frederic Clay Bartlett in 1914, when the Sanctuary was dedicated, they were replaced with replicas printed on sound-transferable mesh.

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 prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

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 designed by Nanette Sawyer and created by the Fourth Church community.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

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 Sunday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, July 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 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 June 25 or July 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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