



## Reign of Christ Sunday

### We Approach God

#### Gathering Music

#### Greeting

#### \*Joining Our Voices

Who are we, gathering in this place?

**Disciples of the Christ.**

Why are we here?

**To journey on the Way.**

Where does this Way take us?

**To the truth—in our heads and in our hearts—that death is not victorious.**

**That God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—is in all, is with all, is of all!**

And how do we follow this Way?

**By loving God. By loving our neighbor. By loving ourselves.**

This is our purpose.

**This is our Way. Thanks be to God!**

\* 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.*

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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

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

Holy God,  
we want to follow your way;  
we want to be part of your coming reign,  
and yet we get so confused with the powers and structures in our own lives.  
We forget that your kin-dom is not “of this world”  
but convince ourselves otherwise.  
Help us stretch our imaginations.  
Help us stay open to different ways of organizing and structuring power,  
both at a systemic level and also individual levels.  
Let us be led by your Spirit toward a community-centered life  
where each person has dignity and you truly are the center of our lives.  
In Jesus Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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

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

### **\*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 27:4–14 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

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 the Lord will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble;  
the Lord will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;  
    the Lord will set me high on a rock.

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.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
"Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord'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!  
If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.  
Teach me your way, O Lord,  
    and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.  
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
    for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

### Scripture Reading

John 18:33–37. . . . . (*Old Testament, page 106*)

**Sermon** . . . . . *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

## **We Offer Ourselves**

### **Musical Reflection**

#### **\*Sharing of Gifts**

*Please place gifts 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 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”

## **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** (*unison*)

O God, thank you for being our disturbing comforter,  
shattering the rigid preconceptions of our minds and hearts  
of the ways of the world that we know too well.  
Give us the grace to welcome your reign,  
to trust beyond where we can see,  
to have hope in the midst of chaos,  
to learn from our mistakes,  
to accept your forgiveness,  
and to walk steadfastly in the way of your kin-dom. Amen.

**\*Sending Song** ..... “Standing on the Promises”

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Abbi Heimach-Snipes</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Nanette Sawyer</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Leslie Beukelman</b>	Vocals
<b>Bryan Doherty</b>	Bass
<b>Marcus Evans</b>	Drums
<b>Amr Fahmy</b>	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

## Advent and Christmas

- Daily Advent devotions** will be available beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2 via email (if you don't already receive our daily devotions, subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in the literature racks.
- Advent Jazz worship**, with Communion, will take place each Sunday of Advent in Buchanan Chapel beginning on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m.
- A family Advent wreath workshop** will be held next Sunday morning, December 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.
- Our Annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be Saturday, December 1 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 2 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room. Proceeds will help artisans around the world earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their families.
- A “Candlelight Carols” concert by the St. Charles Singers** will take place Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See [www.stcharlessingers.com](http://www.stcharlessingers.com) for tickets.
- The annual “Christmas with Chanticleer”** concerts will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from the CSO (312.294.3000; [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)).
- The Lakeside Singers holiday concert** will be Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.lakesidesingers.com](http://www.lakesidesingers.com).
- The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be celebrated on Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow. To help with the reception, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).
- The Christmas with Tower Brass concert** will be Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a freewill donation will be received at the door.
- Bella Voce’s presentation of *A Ceremony of Carols*** will take place Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.bellavoce.org](http://www.bellavoce.org)
- Chicago a capella’s holiday concert** will be Friday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org)
- Ushers are needed** for worship services on Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m. Children’s Pageant; 6:00 p.m. Family Service; 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols) and Christmas Day (11:00 a.m.). Contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)) for details.
- Help decorate the Sanctuary and also 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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts) or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.
- The “Christmas Wishes” project** collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. For wish lists, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).
- Holiday Gift 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 Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour. Decorated bags filled with the items are to be returned to the cart by Sunday, December 9.
- The “Longest Night” service**, which will be held Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

## Enrichment

**"Telling Your Story: Storytelling for Wellness,"** hosted by the Replogle Center, begins this Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register (required) at [www.bit.ly/rccwstorytelling](http://www.bit.ly/rccwstorytelling)

**"The Impact of the 2018 Election"** will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum presented by Robert Boatright, Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse and Chair of Political Science at Clark University, this Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**"Longing for God: Faith Development over a Lifetime,"** a class with Lucy Forster-Smith, will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G next Sunday, December 2.

