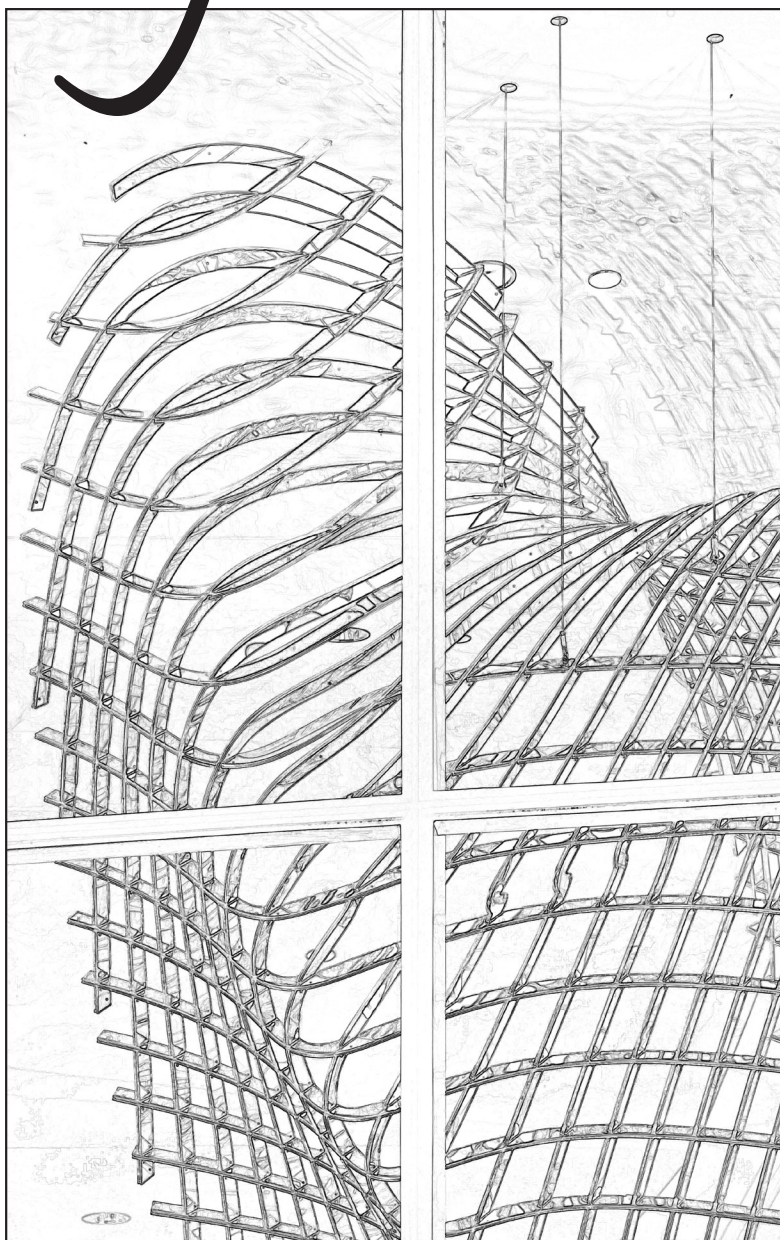




jazz at four



4:00 p.m. • September 29, 2019

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.

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

When wisdom calls out in bustling marketplaces and crossroads,

God is in the midst of the city.

In classrooms and on play lots, where children raise their joyous voices,

God is in the midst of the city.

In empty lots and vacant buildings, where laments rise for caretaking and love,

God is in the midst of the city.

In this sanctuary, where the people of the city gather as the beloved of God,

God is here.

***Opening Song** “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

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Litany of Confession

Holy God, you make your purposes and way known to us.

But we drift away from your vision,

counting what we will lose rather than what all creation would gain.

How many times, O Lord, have we given up in fear?

(Please hold silence for personal contemplation.)

Gracious God, in the cries of the poor and sighs of the suffering,

you call us to attend to the needs of others,

but we express apathy toward those unlike us and carelessly squander our resources.

How many times, O Lord, have we turned away with neglect?

(Please hold silence for personal contemplation.)

Compassionate God, you stand ready to mend brokenness and restore relationships,

but we make enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve.

How many times, O Lord, have we forgotten the wideness of your love?

(Please hold silence for personal contemplation.)

Even as we recall our faults, O God,

remember us in your mercy.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Through the love of Christ,

we are forgiven and welcomed home.

Sung Response "God Calls You Good"

God calls you good, beloved child.

You are a treasure deeply prized.

And you can say to every doubting voice,

"God calls you good, beloved child."

***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

Canticle (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Revelation 21:1–5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a lover adorned for their beloved.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
God will dwell with them; they will be God’s peoples,
and Godself will be with them.”

