



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

We meet in the presence of God,

and we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven,

we gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age,

we gather to worship the Lord.

With the church throughout the world,

God's holy name is praised.

With soul and song,

God's holy name is praised.

From the North Side and the South Side,

God's holy name is praised.

And here with our hearts and our voices,

God's holy name is praised.

We are met in the presence of God,

and we do not meet alone.

* 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.

***Opening Song** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy God,
we can be so full of fear at times—
afraid of the unknown,
afraid of what is beyond our control,
afraid of what is strange to us.
We know that fear stops us in our tracks,
hinders our action, and gives excuses
for not doing what you call us to do and being who you created us to be.
We have denied your beauty and goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
So free us, O God, from the fear that binds us.
Forgive the evil we have done,
the evil we have ignored,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Restore and strengthen us that we may abide in your love,
walk in your ways, and serve you to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

The Holy Spirit is upon us and has given us 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.

Welcome

We Proclaim the Story

Psalter Psalm 139:1–18 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeying and my resting and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O God, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,”
darkness is not dark to you; night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: For you created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I thank you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made;
your works are wonderful. I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you while I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb; they were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!
I count them, but they number like sand;
my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:36–43

Sermon *Shawn Fiedler*

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"

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Accept our thanks for all you have done. Amen.

***Closing Song.** "We Will Walk with God"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shawn Fiedler	Ministerial Associate for Worship
Rocky Supinger	Associate Pastor
Hope Daniels	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Allison Orobia, 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

News and Resources

Today Shawn Fiedler begins his new role as

Ministerial Associate for Worship. In this role, Shawn's energy will be devoted full-time to maintaining, enhancing, and deepening the worship life of the congregation. We give thanks for his many gifts and his work!

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder,

Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating; please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

Inquirers' Class meets next Sunday July 8 from

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. This one-session class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church, membership, and to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—

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

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit

from being paired with a Stephen Minister who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:

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

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook

to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

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).

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory or honor of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults group meets today for their weekly

Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Volleyball will not meet this week; it next meets Monday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Horizons Women's Bible Study will discuss *Clothed*

with the Sun—Biblical Women, Social Justice and Us by Joyce Hollyday when they meet next Wednesday, July 11 at 12:00 noon in Room 4E.

If you're traveling over the summer

we hope you'll stay connected with us while away: “Like” the Fourth Church page on Facebook to see all the latest Fourth Church news in your News Feed. Bookmark the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org) for access to audio of sermons from 11:00 worship and for more news about the Fourth Church community.



Volunteers/Donations Needed

Volunteers to help with laundering towels and washcloths for the weekly Shower Ministry

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

Adult-size men's and women's socks for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

Greeters for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

School Supply Drive volunteers and donations.

Contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org or 312.573.3369

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm's next

Community Farm Day and volunteer orientation is this Saturday, July 7 (444 W. Chicago). Register for volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/clurban

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).

Worship

"A Spirit Revolution," our summer sermon series on the Acts of the Apostles, invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church. Next week's sermon will be on Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1–17, 34–35).

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on Sundays.

Sacred Pause meditation is held on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer will not be held this Wednesday due to the Fourth of July holiday.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is offered at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, which will next be held on Friday, July 27 in Buchanan Chapel for this contemplative time of song and meditation.

Devotions written by both Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

Music and the Arts

Music by the Fountain—our series of free outdoor concerts over the lunch hour on Fridays in July and August—begins this Friday, July 6 with jazz vocalist Libby York performing at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

"Paradigm Shift," a collection of paintings by Gerald Griffin, is on display in the Loggia through Labor Day.

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Mission and Outreach

The Chicago Lights Dance Academy's Summer Dance Intensive program begins this week at Fourth Church and continues with four weeks of daily dance classes.

Fresh, local produce is available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Weekly produce shares are also available through the Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture program. For details on the CSA program, visit bit.ly/2nDjvSL

Knitting and Crocheting next meets on Tuesday, July 24 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available for \$5 per booklet at the reception desk.

Learn about Fourth Prison Ministry next Sunday, July 8 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F. Contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Registration for eighth grade Confirmation and the fall Confirmation retreat are due by September 1. For details and registration, go to bit.ly/8thconf

Our Day School preschool program has openings for the 2018–19 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Vacation Bible School, which will explore and learn about Old Testament prophets in Babylon, will be held the mornings of August 6–10. Register online at bit.ly/fpcvbs18

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Center for Life and Learning summer exercise classes begin next Monday, July 9. To sign up for these eight-week classes, register online or contact Susan Quaintance for more information (312.981.3386; squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

The Tuesday meditation group next meets on July 10 from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

Couples Group next meets on Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

A Tools for Well-Being Workshop will be offered on Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. Register (*required*) at bit.ly/wellbeing0718

The Circle of Healing Sound will be offered on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. Register online at bit.ly/healingsound0718

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.

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 Sundays, July 8, August 12, or September 9 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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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 July 22 or August 26.

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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