



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

Come and hear what God has done:

**God has listened to all our prayers.**

When we pass through the torrent of deep troubles,

**God turns the sea to dry land.**

When we are tangled in the web of life,

**God does not let our feet slip.**

When we are tested as silver is tried,

**God keeps us in the land of the living.**

When we go through fire and water,

**God brings us to a spacious place.**

Come and hear what God has done:

**God surrounds us with steadfast love.**

**Let us worship God!**

\* 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.*

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

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

**Holy God, you see into our hearts.**

**You see the true selves we try to hide from others,  
the sins we fear would destroy our images,  
the unholy habits that have been with us so long  
that they no longer prick our consciences.**

**Even knowing all truth about us, yet you love us.  
Give us strength and conviction to walk toward you,  
to change our ways. Forgive us and heal us.  
Open us to your transforming grace  
through the power and love of Christ Jesus.**

*(Please hold silence for personal contemplation.)*

### **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 33

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.  
Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.  
Sing for the Lord a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.  
For your word, O Lord, is right, and faithful are all your works.  
You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth.  
By your word were the heavens made, by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.  
You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depths of the sea.  
Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.

**ANTIPHON**

For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.  
The Lord brings the will of the nations to nothing and thwarts the designs of the peoples.  
Your will, O Lord, stands fast forever, and the designs of your heart from age to age.  
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!  
The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.  
God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.  
God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

**ANTIPHON**

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.  
The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.  
Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.  
Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.  
Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.  
Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** . . . . . Luke 12:32–40

**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*)

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.  
Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth  
and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom.  
Send us out into the world carrying your good news for the sake of your children,  
that we may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace.  
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

## **\*Benediction**

### **Sending Music**

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## **Worship Leaders**

**Nanette Sawyer** Associate Pastor  
**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor  
**Marija Petrauskas** 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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**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus



# 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 have many opportunities to celebrate the beauty of nature this month! Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, offers a chance to enjoy music outdoors. Andy Brown will perform this Friday at 12:10 p.m. \* Next Sunday, August 18 Care of Creation will be taking a **guided walking tour of the historic Wooded Island** in Jackson Park at 1:00 p.m. (See the sign-up page for more information.) \* Our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service will be held in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Sunday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m.



Have you seen our photos from ancient Greece? This past week was filled with fun and learning as preschoolers through fifth graders traveled through ancient Greece for Vacation Bible School's focus on the Apostle Paul and our call to be disciples. Check out the **VBS pictures** on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) \* **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. \* Registration for **Confirmation** is now open. This nine-month weekly group equips those in eighth grade and above who have not made a profession of faith to participate at Fourth Church as active members. \* See the sign-up page for more information about these opportunities.



Your **gifts** support Vacation Bible School, Noonday Concerts in the courtyard, visiting youth groups, and more during the busy summer months. Please consider making an additional gift this summer to provide much needed resources for all of our summer programming. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or made online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online/index.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online/index.html) \* 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.



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 in the pew racks and also online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); the deadline is Monday, September 30. The Nominating Committee appreciates your input!

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.



The **Social Service Center** is looking for a volunteer who can advise and support us with improving the efficiency of how we use Salesforce. For more information, please see the sign-up page. \* 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)).



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 **Horizons Bible study** for women, which meets this Wednesday, August 14. \* **Men's Bible study** will meet on Tuesday, August 20. See our sign-up page for more information. \* 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. \* **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on Tuesday, August 27.



For adults sixty and more, a host of exercise opportunities as well as classes (from French to painting to films to history) and day trips are all in store during the new program year of the **Center for Life and Learning**, which kicks off Monday, September 9. For details—and the ability to register online for classes and to renew CLL memberships—see [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) or contact Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3386).



Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to **Chancel Choir** rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. \* The **Handbell Choir** also welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals, which begin on Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.



Two exciting events are on the horizon in March of 2020, including a **music mission trip** to Cuba! 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! \* You can also support Chicago Lights later this month at their Associates Board's **annual bake sale** on Sunday, August 25.

For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)

## Calendar for August 11–18, 2019

<b>Sunday, August 11</b> . . . . .	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching</b> . . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, August 12</b> . . . . .	11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	CLL: Mindful Meditation . . . . .	Randolph Room
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . .	Catholic Charities
<b>Tuesday, August 13</b> . . . . .	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Wednesday, August 14</b> . . . . .	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Horizons Bible Study . . . . .	Room 5H
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Thursday, August 15</b> . . . . .	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Friday, August 16</b> . . . . .	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain: Andy Brown . . . . .	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
<b>Saturday, August 17</b> . . . . .	10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	Urban Farm Farmstand Open . . . . .	444 W. Chicago Ave.
<b>Sunday, August 18</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 • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . . .	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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
	1:00 p.m.	Wooded Island Walking Tour . . . . .	See announcement
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

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## 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.

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