



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

We are summoned here by our holy God,
who calls us each by name
and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

**From summer trips and daily shifts,
from our homes and from the streets,
we are called into God's presence.**

Young and old and middle-aged,
individuals and families,
softspoken and outspoken,
we hear our names being called to join in worship.

**May we pursue God's vision for all people:
unity and joy and faith, expressed through different gifts.**

Praise the Lord and let us worship God!

* Please rise in body or spirit

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** “Come All You People”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, for some of us it has been a difficult week.

Things have happened for which we were not prepared.

**And much of the time we do not respond to difficulties with love,
but rather with impatience.**

We turn our backs on others in need or try to tune them out.

We feel stressed, pulled, pushed, and tossed.

Give us peace, gracious Lord.

Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love.

Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be faithful disciples for you.

In Christ’s name, we offer this prayer. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 52

You mighty, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long? Continually you plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor that commits deceit. You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth. You love all words that devour, O you deceitful tongue.

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O that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living! The righteous shall see and be awestruck, and they shall laugh at you, saying, "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and found strength in destruction." But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever for what you have done; in the presence of the faithful I will long for your name, for it is good.

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Scripture Luke 10:38–42
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

***Gloria** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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

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)*

Gracious God, for your love for us that is gentle as a shower,
that heals our pain and binds up our wounds,

we give you thanks.

For your love for us that is as sure as the dawn,
that transforms our shadow places and reveals your truth,

we give you thanks.

For your love for us that is mercifully steadfast,
that calls us to you and raises us up,

we give you thanks.

For your love for us that encourages questions and is open to doubts,
we give you thanks.

Urge us on, O Christ, to find wholeness through serving you
by serving others in the power of your Spirit, until you make all things new.
Amen.

***Closing Song** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Clyde Yancy 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

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



We're taking our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service outdoors to the Michigan Avenue courtyard on the first Sundays of August and September: August 4 and September 1. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. on those Sundays for a time of worship, the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, and fellowship with one another.



If you haven't done so already, **sign up** for our email newsletter (www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews), bookmark our website (www.fourthchurch.org), and **follow us** on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest news, quotes, and photos from Fourth Church!



In less than a month, our **Vacation Bible School** will travel to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9 for a week of learning, crafts, games, and songs! Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. * To assist with the journey we also need **middle school and high school youth volunteers**. See our sign-up page for more information.



Our summer **Urban Youth Mission** program continues this week as we welcome youth from the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, Illinois. They are joining us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving as well as a time of reflecting on God, faith, and the Christian call to justice.



Our free outdoor concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, continues this Friday noon in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Come enjoy what promises to be a fun performance by cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael!



Over the summer, a **Strategic Directions task force** is meeting to help discern priorities for the next three to five years of Fourth Church's life together. From all who call this church home they are interested in hearing what areas of our mission or ministry you would want to prioritize and into which of them you would want to invest new energy and imagination. Please join the task force in conversation on Sunday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room or Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. If you are unable to be with us for one of those conversations, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them (priorities@fourthchurch.org) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.

For our annual **School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, we are collecting school supplies and backpacks for 280 children connected with the Chicago Lights Summer Day, Summer Dance Intensive, and Tutoring programs. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list. This Thursday, July 25, **Women at Fourth** will prepare those donated backpacks and school supplies for the Summer Day students as part of Women at Fourth's service project, which will be accompanied by an ice cream social. All women are invited to join us at 5:30 p.m.!



Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. **Docents** are needed to give church tours on a rotating basis following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include **Knitting and Crocheting** this Tuesday, July 23 and **LGBTQIA brunch** next Sunday, July 28. **Men's Bible study** will meet on Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20. See our sign-up page for more information.



To recommend for the offices of **Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board** any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating



Share the gift of music and be inspired by the faith of our Cuban Christian sisters and brothers! Join members of Fourth Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago on a weeklong **music mission trip to Cuba** from February 17 to 24, 2020. For more information, please see the sign-up page.



Grief Support Groups for those experiencing significant losses are offered by our Replogle Center. The next group will meet on Mondays, August 12 to September 23 (*no meeting on Monday, September 2*). Preregistration is required; for more details or to register, please call the Center at 312.787.8425. * If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.



Tuesday Evening Meditation with the Replogle Center will take a break for the summer; there will be no meditation group meeting beginning July 23 through the month of August. **Sacred Pause meditation** will also take a break in August. Watch for details about the fall schedule.



Calendar for July 21–28, 2019

Sunday, July 21	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, July 22	9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Gratz Fifth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
Tuesday, July 23	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
	9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Gratz Fifth Floor
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches.	Anderson Hall
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F
Wednesday, July 24	9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Gratz Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches.	Anderson Hall
Thursday, July 25	9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Gratz Fifth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches.	Anderson Hall
Friday, July 26	9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Gratz Fifth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
Saturday, July 27	10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Urban Farm Farmstand Open	444 W. Chicago
Sunday, July 28	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching.	Sanctuary
	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 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday School.	Borwell Dining 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.	LGBTQIA Brunch	Meet in Coffee Hour
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel

For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

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, September 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. A multi-week class is also offered on Sundays, October 13, 20, and 27 (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 July 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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