



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

All you who are thirsty,  
**this is the place for water.**

All you who are hungry,  
**this is the place to be fed.**

God speaks,  
**and all who listen will have life.**

\* 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)*

**In the community of the church and in the presence of God's people,  
we confess to God that we have not lived the way God calls us to live.  
We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should.  
We own our responsibility, and we pray for God's forgiveness. 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.*

### **Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism**

**Welcome**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** (*congregation sings the antiphon*) . . . . . Psalm 71:1–9

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.

**ANTIPHON**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence since I was young.  
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.

**ANTIPHON**

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

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

## **We Offer Ourselves**

### **Musical Reflection**

### **Minute for Discipleship**

### **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*)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same. Amen.

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor  
**Nanette Sawyer** Associate Pastor  
**Clyde Yancy** Lay Liturgist  
**The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**

### Baptized during worship today

Kyler Onyschak, child of Tim and Audrey Onyschak

**Today's Minute for Discipleship** is presented by Arlene Raine on behalf of the Officer Nominating Committee.

### Next Sunday we will begin a six-week sermon series, "Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future."

Each week we will explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God's redemptive work.

### 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

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
**Lucy Forster-Smith**, Senior Associate Pastor  
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**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry  
**Nanette Sawyer**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry  
**Rocky Supinger**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Joseph L. Morrow**, Minister for Evangelism  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**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.



The Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church has called a **congregational meeting** for next Sunday, September 29 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting will be twofold: to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the newly defined position of Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement and to elect a congregation member to fill an unexpired term on the Officer Nominating Committee. \* The **Officer Nominating Committee** needs to receive approximately 150 more names—before September 30—of individuals you recommend to serve as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Officer Nominating Committee or Chicago Lights Board. Please take a moment to make your recommendations this week online: [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating)



Next Sunday's **"A Year with the Bible"** class at 9:30 a.m. will discuss Exodus 3. Each class is self-contained, so join us as your schedule allows! \* On Sunday, October 6, popular Academy for Faith and Life instructor **Tom Dozeman** will return to teach a four-week 9:30 a.m. class on **"Job, Suffering, and the Limits of Pastoral Care."**



Today we **dedicated the painting *The Ascension* by Gerald Griffin**, which was commissioned for the Commons by our Racial Equity Council to celebrate our vision to be a church family in whom persons of color are valued and fully engaged. \* If you haven't yet done so, please **complete a brief survey** online at [www.bit.ly/fpcrecsurvey](http://www.bit.ly/fpcrecsurvey) soon. The results of that survey, which closes on September 29, will help the council develop recommendations for our moving toward becoming a fully multicultural, antiracist church.



Shannon Kershner will join **Women at Fourth** this Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. to talk about "The Church (big C) in a New Day" and the Church's (not just Fourth Church) past, present, and future. \* Women at Fourth will also be **tying ribbons** for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 4. \* **Books by Women** will discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber on October 8. \* **"Making Prisons More Humane"** is the October 4 topic for Cornerstones, a group for those over fifty. \* See the sign-up page for more information about all of these events.



Next Sunday at all four worship services we will begin a **six-week sermon series**, "Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future." Each week we will explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that to this day influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God's redemptive work.

All singers are welcome at the **Choral Society's** weekly rehearsals, which start this Thursday at 7:00 p.m., for their November 15 concert honoring 1969. \* Those interested in the **2020 Music Mission Choir** trip to Cuba are invited to an information session on October 6 at 12:30 p.m.



The **Interfaith Relations Committee** invites you to join them in attending a dialogue on "Predestination," an event cosponsored by the Ecumenical Interreligious Work Group of the Presbytery of Chicago and the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, which will be held this Thursday, September 26 at the Mecca Center in Willowbrook. See the sign-up page for details.



Our Spiritual Formation Council invites you to take part in a weekend **contemplative retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey** in Benet Lake, Wisconsin, October 11–13. For details or to register, see the sign-up page. The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 25.



We're having our annual **Blessing of the Animals** service this Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the Fourth Church courtyard (or in Buchanan Chapel if there's rain). All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome. If you'd rather not bring your pet, you're invited to bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead. Come help us celebrate God's creatures! \* We are also in need of **ushers for the Blessing of the Animals** service on Saturday. If you can help, please see the sign-up page for details!



We are in need of assistance this autumn. Might you be able to help? \* **Ushers** are needed to serve at the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and the 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four services. \* Chicago Lights needs **100 new tutors** this fall. A one-session tutor orientation is offered for those interested. \* Throughout September, Fourth Church Meals Ministry is holding a **snack drive** to collect individually packaged, single-serving snacks to put in the sacks distributed in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as part of our Bag Lunch program. \* For more information about these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.



### Monthly Generosity Report

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! The summary of those contributions to Fourth Presbyterian Church as of August 31, 2019, is as follows:

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of August 31, 2019				
YTD = Year-to-Date	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2019 Budget
General contributions	\$568,117	\$683,742	(\$115,625)	\$1,346,343
Pledged contribution	\$1,971,819	\$1,968,667	\$51,430	\$3,110,225
Loose-plate offering	\$70,704	\$79,872	(\$9,168)	\$144,000
Restricted contributions	\$371,817	\$279,396	\$92,422	\$515,700
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>\$2,982,457</b>	<b>\$3,011,677</b>	<b>\$29,220</b>	<b>\$5,116,268</b>

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

## Calendar for September 22–29, 2019

<b>Sunday, September 22</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, September 23.</b> . . . . .	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Day School ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> ) . . . . .	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . .	Catholic Charities
<b>Tuesday, September 24.</b> . . . . .	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
<b>Wednesday, September 25</b> . . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer.</b> . . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild . . . . .	Room 5B
<b>Thursday, September 26</b> . . . . .	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Men's Faith Discussion Group. . . . .	Randolph Room
	5:30 p.m.	Women at Fourth . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday, September 27</b> . . . . .	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, organ. . . . .	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, September 28</b> . . . . .	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Urban Farm Farmstand Open ( <i>until 3:00 p.m.</i> ). . . . .	444 W. Chicago Ave.
<b>Sunday, September 29</b> . . . . .	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>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.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Commons
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery. . . . .	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Youth Group. . . . .	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m.	"A Year with the Bible" . . . . .	Room 5G
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School . . . . .	Gratz Fourth Floor
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . . .	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	10:30 a.m.	All-Youth Fellowship. . . . .	Allison Library
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	"Christian Meditation" . . . . .	Room 5E
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation . . . . .	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Youth Group. . . . .	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching</b> . . . . .	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall

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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 and is also a prerequisite for membership. A two-week class is offered on Sundays, October 13 and 20 from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. 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 October 27.

**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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