**A Men's Faith Discussion Group** beginning in January will combine autobiography and listening to Jesus' life and teachings. (*No knowledge of the Bible required.*) Learn more on Sunday, December 2 at 10:35 a.m.

## Fellowship

**Brunch for LGBTQIA individuals and friends** will be held on Sunday, December 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**The Cornerstones Christmas Sing-Along and dinner** for adults fifty and over will be held on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. Registration is required by Wednesday, December 5 and can be completed online: [www.bit.ly/cfpc1218](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc1218)

**Men's Breakfast** will meet on Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

## Children, Youth, and Family

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

**Youth meet on Sunday mornings**, with Junior High at 9:30 a.m. (Bumpus Room); 10:30 a.m. youth fellowship (Allison Library); and 11:00 a.m. Senior High (Bumpus Room) and Confirmation (Room 4G).

## Mission

**Mission trips to Cuba** (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11) are being planned for 2019. Learn more or apply (by January 15) at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips)

**Knitting and Crocheting**, which creates items for those in need, meets this Tuesday, November 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F to drop off completed projects, pick up materials, and share in a time of fellowship.

**The 2019 Chicago Lights Marathon Team** is recruiting runners. Contact Lauren Suppes ([lsuppes@chicagolights.org](mailto:lsuppes@chicagolights.org)) by Friday, November 30 for early-registration details.

## Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers to help set up and take down** our Fair Trade Bazaar, Friday evening, November 30 and Sunday afternoon, December 2

**Sunday Night Supper volunteers** to greet and serve guests on Sundays, December 23 and 30 from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. (sign up: [www.bit.ly/2QSrgR5](http://www.bit.ly/2QSrgR5)) and to cook and help in the kitchen (sign up: [www.bit.ly/2RSfeX6](http://www.bit.ly/2RSfeX6))

**Volunteers to unload food trucks** at the church on second and fourth Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; must be able to lift 50 pounds

*To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)*

## Calendar for November 25–December 2, 2018

### Sunday, November 25 *Reign of Christ Sunday*

- 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching** . . . . . Sanctuary  
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall

### Monday, November 26

- 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. Chicago Lights Tutoring (*also Tues.–Thurs.*) . . . . . Fifth Floor, Gratz Center  
 7:00 p.m. Grief Group. . . . . Boyle Conference Room

### Tuesday, November 27

- 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Silent Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed., Thurs.*) . . . . . Anderson Hall  
 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting. . . . . Room 4F  
 7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center . . . . . Boyle Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 28

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer . . . . . Buchanan Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B

### Thursday, November 29

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal. . . . . Sanctuary  
 7:30 p.m. “The Impact of the Election” . . . . . Anderson Hall

### Friday, November 30

- 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Roosevelt University Choirs. . . . . Buchanan Chapel

### Saturday, December 1

- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fair Trade Gift Bazaar . . . . . Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room  
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Discover Fourth Open House. . . . . Sanctuary  
 7:30 p.m. St. Charles Singers. . . . . Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 2 *First Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship • Shannon J. Kershner 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 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fair Trade Gift Bazaar . . . . . Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room  
 9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Commons  
 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery / Day School  
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching** . . . . . Sanctuary  
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Fourth Floor  
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups . . . . . (*see announcement*)  
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
 10:30 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group Information . . . . . Room 5F  
 11:00 a.m. “Longing for God”. . . . . Room 5G  
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
 12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch . . . . . Randolph Room  
 4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching** . . . . . Buchanan Chapel  
 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html) and by email: subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://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](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 Sunday, December 9 or January 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://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](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc) or send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 December 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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