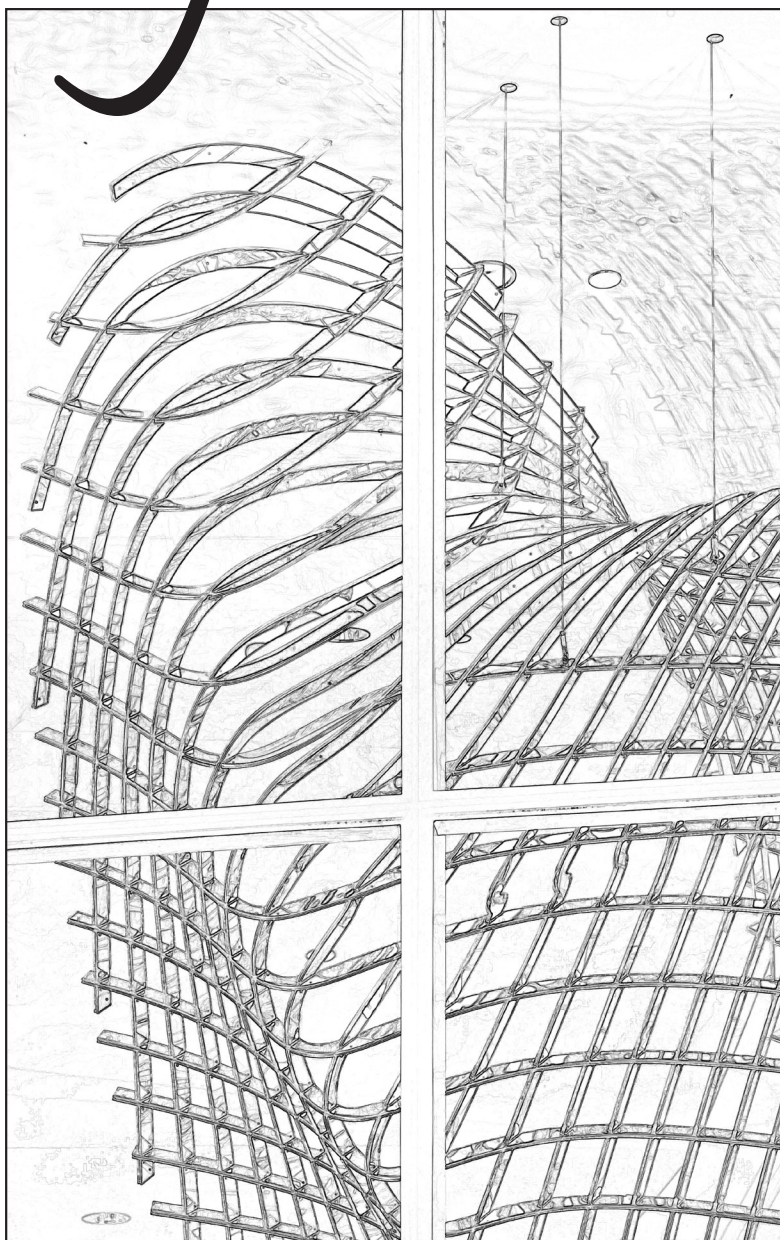




jazz at four



4:00 p.m. • March 17, 2019 • Second Sunday in Lent

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.

Gathering Music

- *Call to Worship** “The Comfort of Questions” by Rebecca del Rio
- *Opening Song** “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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Litany of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
God of Grace,
forgive us.

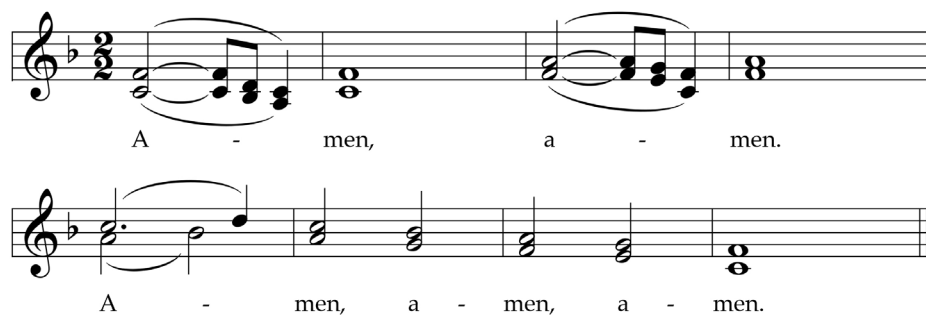
Even as Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
God of Grace,
forgive us.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
God of Grace,
forgive us.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
God of Grace,
forgive us.

Speak to us in the silence, O Lord,
that we might be set free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ . . .
(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 20:1–16

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

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*)

**Holy God, your generosity exceeds all expectations.
You love us with an undying love; you feed us with unending abundance;
you nurture our souls with infinite grace.
Receive our gifts of gratitude and turn them to your purposes in the world.
Send us out to share your love and grace with all the world. Amen.**

***Closing Song** “Lead Me, Guide Me”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism
Barbara Norman 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 this Friday evening, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

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).

One hundred ushers are needed for Holy Week and Easter; to learn more about this opportunity to welcome and assist worshipers, contact Ministerial Associate for Worship Shawn Fiedler (sfiedler@fourthchurch.org).

Worship and Prayer

A Blue Bows Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows outside the church as part of our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness efforts. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369, aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Music and the Arts

This Friday's free Noonday Concert is presented by organist Thomas Heidenreich.

News and Resources

If you are interested in meeting with a Stephen Minister or know someone who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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.

Mission

Fourth Church will observe Earth Hour on Saturday, March 30 by shutting off all external lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to remind us of our need to be good stewards of the earth's resources.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fellowship

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held next 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.

Cornerstones, a group of couples and singles over the age of fifty, meets on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for a program on literacy in Chicago. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cfpc0419 by Wednesday, April 3.

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

Volunteers Needed

Fifty 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

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

Individual to assist blind woman with errands (*every other week*) 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

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers' Class Series" begins next 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

"Practicing the Presence of God," a three-week class led by Vicky Curtiss, begins next Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E. This class will explore how to be attentive to the presence of God by reading texts from poets and mystics.

"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

The "Dying to Know" series, cohosted by the Replogle Center and the Center for Life and Learning, begins on Wednesday, April 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room with a screening and discussion of the *Being Mortal* film. To register (*required*), visit www.journeycare.org/dyingtoknow

"How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," a men's discussion group, will meet on Friday mornings, April–June. 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).

To sign up for or to receive more information about the October Reformation trip to Europe, contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Calendar for March 17–24, 2019

Sunday, March 17	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 18	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 19	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 (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m. "Path of Discipleship"	Anderson Hall
Wednesday, March 20	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	7:15 p.m. "Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood"	Room 5H
Thursday, March 21	7:00 a.m. Men's Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>)	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 22	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Thomas Heidenreich, organ	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 23	10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
Sunday, March 24	8:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner 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
	9:30 a.m. "Galatians"	Room 5G
	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	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>The Hate U Give</i> All-Youth Movie Viewing	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. Practicing the Presence of God	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shawn Fiedler 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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