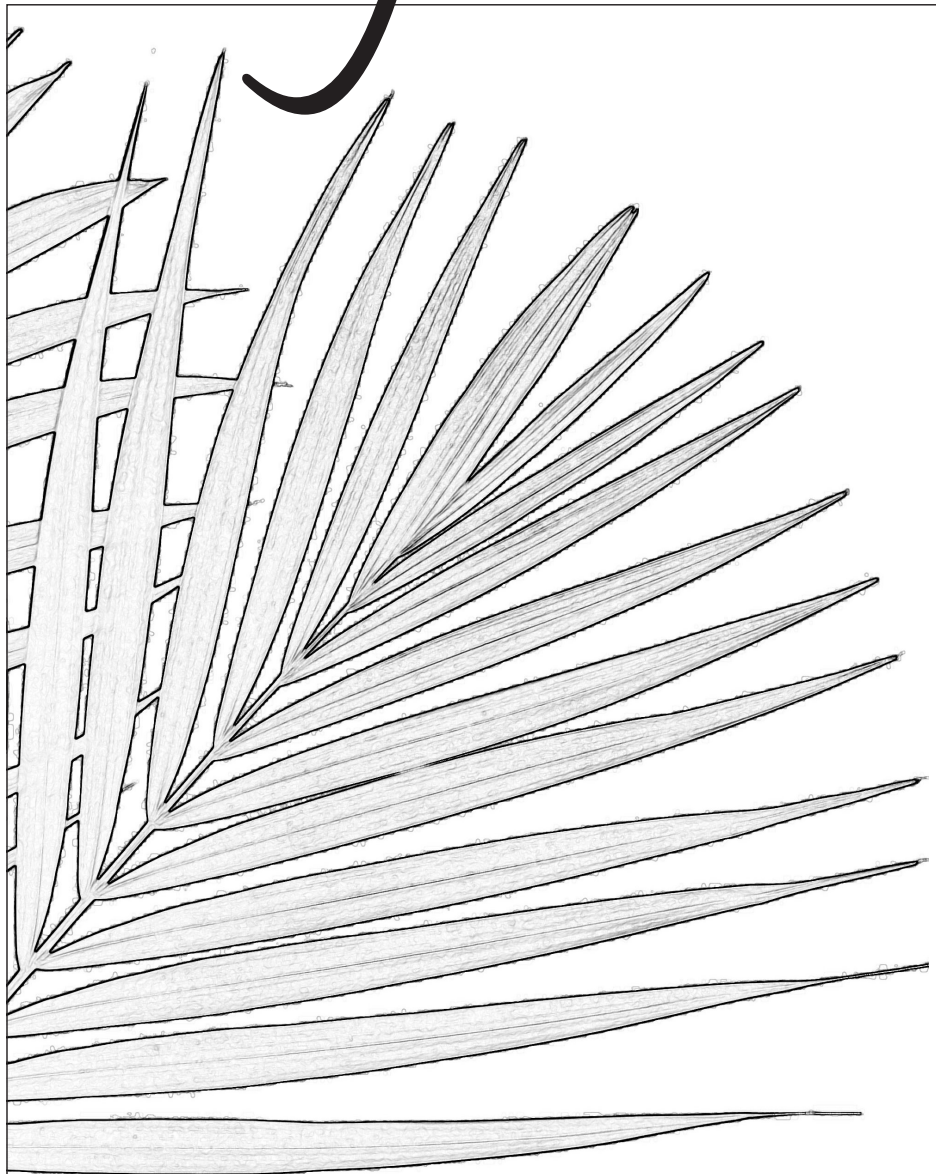




jazz at four



4:00 p.m. • April 14, 2019 • Palm/Passion Sunday

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

***Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem** Matthew 21:1–11

***Opening Song** “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

Judas, servant of jealousy, where are you?

I am here.

Peter, servant of fear, where are you?

I am here.

Thomas, servant of doubt, where are you?

I am here.

Disciples, whose devotion changed to desertion, where are you?

We are here.

People of Jerusalem, whose cries moved too quickly from "Hosanna" to "Crucify,"
where are you?

We are here.

Faithful God, it is true. We promise to be faithful, but we fall away.

We betray you; we deny you; we forsake you; we desert you; we are afraid.

But we are here. And so we ask you to take who we are and transform us by your grace.

