



4:00 p.m. • March 31, 2019 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Approach God

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,

but we do not always believe.

God of grace,

forgive us.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear.

God of grace,

forgive us.

You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.

God of grace,

forgive us.

You call us to watch at all times for you,

but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

God of grace,

forgive us.

Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and in this silence, awaken us to the wonders you work in the world every day . . .

(Please hold silence.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

*Passing	of the	Peace
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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 25:14-28
Sermon	Ioseph L. Morrou

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
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We Fe	ast Together
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	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!

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)

O God of goodness and justice,
source of grace and wellspring of joy,
we give thanks for your faithfulness and care.
Help us to remember those who weep, even as we worship,
and those who hunger, even as we feast at your table.
As you send us from this place into the world outside,
let your Spirit prompt us to dry tears, give bread, and spread hope. Amen.

*(Closing Song	 	 	 'Precious Lo	rd, Take My	/ Hand
*	Benediction					

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Abbi Heimach-Snipes Pastoral Resident

Samme Orwig 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

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.

Holy Week and Easter

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 for those whose donations are received by Sunday, April 7. 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, visit the Ushers table at Coffee Hour.

Volunteers are needed to pass out cider on Easter Sunday for one of two shifts, either from 8:00 to 9:10 a.m. prior to the 9:30 a.m. service or from 10:00 to 11:10 a.m. prior to the 11:30 a.m. service.

Palm/Passion Sunday's worship schedule on April 14 will be the same as it is on a typical Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The children's palm procession will take place at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 18 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (*Tenebrae*) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 19 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (*Choral Service*) in the Sanctuary. A Good Friday program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 21 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Easter Sunday Brunch for families and individuals of all ages will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on April 21. Tickets are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch19 through April 17.

Mission

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).

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/2FgW2O7

Greeters to serve during the 4:00 p.m. worship service

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

Fellowship

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

The Men's Breakfast invites all to join them on Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room for breakfast and a presentation by Kathye Boyle, editor of *Talking to God: Prayers of John H. Boyle*. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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

News and Resources

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.

Music and the Arts

This Friday's free Noonday Concert is presented by soprano Genevieve Thiers and mezzo-soprano Katherine Calcamuggio Donner.

Enrichment

"Practicing the Presence of God," led by Vicky Curtiss, continues next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

"Bearing Witness: The Trauma of Sexual Violence and Caring for Survivors" began today and continues next Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. This three-week course is led by Elizabeth Pierre.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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 Buchanan Chapel with a screening and discussion of the film *Being Mortal*. To register (*required*), visit www.journeycare.org/dyingtoknow

"Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood" is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

"A Time I Changed My Mind" will be the topic of next Sunday's "Conversations with Clergy," led by Joe Morrow on April 7 at 5:00 p.m., following Jazz at Four worship.

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

Books by Women will discuss Tara Westover's Educated: A Memoir on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

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 31-April 7, 2019

Sunday, March 31 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, April 1 9:00 a.m.	Day School (also TuesFri.) Day School Classrooms
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.) Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, April 2 7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Prayer Service Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Tying Blue Bows (see announcement)
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also WedThurs.) Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	"Path of Discipleship"
7:00 p.m.	Replogle Meditation Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, April 3 9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.	"Dying to Know" Buchanan Chapel
7:15 p.m.	"Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood" Boyle Confernece Room
Thursday, April 4 6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
Friday, April 5 12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones
Sunday, April 7 8:00 a.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Groups
9:30 a.m.	"Bearing Witness"
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	"Presence of God"
12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour
4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	"A Time I Changed My Mind" Allison Library
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 April 28.

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.