



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

God of enduring love, when our steps in life are unsure,  
when the way to go is unclear,

**guide our path.**

God of enduring love, when life throws us curveballs,  
when things look bleak,

**strengthen us.**

God of enduring love, when we find ourselves surrounded by too much stuff,  
when we want more and more to satisfy us,

**draw our hearts to you.**

God of enduring love, when we lose our hope,  
when we grieve and grieve some more,

**hold us in your arms.**

We give thanks for the presence of God, our comforter, our rock, and our redeemer.

**We gather to worship the God of enduring love!**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

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*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** . . . . . “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

### **Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**Holy One, you have created the world with such an abundance.  
You have knit us together in our mothers' wombs,  
and you have knit us into community with all of your other creatures.  
Forgive us when we have forgotten how much we are part of each other;  
forgive us when we have broken trust or broken your beautiful ecosystem.  
Forgive us as individuals, and forgive us as the human family we are.**

*Please hold silence for personal contemplation,  
attending to the beauty and power of creation all around us.*

### **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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** (*congregation sings the antiphon*) . . . . . Psalm 49

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.  
My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.  
Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess and boast of their great riches?  
One can never redeem another or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,  
in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

**ANTIPHON**

For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.  
Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.  
Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.  
Such is the way of self-confident fools and the end of those who delight in their own words.  
Like sheep they are destined to die; death will both shepherd and rule them;  
straight away to the grave, their form wastes away, and Sheol is their splendid abode.  
But God will ransom my life and will snatch me from the grasp of death.

**ANTIPHON**

Do not be envious when some become rich or when the grandeur of their house increases;  
for they will carry nothing away at their death, nor will their grandeur follow them.  
Though they think highly of themselves while they live and are praised for their success,  
they shall join the company of their forebears, who will never see the light again.  
Those who are honored but have no understanding are like the beasts that perish.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** . . . . . Luke 12:13–21

**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**

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

## **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, 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.*

## We Go Out with Gratitude

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

All we have and all we are comes from you, O God,  
our Father, our Mother, our Creator, our Sovereign.  
If we were to give thanks until the end of time,  
we could not repay your benevolence and grace.  
Go with us out into the world, we pray, and increase our generosity,  
that everything we say and do might show forth your irrepressible love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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## **\*Benediction**

### **Sending Music**

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## **Worship Leaders**

**Nanette Sawyer** Associate Pastor

**Matt Helms** Associate Pastor

**Nathalie Loma** 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.



**Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. \* **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.



We have many opportunities to celebrate the beauty of nature this month, including our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**. The Ugandan Children's Choir will perform this Friday at 12:10 p.m. \* Additionally, Care of Creation will be taking a **guided walking tour of the historic Wooded Island** in Jackson Park on Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m. See the sign-up page for more information.



The **Strategic Directions task force** is working 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. There will be a conversation next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. If you are unable to be with us for that conversation, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them ([priorities@fourthchurch.org](mailto:priorities@fourthchurch.org)) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.



Our annual **School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, is continuing to collect school supplies for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list.



This week, our **Vacation Bible School** is traveling to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when we gather for learning, crafts, games, and songs! \* **Sunday School** is on break until Sunday, September 8, when it will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. In the weeks ahead, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them; special children's bulletins are available from the ushers. \* Our **Day School** weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See the sign-up page for more information.



If you haven't done so already, **sign up** for our email newsletter ([www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews)), bookmark our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://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!

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 **Men's Bible study**, which will meet on Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20. See our sign-up page for more information. \* **Horizons Bible study** for women will meet on Wednesday, August 14. \* All are welcome to join the LGBTQIA+ **Widening Our Welcome** group on Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room to discuss ideas for "what's next" for the group. The usual monthly **brunch** at a neighboring restaurant will follow. \* **Cornerstones**, a group for those over fifty, is hosting an evening with **John Buchanan** on Friday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. See the sign-up page to register: please do so early as space is limited!



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**, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



**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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); the deadline for nominations is September 30.



**Grief Support Groups** for those experiencing significant loss are offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. The next group will meet on Mondays, from August 12 through September 23. Preregistration is required; for more details or to register, please call the Center at 312.787.8425.



There will be no **Tuesday Evening Meditation** with the Replogle Center throughout the month of August. Watch for details about the fall schedule. \* For those who would like to practice meditation this month, the **Center for Life and Learning's Mindful Meditation group** invites the wider church community to join them on Monday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.



Did you know that Fourth Church offers **automatic giving**? You can support the mission and ministry of the church throughout the summer and anytime you're away by setting up a recurring gift. Contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org); 312.640.2576) for details.



Two exciting events are on the horizon in March of 2020, including an invitation to join members of Fourth Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago on a **music mission trip to Cuba**. (*Please note that this trip was originally planned for February but has been rescheduled for March 2–9.*) See the sign-up page for more information. \* You are also invited to support our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, by attending the annual **Gala of Hope** benefit on Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua!

## Calendar for August 4–11, 2019

<b>Sunday, August 4.</b> . . . . .	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching . .</b>	<b>Michigan Ave. Courtyard</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, August 5</b> . . .	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	CLL: Mindful Meditation . . . . .	Randolph Room
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . .	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
<b>Tuesday, August 6</b> . . . . .	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	<i>See sign-up page</i>
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Wednesday, August 7.</b> .	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Thursday, August 8.</b> .	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, August 9</b> . . .	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain . . . . .	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
<b>Saturday, August 10</b> . .	10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	Urban Farm Farmstand Open . . . . .	444 W. Chicago Ave.
<b>Sunday, August 11</b> . . . . .	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. . . . .</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Nanette Sawyer preaching . . . . .</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Strategic Directions Forum. . . . .	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
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching . . . . .</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons) and by email: subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://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 multiweek class is also offered on Sundays, October 13, 20, and 27 (register online for the class at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://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](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://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](mailto: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 August 25.

**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](mailto: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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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