



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

We may be thirsty and parched,
like an unwatered garden,
so we come into God's presence.

The Divine One is a spring of water!

We may be weary from worry and work,
so we come into God's presence.

The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

We may be lost or confused,
so we come into God's presence.

The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

We may be bent over with struggle or pain,
so we come into God's presence.

The Healing One removes our suffering and gives us strength!

* 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** “God of Our Life”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God of the past, accept the people we have been
and the baggage we drag behind us.**

Forgive us for all the harm we have brought upon ourselves and each other.

**God of the present,
accept the people we are now and the potential that lies within us.
Help us to receive your love so that we may be healed.**

**God of the future, accept the people we could be and, by your Spirit, transform us.
Heal us and guide us into your ways of wholeness, grace, and justice.**

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 71:1–16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
 from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

ANTIPHON

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
 from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.
I have become a portent to many; but you are my refuge and my strength.
Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.
Do not cast me off in my old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.
For my enemies are talking against me,
 and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
They say, "Pursue and seize that one whom God has forsaken;
 because there is none who will save."

ANTIPHON

O God, be not far from me; come quickly to help me, O my God.
May my accusers be put to shame and waste away;
 let those who seek my misfortune be engulfed by scorn and reproach.
But I shall always wait in patience, and shall praise you more and more.
My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long;
 though I cannot know their number.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Luke 13:10–17

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*)

Abundant God, your gifts to us surpass all measure.

You have created us and blessed us with your love and grace.

You have nourished us at your table and called us to be your people.

Go with us into the world to abundantly share your love and generosity
with all whom we meet. Amen.

***Closing Song** "Great God of Every Blessing"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism
Barbara Norman 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.



Our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service will be held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard next Sunday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m. * Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, concludes with a performance by Elsie Wagner Sherer this Friday at 12:10 p.m. * **Free Friday Noonday Concerts** continue this autumn, with performances moving indoors on September 6. The concert schedule can be found on the Fourth Church website.



Our **Day School** weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See our 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.



Registration for **Confirmation** is now open. This nine-month weekly group equips eighth graders and older youth who have not made a profession of faith to participate at Fourth Church as active members. See the sign-up page to register for Confirmation and for the autumn Confirmation retreat.



"Foundation of Faith: A Year with the Bible" is an engaging new weekly Bible study that will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Taught by our Associate Pastors, it is designed for everyone with an interest in the Bible, whether you're a biblical scholar or are unfamiliar with the text. Each class will also be self-contained, so you can attend as your schedule allows, and a reading list will be posted online if you want to read along. Watch for more details in the next weeks about this and other new Academy for Faith and Life offerings for autumn!



For adults sixty and more, a host of exercise opportunities as well as classes (from French to painting to music 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 our sign-up page.



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 literature racks; when completed, forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church. The deadline is Monday, September 30.

We need your help! **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. * Chicago Lights is offering a one-session **tutor orientation** several times in September. If you are interested in tutoring, visit www.bit.ly/cltutor2019 to learn more. * 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**. * For more information on all of these opportunities, please see our sign-up page.



If you would like to partner with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center in identifying employment opportunities for low-income persons, you are invited to attend the next meeting of the **Employment Network mission group** on Thursday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.



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!



Did you know that Fourth Church offers **automatic giving**? You can support the mission and ministry of the church by setting up a recurring gift from your bank account or charged to your credit card. Contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576) for details.



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. * **TwentiesThirties** invites young adults to join them for beach volleyball tomorrow, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. on Oak Street Beach. See the sign-up page for more information. * **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet this Tuesday, August 27. * **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, September 10 to discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.



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** welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals, which begin on Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. * The **Choral Society's** next concert, which will be on Friday, November 15, will feature music highlighting events of 1969. Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. * The **Music Mission Choir** will be returning to Cuba March 2–9, 2020. See the sign-up page if you

Calendar for August 25–September 1, 2019

would like to join us!

Sunday, August 25	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, August 26	11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	CLL: Mindful Meditation	Randolph Room
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	6:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties Beach Volleyball	Oak Street Beach
Tuesday, August 27	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	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, August 28	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches.	Anderson Hall
Thursday, August 29	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches.	Anderson Hall
Friday, August 30	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
Saturday, August 31	10:30 a.m.	Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.)	444 W. Chicago Ave.
Sunday, September 1	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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
	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
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Michigan Ave. Courtyard

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 multiweek 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 September 22.

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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