



## We Approach God

**Gathering Music** "Peace" . . . . . Horace Silver  
"O, Give Thanks unto the Lord". . . . . Judith Christie McCallister

### Greeting

### \*Joining Our Voices

*(The congregational responses are in boldface type)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God's love endures forever!**

We cried out to the Lord, and we were answered.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God's love endures forever!**

The Lord is our strength and our song; the Lord has become our salvation.

We will not die, but live; we will proclaim what God has done:

the stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**the Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Friends, this is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* Stand as you are able

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*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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## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

### **Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**Holy God, in this season when we remember and celebrate the miracle of the resurrection, we come humbly asking for a resurrection and renewal in our own lives.**

**Where we are worn and tired, may you bring new life.**

**Where we have grown cynical and hard-hearted, may you bring new love.**

**Where we have wounded others, may you bring forgiveness.**

**Where we are prisoners of ourselves, may you bring the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit.**

**Indeed, almighty God, help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

*(Please hold silence.)*

### **God Forgives and Blesses Us**

Christ is risen! Rise up and rejoice; be witnesses to the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we also are raised to new life.**

Turn your hearts toward Christ and receive this good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!**

### **\*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*

**Welcome**

## We Proclaim the Story

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 62:1–12 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: For God alone I wait in silence; from whom comes my salvation.  
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.  
How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?  
They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;  
lies are their chief delight.  
They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Leader: For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.  
God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.  
In God is my safety and my honor,  
my rock of strength, my refuge.  
Put your trust in God always, O people;  
pour out your hearts, for God is our refuge.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

Leader: Those of high degree are mere breath;  
those of low estate are an illusion.  
On the scales together they are lighter than a breath.  
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
if wealth increases, set not your heart upon it.  
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it; that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O God, for you repay everyone according to deeds.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal! Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**

### Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13–48 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 84*)

**Sermon** “Learning to Let Go” . . . . . *Matt Helms*

## **We Offer Ourselves**

### **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**

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" . . . . . *Words by Brian Wren*

## We Feast Together

### 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

## We Go Out with Gratitude

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

O God of all our days, we come this day with eager anticipation.

We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.

Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love  
to all people, everywhere. Amen.

**\*Closing Song.** . . . . . “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Matt Helms</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Judith L. Watt</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Terry Evans</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Musicians</b>	Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano Morgan Pirtle, vocals

## 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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**CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

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**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
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**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry  
**Nanette Sawyer**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry  
**Rocky Supinger**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
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**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



## News and Opportunities

### News and Resources

**A congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the recommendation from Session and the Board of Trustees that Fourth Church acquire a new manse for the use of our current and future senior pastors. Detailed information has been mailed to all member homes, and a synopsis is posted online at [www.bit.ly/fpcmanse](http://www.bit.ly/fpcmanse)

**An information session** about the senior pastor housing proposal will be held next Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Members of the Senior Pastor Housing Committee will be on hand to answer questions.

**If you are a Fourth Church member and did not** receive the email about the housing proposal, be sure to subscribe to our email news list at [www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews) to see future updates.

**Individuals experiencing life challenges** can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, a trained Fourth Church member who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Information is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/caring](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring)

**Inquirers' Class** is a one-session class that provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. A prerequisite for membership, it will next be offered on Sunday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**Nanette Sawyer** will be installed as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry on Sunday, April 29 during the 4:00 p.m. service.

**Joe Morrow**, who has been working with Interfaith Youth Core, will be joining our pastoral staff for a two-year appointment as Minister for Evangelism starting May 1.

**Daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

### Worship

**Sacred Pause meditation**, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held 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 join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members as well as for those who are in need.

**The next candlelit Taizé service**—a contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection—will be held on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

### It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:

whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday Noonday concert, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon or prayer, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)).

Why not share at least one with friends?



# News and Opportunities

## Music and the Arts

**This week's free Friday Noonday concert** will be presented by cellist Ian Maksin at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** will present their spring concert featuring Baroque music from the Bolivian rainforest on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

## Fellowship

**Coffee Hour Chats**, led by Dave Handley, will take place next Sunday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. These chats offer time to discuss themes from that morning's sermon.

**Shannon Kershner will talk about prayer** when Women at Fourth gather on Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All women are invited.

**The Young Adults** group for those in their twenties and thirties will view the documentary *This Changes Everything*, on climate change, next Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F.

**Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday morning, April 17 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Men's Book Club will discuss *Sapiens*** by Yuval Harari on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room.

**Books by Women** will discuss *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation* by Natalie Y. Moore on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**The Fourth Church Day School** is accepting applications for its 2018–19 early childhood programs, including a tot-and-parent class, a three-morning preschool class, and an extended-day option. Space is also available for June 5–8 and June 11–14 summer programs. For details, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; [khager@fourthchurch.org](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org)).

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Youth** meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in Room 4G; Confirmation in Room 5A; and Senior Highs in the Bumpus Room.

**Tunes for Tots**, for parents and children up to two years old, is held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

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

**Family Camp** will be held the weekend of Friday, May 18–Sunday, May 20 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. For information, contact Briana Belding-Peck at [bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org); you can register online at [www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18)

**This morning fourth graders received Bibles** from the congregation during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. This is but one of the ways we live out our baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

## Mission and Outreach

**With the blue bows** tied to the trees outside the Manse during Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month we remember all those affected by child abuse.

**Our “Snacks for Sacks”** drive kicks off today, with the goal of collecting by Mother’s Day 10,000 individually packaged, single-serving chip bags, fruit bars, and fruit cups. This two-month supply will be included in the sack lunches distributed to guests of our Fourth Church Meals Ministry programs.

**The Care of Creation Committee** will host a screening and discussion of *This Changes Everything* next weekend on Earth Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F. The movie presents portraits of communities on the front lines of climate change, laying out a hopeful path for transforming systems causing climate change into something better.

**“Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism”** training will be offered May 24–26 here at the church. To register, contact Vicky Curtiss ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)).

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets next Tuesday, April 24 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

**The Gospel Run 5K/10K** (and a half-mile walk for children) on Saturday, June 2 will provide opportunity to walk, run, or pledge to raise funds in support of anti-racism training programs at Fourth Church through the Interfaith Council Against Racism. To register or pledge, sign up at [www.raceroster.com/16612](http://www.raceroster.com/16612) by May 15.

**The Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. (*No sewing experience necessary.*)

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Used tennis shoes for recycling** into materials for playground surfaces; donations will be collected next Sunday only—Earth Sunday, April 22—during Coffee Hour

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

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

**Volunteers to untie the blue bows** on the trees; Friday morning, April 27

**Jazz at Four greeters** for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

**Shower Ministry greeters** (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

*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](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).*

## Enrichment

**“Religion within the Bounds of Mere Reason,”** a class led by Clare Pearson and using Immanuel Kant’s 1793 work *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

**“Church and Empire: New Testament Responses to the Roman Empire,”** taught by Walter Hansen, meets on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

## 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" or "T-coil" 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, 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](http://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](mailto: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 Sundays, May 13, June 10, or July 8 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 Nancy Davis ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org); 312.274.3815) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 April 22 or May 27.

**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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