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“The Holy One will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”
And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”
Also they said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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Scripture Jeremiah 29:4–7

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

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*)

At your holy table, welcoming God,
you gathered us from exile and woundedness;
you nourished us in our hunger and longing
as you offered us your life.

Help us share our lives with others as an offering of thanks and praise,
sharing hope with the hopeless,
being instruments of your peace and reconciliation. Amen.

Commissioning of Greeters

***Closing Song** "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Ken Gaines Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today's commissioning of our Jazz at Four greeters is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

Gordon Addington, Carol Almashy, Anita Balodis, Becky Binks, Norma Borcharding, Martha Brown, Clark Costen, Robert Crouch, Cary Donham, Lynne Driver, Cathy Flaa, Joanne Gaines, Ken Gaines, Alice Geene, Pam Greanias, Heather Hitz, Larry Hitz, Ethan Jacobs, Nancy Jacobs, Judy Kerch, Jean Marie Koon, Adrienne Kostreva, Connie Logelin, Paul Merrit, Barlow Nelson, Dave Nelson, Jonnie Nelson, Samme Orwig, Marija Petrauskas, Arlene Raine, Steve Schlegel, Roger Wilson

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.



Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. * **Sacred Pause meditation**, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.



"Called to Be a Church Alive," our 2020 Annual Appeal, is underway! Pledge cards are in the pew racks, and information has been mailed to members about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge by Sunday, November 3, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!



The **Officer Nominating Committee** is collecting additional names of individuals to serve in leadership roles as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Officer Nominating Committee or Chicago Lights Board beginning in 2020. Please take a moment before October 18 to make your recommendations online: www.bit.ly/fpcnominating



This Sunday we 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. This week's theme is **"Seek the Welfare of the City."** * Next Sunday is **World Communion Sunday**, a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper. We will celebrate Communion at all four worship services that day. * On World Communion Sunday we will receive the annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which supports efforts toward peacemaking in our denomination as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago through CureViolence.



The **Racial Equity Survey closes today**, so if you have not had opportunity to do so, please complete this brief survey online at www.bit.ly/fpcresurvey today. The results of that survey will help the Racial Equity Council develop recommendations for our moving toward becoming a fully multicultural, antiracist church.



Starting next 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."**

Tonight and tomorrow morning we are honored to host **Chicago Sinai Congregation** as they again hold Rosh Hashanah services in the Sanctuary. * This week we are excited to welcome back for a new school year the 400 students of **Chicago Lights Tutoring**, which begins its fifty-fifth year this Monday. **Additional tutors are still needed** one evening a week at the church; for details, see the sign-up page noted at the bottom of this page.



Are you looking for more ways to engage with the Bible? * **Men's Bible study** meets this Tuesday, October 1. * **Horizons Bible study** for women will meet on Wednesday, October 9. * A **Men's Faith Discussion Group** will meet on Friday mornings beginning on October 18. * For more information on all of these events, please see the sign-up page noted on the bottom of this page.



Women at Fourth will be tying ribbons for **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** on October 4. See the sign-up page for more information. * **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 below to register and for more information.



All singers are welcome at the **Choral Society's** weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for their November 15 concert commemorating 1969. * Those interested in the **2020 Music Mission Choir** trip to Cuba are invited to an information session next Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. * This week's **free Friday Noontday concert** features cellist Sara Sitzler and violinist Isabella Lippi at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.



The **Interfaith Coalition Against Racism**, of which Fourth Church is a member, invites you to a free public screening of *Stateville Calling* on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be followed by a panel discussion about elderly prisoners who would pose little or no risk if released and who continue to be a great expense to the state while incarcerated. This is part of the sixth annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival.



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. services. * 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 noted below.



Learn greater self-understanding and self-care at the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being's **"SoulCollage and Poetry: Making Space for Your Soul" workshop** on Saturday, October 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For information, see the online sign-up page.

Calendar for September 29–October 6, 2019

Sunday, September 29	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, September 30	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.) Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.) Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, October 1.	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.) Anderson Hall
Wednesday, October 2	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild. Room 5B
Thursday, October 3	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel
Friday, October 4.	10:00 a.m. Women at Fourth Bow Tying. Outside the Manse
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Isabella Lippi and Sara Sitzler . . . Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m. Cornerstones Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, October 5	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.). . . 444 W. Chicago Ave.
Sunday, October 6	World Communion Sunday/World Mission Sunday
	8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms preaching Sanctuary
	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 a.m. "Job, Suffering, and Pastoral Care" Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching. Sanctuary
	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
	12:30 p.m. Cuba Mission Trip Information Session. Room 4G
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching. . . Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

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 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; 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 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).

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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