



Gathering

Gathering Music "Another Star" Stevie Wonder
"Black Narcissus" Joe Henderson

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out.

We praise you!

You made the earth and all that lives here.

We praise you!

You give breath to all creatures,
and your Spirit to your people.

We praise and thank you, O God!

You give power to each of us,
even in this broken world.

**You kin-dom come, O God,
your will be done!**

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth 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.

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Compassionate God, we’ve gotten lost again.
We turn to the ways of death rather than life.
We prefer security to sacrifice and gluttony to generosity.
We fail to care about or respond to the needs of our created-by-you-family,
for we have been preoccupied with our own narrow concerns,
and we also forget to see our own inner power that you give us for serving one another.
Forgive us and help us see ourselves as you see us.
Empower us to serve as you call us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given

in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Minute for Mission

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 100 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For God is good, and God's mercy is everlasting.**

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
serve God with gladness;
come before God's presence with a song.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For God is good, and God's mercy is everlasting.**

Know this: God is the Most High,
who has made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people and the flock of God's pasture.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For God is good, and God's mercy is everlasting.**

Enter the gates with thanksgiving,
the courts with praise.
Praise God!
Bless God's name!
For God is good;
God's mercy is everlasting;
and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **For God is good, and God's mercy is everlasting.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15–23 (*New Testament, page 181*)

Matthew 25:31–46 (*New Testament, page 27*)

Sermon *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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.

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

Offertory Music "All Good Gifts". Stephen A. Schwartz

***Doxology**. Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

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

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Holy One,

your power is great,

your love is great,

your mercy is great.

**Thank you for the power you nurture
within us for your glory and your justice.**

May your kin-dom come!

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
James Jacobs	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

Baptized during worship today

Lucy Evelyn Russell, child of Drew and Chrissie Russell

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Samme Orwig, as we highlight the many ways we can share God's love this season through Advent and Christmas giving opportunities.

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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A Light in the City

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Advent and Christmas

Help decorate the Sanctuary 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 online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 10 for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

Daily Advent devotions will be available beginning December 3 via email (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

A family Advent wreath workshop will be held Sunday, December 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

A Christmas musical presented by the Children's and Youth Choirs will take place Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

"Candlelight Carols," a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place this Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held next Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org; use the code CHANTICLEER to receive a 25 percent discount.

Holidays a cappella with Chicago a cappella, will take place on Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow.

The Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a freewill donation will be received at the door.

Some Christmas Eve candlelight times will be different this year. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, that morning of December 24 we will worship at 11:00 a.m. only. (*There will be no 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. services that day.*) We will also gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services:

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
- 6:00 p.m. Family Service with Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
- 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Holiday Bags are being collected by Fourth Church Meals Ministry for guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate are available at the reception desk. Items are to be returned by Sunday, December 10.

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available from Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org). Volunteers are also needed to help inventory and wrap gifts. Contact Anne for details.

Shop for a Difference at the Fair Trade Gift Bazaar!

Next weekend shop handcrafted gifts from around the world at our Fair Trade Bazaar—and help global artisans earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their families.

Bazaar hours are Saturday, December 2 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 3 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room. Come change lives with your Christmas giving!



News and Opportunities

Worship

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday and 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 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause 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 Fourth Church members and those in need.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (with Communion), 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and, for Jazz at Four with Communion, at 4:00 p.m.

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 at home, please call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

Music and the Arts

Thursday, November 30 is the deadline for art submissions from the congregation for an exhibition in the Loggia beginning in January. Guidelines are available from Rob Koon (rkoon@fourthchurch.org)

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago will be performing Bach's Brandenburg Concertos this Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary in a concert dedicated to the memory of former Associate Pastor David Donovan.

Picosa Chamber Ensemble will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Fellowship

Young Adults, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for their weekly Sunday Gathering—a time to discuss a different topic each week—at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Men's Book Club will next meet this Monday, November 27 at 7:30 a.m. at a member's home to discuss *The Four* by Scott Galloway. Contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Men's Breakfast meets this Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, gathers this Friday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a Christmas carol sing-along. Register (*required*) online at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1217 or with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) by Wednesday, November 29.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth groups and Confirmation meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

Choirs for children and youth meet on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

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

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Volunteers to help with Fair Trade Bazaar setup or takedown (December 1 and 3); for details, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org)

Individuals to staff the Book Nook during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

Single-serving snack items for Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Social Service Center

Large paper shopping bags for use by guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Men's clothing (all sizes) for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; to Mexico to build rain cisterns; and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and also in brochures in the literature racks.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, November 28 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

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

Runners interested in joining the 2018 Chicago Lights Marathon Team are asked to email Kate Solis Silva (ksolis@chicagolights.org) by this Wednesday, November 29.

Gala of Hope 2018 will be Friday, March 2.

Enrichment

A new adult education class begins next Sunday, December 3: "Reformed and Always Reforming: Doing Church Differently," led by Abbi Heimach-Snipes, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men's Bible Study next meets on Tuesday, December 5 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

Prorated membership rates for the Center for Life and Learning for adults sixty and more begin December 1. Call Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386) for details.

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will next be offered on Sunday, December 10 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.

A spiritual pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, will be held April 6–13. Details are available in the literature racks.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers begins February 3. Details are available in the literature racks.

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.

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. Attend Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org; 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 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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