

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent**

***Opening Song** “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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Litany of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

Speak to us in the silence, O Lord, that we might summon the courage
and strength to be reconciled to you and one another. . .

(Please hold silence.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

***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.

We Proclaim the Story

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 4:1–11

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts

In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.

Offertory Music

***Doxology** “Again We Keep This Solemn Fast”

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”

Prayers of the People

Your kingdom come,
your will be done.

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

We celebrate an open table. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

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

**By your Spirit, O God, we have been called from our hiding places to your table of abundance.
Now send us out to a wearied world ready to share the bread of hope and the cup of forgiveness.
Help us set a table of refuge that reflects the fullness of your love. Amen.**

***Closing Song** “ I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism
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Martha Brown Lay Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

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

Lent and Easter

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

A candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Interfaith Seder will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware) on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 19, but space is limited and fills quickly. Register for tickets (*required*) at www.bit.ly/interfaithseder19 or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Remember loved ones at Easter by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, April 7 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

Worship and Prayer

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and for those in need.

Sacred Pause meditation, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

News and Resources

The Fourth Church 2018 Impact Report—an online snapshot of our life together in 2018 and the ways in which your generosity enabled us to live out this congregation's call to be a light in the city—can be viewed at www.bit.ly/2018fpcimpactreport

A new book of prayers by John Boyle, founder of the Replogle Center and a member of the pastoral staff for more than thirty years, can be ordered by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) to see photos of church life as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes and news from Fourth Church.

A one-session Inquirers' Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held Sunday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Children, Youth, and Family

"A Very Magical Family Night," showcasing the magician Great Scott, will be this Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. The evening begins with dinner in Borwell Dining Room, followed by the magic show.

The spring Confirmation retreat will be the weekend of March 29. Register online at www.bit.ly/19springretreat

Fellowship

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, March 26 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.

TwentiesThirties' spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register at www.bit.ly/2030may19

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

Volunteers Needed

Leaders for the summer youth trips to Detroit, New Jersey, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; sign up online (www.bit.ly/summeryouthleader) by this Friday, March 15

50 tutors to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/2S314SC

100 ushers for Holy Week and Easter; see the usher table at Coffee Hour for more information

Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments for worship (*once a month*)

Individual to assist blind woman with errands (*once every two weeks*) and to assist with summer walks

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

Enrichment

Books by Women will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi this Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. in 5H.

An information session about the October Reformation trip to Europe is this Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4G. Contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org) to RSVP.

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos's annual Chicago Area Men's Retreat next weekend, March 15–17. Register at www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

"Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers' Class Series" begins Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. This three-week series is a chance to explore foundations of Christian faith in the Reformed tradition and life at Fourth Church. It is open to visitors, those seeking church membership, and current members seeking to refresh their understanding of our faith and their calling. Register at www.bit.ly/discovering0319

"Relationships 101," a workshop offered by the Replogle Center, will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register online at www.bit.ly/101relationships

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

"How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," a men's discussion group meeting Friday mornings, April–June, will combine autobiography with active listening to Jesus' life and teachings. No knowledge of the Bible, theology, or experience in such a group is necessary. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

This Friday's free Noonday Concert is presented by Tres Belle soprano trio.

Calendar for March 10–17, 2019

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| Sunday, March 10 | 4:00 p.m. | Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper | Anderson Hall |
| Monday, March 11 | 9:00 a.m. | Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) | Day School Classrooms |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper | Catholic Charities |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) | Gratz Fifth Floor |
| Tuesday, March 12 | 7:45 a.m. | Sacred Pause | Stone Chapel |
| | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. | Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) | Anderson Hall |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Books by Women | Bumpus Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | “Path of Discipleship” | Anderson Hall |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chicago Ensemble | Buchanan Chapel |
| Wednesday, March 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Benevolent Guild | Room 5B |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Horizons Bible Study | Room 5H |
| Thursday, March 14 | 7:00 a.m. | Men’s Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>) | Randolph Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Reformation Trip Information Session | Room 4G |
| Friday, March 15 | 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Tres Belle, soprano trio | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 5:30 p.m. | A Very Magical Family Night | Borwell Dining Room |
| Sunday, March 17 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship • Judith L. Watt preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Buchanan 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 a.m. | “Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today | Room 5E |
| | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | Gratz Fourth Floor |
| | 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 |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Tour | Sanctuary |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Organ Tour | Sanctuary |
| | 12:15 p.m. | New Member Brunch | Page Smith Room |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper | Anderson Hall |

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to visit a prayer station to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in an ongoing art project.

We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

Worship can be heard through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons and by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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, April 14 or May 12 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 online at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc).

If you are interested in 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 March 24.

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).

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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