



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

This is the house of God and we are, by grace, the guests.

**Yes, this is the house of God and we are, by grace, the guests.**

Sing to God, who is our strength! Shout and cheer the God of deepest joys!

**Lift up our songs, make joy with piano, strum the guitar, and let our feet dance!**

This is the house of God and we are, by grace, the guests.

**Let us worship!**

\* 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)*

**Merciful One, forgive us when we think too highly of ourselves,  
and forgive us when we don't think we are worthy of your love.  
Forgive us when we forget you are our strength,  
and forgive us when we assume we have to make it through this life on our own.  
Open us up to your spirit. Help us to learn from and serve all people.  
Teach us to walk in your way of mercy and grace. 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 81:1–3, 10–16

Sing with joy to God, our strength,  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.  
Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

**ANTIPHON**

I am God, your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”  
And yet my people did not hear my voice,  
Israel would not obey me.  
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.  
O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
I should soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.  
Those who hate God would cringe before him,  
and their punishment would last forever.  
But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat  
and satisfy them with honey from the rock.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** . . . . . Luke 14:1, 7–14

**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.*

## We Go Out with Gratitude

### \*Litany of Prayer after Communion

May Christ's food be in our souls;

**may our food be shared like his.**

May Christ's life be in our hands;

**may our lives be shaped by his.**

May Christ's love be in our hearts;

**may our love be warmed by his.**

May Christ's peace be on our path;

**may our path follow his. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## **Worship Leaders**

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Joseph L. Morrow** Minister for Evangelism

**Arlene Raine** 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.



**Free Friday Noonday Concerts** continue this autumn, with performances moving indoors starting this Friday with a concert by Kate Carter and Louise Chan in Buchanan Chapel. The concert schedule can be found on the Fourth Church website.



**"Get Connected"** through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! Next Sunday, September 8, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following morning worship for the annual "Get Connected" Coffee Hour, an opportunity to identify ways to connect through educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities.



Various small groups offer **additional ways to get connected** at Fourth Church. These include **Books by Women**, which will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee on Tuesday, September 10, and a new **Men's Faith Discussion Group**. This men's group, which will begin on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 a.m. in the Randolph Room, will bring together seven to ten men for conversation about the ways in which scripture intersects with their lives. Since space is limited, preregistration (*see the sign-up page*) is required.



The September **Cornerstones** dinner this 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.)



On **"Get Connected" Sunday**, our children and youth will also kick off their fall programming. Their choirs resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 8 in Room 4F, with **Cherub Choir** (age three through first-graders) at 9:00 a.m., **Youth Choir** (sixth-graders through twelfth-graders) at 10:00 a.m., and **Children's Choir** (second-graders through fifth-graders) at 10:30 a.m. \* **Sunday School** starts up again that day, with classes at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. \* **Eighth-grade Confirmation** will begin at 11:00 a.m. (*the registration deadline is today; see the sign-up page for details*), and the **Junior High** (9:30 a.m.) and **Senior High** (11:00 a.m.) groups will also gather, with a joint time for weekly youth fellowship at 10:30 a.m.



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

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to **Chancel Choir** rehearsals, which begin this Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. \* **The Handbell Choir** also welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals, which begin next Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. \* **The Choral Society's** next concert, which will be on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., will feature music highlighting events of 1969. Interested in singing? Rehearsals will be held in Buchanan Chapel on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning on September 26.



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** this Thursday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.



**If you submitted an online recommendation for members to serve as church officers,** we ask that you please take a moment to resubmit it by going to [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating). Because of some problems we had over the summer with the inbox for [nominations@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nominations@fourthchurch.org) (that have since been resolved), we want to make sure we received your submission! And if you have not yet had opportunity to submit your recommendations for individuals—including yourself!—to serve as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Chicago Lights Board, please do so. The Nominating Committee appreciates your help!



**“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 and Parish Associate, 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.



Two new adult education classes begin next Sunday, September 8: **“The Economics of Discipleship: From Scarcity to Sufficiency”** with Stuart Barnes Jamieson at 9:30 a.m. and **“Christian Meditation: Creating Space for Connection”** with Holly Hamilton at 11:00 a.m. Visit our website or pick up the new Academy for Faith and Life catalog from the literature racks to see all the adult ed classes on the calendar for this autumn. \* New weekday classes and opportunities for adults sixty and over begin the following day, on Monday, September 9. Be sure to check out all the upcoming **Center for Life and Learning** opportunities, which are also posted online and in the literature racks.



**Ushers** are needed to serve at the 11:00 a.m. service and the 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service. \* **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. \* Chicago Lights is also offering a one-session **tutor orientation** several times in September for those interested in tutoring. \* For more information on all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.

## Calendar for September 1–8, 2019

<b>Sunday, September 1</b> . . . . .	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . .	<b>Courtyard</b>
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, September 2</b> . . . . .	<i>Church Campus Closed in Observance of Labor Day</i>	
<b>Tuesday, September 3</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, September 4.</b> . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> . . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Thursday, September 5</b> . . . . .	12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Friday, September 6</b> . . . . .	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Kate Carter and Louise Chan . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	7:15 p.m. Cornerstones: John M. Buchanan . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Saturday, September 7</b> . . . . .	10:00 a.m. Discover Fourth Open House (until 1:00 p.m.). . . . .	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.) . . .	444 W. Chicago Ave.
<b>Sunday, September 8</b> . . . . .	<b>“Get Connected” Sunday</b>	
	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.</b> . . . . .	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. . . . .	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals . . . . .	Room 4F
	9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. “Get Connected” Coffee Hour. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Commons
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. . . . .	Nursery / Day School
	9:00 a.m. Inquirers’ Class . . . . .	Page Smith Room
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group. . . . .	Bumpus Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . .	Gratz Fourth Floor
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . . .	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship . . . . .	Allison Library
	10:30 a.m. Children/Youth/Family Kickoff Event . . . . .	Gratz Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. Confirmation. . . . .	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group. . . . .	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow 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 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](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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