



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Greeting

*Joining Our Voices

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Beautiful are the works of God!

Beautiful are the skins of God's people!

Beautiful is the mind of God!

Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

Beautiful is the heart of God!

Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

God made the heavens and the earth!

To God be the glory for the things God has 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.

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

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of life, we confess to you
that we have been careless in our thoughts,
cruel in our words,
shameful in our actions.
We are indifferent to a world made sad
by want and wastefulness;
we pass by on the other side
when we see our neighbor in need;
we wander from your ways and into our ways.
God of life, we confess to you
that we cannot journey through life alone.
Guide us, aid us, clear our path,
that we may begin anew.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**We hear the good news,
we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news.
Thanks be to God. 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 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.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17–31 (*New Testament, page 43*)

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts *(Please place gifts and pledges 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”

are they who come

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.

The Communion

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace,
we thank you for your call on our lives,
given in ways we cannot ignore,
seeking us out wherever we go,
sending us out into a world in need of your love.
Amen.

***Sending Song** (*sung twice*) “Lead Me, Guide Me”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner

Pastor

Nanette Sawyer

Associate Pastor

Musicians

Leslie Beukelman, 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

“Healing Prayer: A Gathering in Response to Sexual Violence” will be held this Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This time of prayer, music, and silence will provide opportunity to grieve, lament, and pray for all in our community who are affected by sexual violence.

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2019 Annual Appeal, is underway! Please take time to make your pledge by Commitment Sunday, October 28 to help us reach our goals of \$3.4 million for Fourth Church and \$700,000 for Chicago Lights. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and have been mailed to member homes; you can also make your pledge online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Inquirers’ Class, a one-session class that is offered monthly and is a prerequisite for membership, is being held on Sunday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. To register visit www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. For details about that opportunity or learn about becoming a Stephen Minister, visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Worship

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.

The next candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 26.

An All Saints’ Service of Remembrance, including Communion and featuring the Morning Choir singing the requiem *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen, will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Fourth Church sermons are available by email (subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons or email info@fourthchurch.org); online—in print and audio formats—at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons; and in booklets in the literature racks.

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

Volunteers Needed

Ushers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services (December 24: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 p.m.; December 25: 11:00 a.m.)

New tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring are still needed for Thursday evenings in particular. Sign up for a one-session orientation at <http://bit.ly/2CLtutoring>

Volunteer to unload Meals Ministry food truck once a month | **Volunteer to unload EDSCC food pantry delivery truck** on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. | **Volunteer to unload EDSCC food pantry produce delivery truck** on the first Monday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; all positions require being able to lift 50 pounds

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Mission

Ignatian Spirituality meets Tuesday, October 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.; for information or to register, contact Anne Ellis (312.569.3369).

Mission *(continued)*

Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

A Chicago Lights Urban Farm Fall Celebration will be held on Thursday, October 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Farm (440 W. Chicago). The evening will include farm tours, a potluck, and a screening of *70 Acres*, including discussion with the filmmakers and cast.

Knitting and Crocheting next meets on Tuesday, October 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

An insight trip to Cuba, led by Nanette Sawyer and Gretchen Wahl, is planned for May 6–15, 2019. To learn more or complete a trip application (*with a January 15 deadline*), see www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

A service trip to Guatemala, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, is planned for August 4–11, 2019. To learn more or complete a trip application (*with a January 15 deadline*), see www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Enrichment

Adult education classes continuing next Sunday are “Care of Creation” at 9:30 a.m. (Room 5E) and “The Impact of Gun Violence” at 11:00 a.m. (Room 5G).

Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms will lead a monthly course—“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Bible or Your Money Back (A Free Class)”—beginning next Sunday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday morning, October 16 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club will meet on Monday, October 22 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham.

Women at Fourth will gather Thursday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. In honor of LGBT History Month, Shawn Fiedler, Nanette Sawyer, and Anne Ellis will share their coming-out stories and the intersection with their faith.

Fourth Church is forming a new LGBTQIA group. An interest meeting will be held in the Randolph Room on Sunday, November 4 after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. For more information, contact Anne Ellis (312.569.3369).

Children, Youth, and Family

Our Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night will be held this Friday, October 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, see www.bit.ly/fpc-family-night

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

Choirs for children and youth meet in Room 4F on Sunday mornings: 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.

Youth meet next Sunday with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; a time of fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Allison Library; and Senior High (in Bumpus) and Confirmation gatherings (Room 4G) at 11:00 a.m.

Music and the Arts

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I will be commemorated in concert on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, when the Fourth Church Choral Society will present music by Elgar, Bainton, Tavener, and Meallor along with poems and letters written by soldiers in the war.

Calendar for October 14–21, 2018

- Sunday, October 14** *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching** **Sanctuary**
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, October 15**
 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (*also Tues.–Fri.*) Day School Classrooms
 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
 5:00 p.m. Tutoring (*also Tues.–Fri.*) Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
- Tuesday, October 16**
 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (see announcement)
 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed., Thurs.*) Anderson Hall
 6:00 p.m. **Healing Prayer: Response to Sexual Violence** **Buchanan Chapel**
 7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center Boyle Conference Room
 7:15 p.m. Ignatian Spirituality Randolph Room
- Wednesday, October 17**
 7:00 a.m. Men's Discussion Group Room 5A
 9:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer** **Buchanan Chapel**
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
- Thursday, October 18**
 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fall Farm Celebration. 444 W. Chicago Ave.
 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, October 19**
 7:15 a.m. Men's Discussion Group Randolph Room
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Hans Hielscher, organ Buchanan Chapel
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Family Night: Pumpkin Decorating Borwell Dining Room
- Saturday, October 20**
 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand. 444 W. Chicago Ave.
- Sunday, October 21** *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 a.m. **Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching** **Sanctuary**
 8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
 9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals Room 4F
 9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall/Commons
 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching** **Sanctuary**
 9:30 a.m. "Care of Creation" Room 5E
 9:30 a.m. "Everything About the Bible" Room 5G
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups Bumpus Room
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
 11:00 a.m. "Impact of Gun Violence" Room 5G
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching** **Sanctuary**
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, available from the ushers, 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 and by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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, November 11 or December 9 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 (member@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 (subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc or send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested considering baptism or becoming a member of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, 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 October 28 or November 25.

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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