



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence.

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity.

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision.

Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

* 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** “Come! Live in the Light!”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Gracious and loving God, we turn to you, trying to trust in your deep love for us.
When we make mistakes, which we do, help us to do the right thing.
Forgive us for our failures, and help us to understand how much you love us.
Give us a sense of how valuable we are and how important our actions are.**

**Forgive us when we fail to value every person we meet as your precious creation.
Softening our hearts and open our hands so we may be generous with our time,
our attention, and our resources.**

**For the secret failures that only you know about, forgive us.
Help us to know and believe in your compassion for us.
Fill us with your power so we can lean on you and be changed.**

(Please hold silence.)

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 27:1, 4–9 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.
For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble;
God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent and will set me high on a rock.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 18:1–4 (*New Testament, page 129*)
1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (*New Testament, page 155*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

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"

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

God of love, we give you thanks that you are our God and we are your people.

We belong to your love, and your love belongs to us.

Go with us into the world so that our thanksgiving may bless the world. Amen.

***Sending Song** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow	Minister for Evangelism
Laura Sterkel	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 Resources

To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board any Fourth Church members—or yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating; when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Inquirers' Class, which offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian church history and beliefs—next meets Sunday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. To register for this one-session class that is also a prerequisite for membership, visit www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer!

The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. Visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:

@FourthChicago

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

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—

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

Please take a moment to sign the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or a member, whether you have updated contact information to share or whether it is the same—so that we might know you are with us.

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

Whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor concert in the courtyard, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, 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). Share at least one with friends!



News and Opportunities

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 and those in need.

A candlelit Taizé service will take place this Friday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A labyrinth will be available to walk beforehand in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

The “A Spirit Revolution” summer sermon series concludes next week with “Paul Reflects on his Conversion” (Acts 22:6–21).

Fellowship

Young Adults group meets next week for their weekly Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Join summer volleyball at Oak Street Beach for its final two games—Mondays, August 20 and 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, August 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club will meet Monday, August 27 at 7:30 a.m. at a member’s home. Contact Anne Ellis for details (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Join Fourth Church youth as they share experiences from their trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat. A light lunch will be served in Borwell Dining Room after 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, August 26. RSVP to rsupinger@fourthchurch.org

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

Sunday School and youth gatherings will resume after Labor Day, on Sunday September 9, when we kick off another exciting year of programming. There will also be family time with food and games in the courtyard at 12:00 p.m. that day.

“Together We Play,” an interactive class for parents and children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., September to June. For information about this class and other Day School openings, contact Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Administrative volunteer to enter data four hours a week through December

Sunday Night Supper volunteers

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services

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

T-shirts, sizes XL and larger, for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Adult-sized men’s and women’s socks for guests of the Social Service Center

Individually packaged salty snack items,

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).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

The Tuesday meditation group meets this Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room

John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman will be teaching “In the Beginning: God and Humankind in Genesis” for four weeks beginning Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

“Just and Unjust Wars” is an adult education class that explores questions about just war tradition and peace. This four-week class will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E

The new program year for the Center for Life and Learning kicks off Monday, September 10. For details about this program for adults sixty and older—and the ability to register online for classes and to renew CLL memberships—see www.fourthchurch.org/cll or contact Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386).

The new men’s discussion series on the Gospels will begin on September 12 at 7:00 a.m. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Artist Gerald Griffin will lead a gallery walk in the Loggia—his last discussion at Fourth Church before the exhibit closes on Labor Day—to discuss his exhibition “Paradigm Shift” on Sunday, August 26, after the 11:00 a.m. service.

This week’s Music by the Fountain concert will be presented Friday, August 24 by jazz singer Terry Sullivan at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the Choral Society will begin Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach

Fresh produce is available from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm’s Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Visit bit.ly/2nDjvSL by this Thursday, August 22 to sign up for weekly produce shares—which include eggs and fruits—through the Farm’s Community Supported Agriculture program.

Voter registration will be offered Sunday, September 2 during morning Coffee Hour for those who have not registered or whose name or address has changed. Two forms of ID will be required: one with name and current address and a second ID with name.

Knitting and Crocheting will meet next Tuesday, August 28 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.

Chicago Lights Tutoring is looking for tutors for the 2018–2019 school year. RSVP information and orientation dates are online at www.bit.ly/CLtutoring2018

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 Sunday, September 9 or October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers). 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.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

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 August 26 or September 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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