



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

**We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.**

The One who creates mercy and hope longs for a world of fair play and grace.

**We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.**

The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

**We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.**

\* 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** . . . . . “When God Restored Our Common Life”

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## We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

### Litany of Confession

God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not been your faithful, called-out people.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have been filled with self-concern and self-interest.  
“Me-first” has become the order of our lives.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have lacked vision; our commitment has been shallow; our love has been narrow.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have been bitter complainers, forgetting who we are called to be.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, God, and help us to be like Jesus,  
who gave up everything for our salvation. 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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** (*congregation sings the antiphon*) . . . . . Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**ANTIPHON**

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.  
They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.  
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.  
And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** . . . . . Isaiah 5:1–7 and Luke 12:49–56

**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”

## **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.*

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

As you share your blessings with us, gracious God,  
you show great faith that we will use them wisely  
and offer them generously to others.  
So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken,  
hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Fill My Cup"

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## **\*Benediction**

### **Sending Music**

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## **Worship Leaders**

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Victoria G. Curtiss** Associate Pastor

**Anita Balodis** 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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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

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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 have many opportunities to celebrate the beauty of nature in the weeks ahead! ✨ Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, offers a chance to enjoy music outdoors. Stu Mindeman will perform this Friday at 12:10 p.m. ✨ Our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service will be held in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on September 1 at 4:00 p.m.



Our **Day School** weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See the sign-up page for more information. ✨ **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.



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. You can learn more about Stephen Ministry at [www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html)



**Meals Ministry** will be offering medical services to guests starting on Sunday, September 8 and needs medical professionals to provide services and nonmedical volunteers to help coordinate the services offered. ✨ Fourth Church is hosting the **Chicago Presbytery Assembly meeting** on Tuesday, September 17, and volunteers are needed to help between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. ✨ The **Social Service Center** is looking for a volunteer who can advise and support them on the use of Salesforce. ✨ Individuals are needed 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. ✨ For more information on all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.



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!



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



**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)



The September **Cornerstones** dinner on Friday, September 6 has reached capacity, but all are welcome to attend the program by John M. Buchanan that will follow in Buchanan Chapel. (Please arrive prior to 7:15 p.m.)



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 this Tuesday, August 20. See our sign-up page for more information. ☼ All are welcome to join the LGBTQIA+ **Widening Our Welcome** group next 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. Please contact Briana Belding-Peck (312.274.3804, [bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)) for more information.



Two exciting events are on the horizon in March of 2020, including a **music mission trip to Cuba** with members of Fourth Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago. 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 at the Associates Board's **annual bake sale** next Sunday morning, August 25.

## Calendar for August 18–25, 2019

<b>Sunday, August 18</b> . . . . .	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, August 19.</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 20</b> . . . . .	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study. . . . .	See the sign-up page
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Wednesday, August 21</b> . . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer.</b> . . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Thursday, August 22.</b> . . . .	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Friday, August 23.</b> . . . . .	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain: Stu Mindeman . . . . .	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
<b>Saturday, August 24</b> . . . . .	10:30 a.m.	Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.) . . . .	444 W. Chicago Ave.
<b>Sunday, August 25</b> . . . . .	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Matt Helms 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 • Matt Helms preaching</b> . . . . .	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Widening Our Welcome . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	LGBTQIA+ Brunch . . . . .	See announcement
	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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