(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 26:1–16

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Liturgy of the Passion

The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Selections from Scripture*

Silent Reflection

***Closing Song** "Were You There?"

— Please depart the chapel in silence —

A Note on Holy Week and Anti-Semitism

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Jean Marie Koon 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

Holy Week and Easter

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service as well as a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The 12:10 p.m. service will include opportunity for those who are interested to participate in foot or hand washing. The evening Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

On Good Friday, April 19, Lucy Forster-Smith will preach at the 12:10 p.m. service. The 7:30 p.m. choral service will feature Bob Chilcott's *St. John's Passion* sung by the Morning Choir.

A Good Friday Walk in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood with fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance will take place April 19, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., starting at Division and Orleans.

A Good Friday program for children will be held on April 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Holy Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 20 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. As Easter draws near, the Sanctuary light increases and we will reaffirm our baptismal vows and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday services on April 21 include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary; and a 4:00 p.m. Easter jazz service in Buchanan Chapel. (Please note that the last service of the morning begins at 11:30 a.m., and seating for all services fills quickly.)

We will be live streaming the Easter 11:30 a.m. service for those who are unable to be with us or who want to share the service with those who are out of town. The live stream will be online at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (and fourthchurch.org), where it can also be viewed in the days afterwards.

An Easter program for children will take place Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4. Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be available during the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services.

Our Easter Brunch—with a menu of ham, bacon, waffles, scrambled eggs, hash browns, Danish, and fresh fruit—will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on April 21. Tickets are available at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch19 through April 17 and, beginning April 18, at the church reception desk.

Worship and Prayer

Devotions for Holy Week and Easter are available at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

A candlelit Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Fellowship

The Women at Fourth Jewelry Swap—a time to exchange accessories you no longer wear—will be Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Proceeds will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 28 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.

Cornerstones, a group for adults fifty and over, will meet on Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on the Great Lakes. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cfpc0519 by May 1.

Music and the Arts

All interested singers are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society, which will perform John Rutter's *Gloria* with Tower Brass on Friday, May 17. Rehearsals begin Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more details, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

An exhibit of artwork and memoir pieces by members of the Center for Life and Learning, a program for adults sixty and over, is on display in the Loggia Gallery.

Volunteers Needed

Servers to offer cider to worshipers waiting in line Easter Sunday, from 8:00 to 9:10 a.m. prior to the 9:30 a.m. service (*most needed*) or 10:00 to 11:10 a.m. prior to the 11:30 a.m. service

Volunteers to take down the Blue Bows: Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Greeters to welcome and assist worshipers during the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Family Camp will take place the weekend of May 17–19 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online for this time of family fun and fellowship at www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp19

Enrichment

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

"Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood" is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, April 17 at 7:15 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

"How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," a men's discussion group, will meet on Friday mornings, May–July. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (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).

Mission

The blue bows on the Manse trees are our public witness as part of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month.

Knitting and Crocheting will meet on Tuesday, April 23 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

The film *Climate Refugees* will be shown on Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Claire Mukundente, a refugee from Rwanda, will talk about her story and her ministry with other refugees and asylum seekers in Chicago on Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A bike drive to collect used bicycles—which will be repaired to send to those in need around the world—will take place at the church on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Racial Equity Council is raising funds—for antiracism work—through the GospelRun on Saturday, June 1. To walk or run the 5K or 10K, sign up with the Fourth Church Team at www.gospelrun.com; to make a donation, visit www.bit.ly/gospelrun19.

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. Sign up at www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 by May 1.

Calendar for April 14–21, 2019

Sunday, April 14.	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kersher preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, April 15	9:00 a.m.	Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>).	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
Tuesday, April 16	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
	7:00 p.m.	Replogle Meditation.	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, April 17.	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
	7:15 p.m.	“Yoga for Stress and Mood”	Boyle Conference Room
Thursday, April 18	12:10 p.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Service	Sanctuary
Friday, April 19	12:10 p.m.	Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.	Sanctuary
<i>Good Friday</i>	3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Walk in Cabrini-Green	(<i>see announcement</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	Children’s Good Friday Program	Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Choral Service • Chilcott’s St. John’s Passion	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 20	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 21	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service • Judith L. Watt preaching.	Oak Street Beach
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery.	Nursery / Day School
	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Easter Celebration	Gratz Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.	Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Easter Brunch	Borwell Dining Room
	12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:45 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	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 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, May 12 or June 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 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.

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