



Reformation Sunday

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

God formed us into beings,
breathing life into the dust of the earth.

**God formed us into the church,
breathing life into human community.**

Our hearts open to the leading of Christ;
our minds open to the movement of the Spirit,
for God is not finished with us.

We are the church, reformed.

We are the church, always being reformed.

We worship the living God!

* 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** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy and creative God, we open our hearts to you in this hour.
We know that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Forgive us for wandering away from your ways of truth and love,
and help us to grow more fully and joyfully toward the newness of life
made manifest in the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Through the love of Christ,
we are forgiven and welcomed home. Amen.

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.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 84:1–8

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.

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Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
Those who go through the balsam valley
will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.

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Scripture Mark 12:28–34

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

"A Thinking Faith" *Lucy Forster-Smith*

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

... God of Wisdom,
open our hearts and heal us.

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*)

Holy and loving God, we have feasted at your table knowing that many grains were gathered together to make the bread; many grapes mixed together to make the juice. So we who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ. And so we are grateful beyond expression; we are formed by your ever-reforming Spirit, and we are loved beyond all comprehension. Make us lovers of justice, peace, and holy reconciliation! Make us one! Through Christ. Amen.

***Closing Song** "The Church's One Foundation"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Lois Snively Seminary Intern

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Baptized during worship today

Camila Mae Knudsen, child of Alex and Julie Knudsen

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Ken Gaines on behalf of "Called to Be a Church Alive," the 2020 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition

The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored today's opening hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

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.



This Sunday we continue our sermon series **"Remembering the Past, Inspiring Our Future,"** as we explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God's redemptive work. ✨ Those who would like to receive the previous Sunday's 9:30/11:00 **sermon text** in their inbox each week can do so by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons



Today we commissioned **Lois Snavelly**, whom we are delighted to have with us as a seminary intern during this program year. Lois is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at McCormick Theological Seminary, and her internship at Fourth Church provides opportunity for her to work in a congregational setting while being mentored in skills and disciplines of congregational ministry. We look forward to partnering in that ministry with Lois in the months ahead!



Next Sunday, November 3 is **All Saints' Sunday**, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2019 will be read during morning worship. That evening, **Herbert Howells' Requiem** will be sung by the Morning Choir during a Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m.



Next Sunday, November 3 is also **Commitment Sunday!** If you have not yet submitted your pledge to the 2020 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, please do so by next Sunday, when we will recommit ourselves to actively participating in God's re-creating and reconciling work in this world. Pledge cards are in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



With our sermon series helping us to examine today how our faith is illumined and informed by a healthy, robust life of the mind, we invite you to explore the learning opportunities available to you here at Fourth Church in the weeks ahead. **"Philippians: Addressing A Divided Church in a Hostile Culture,"** a class led by Walter Hansen, starts next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. The Michigan Avenue Forum **"How Love for God Asks Us to Embrace Rather than Exclude Each Other"** takes place on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Cardinal Blase Cupich, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, and Eboo Patel** will speak at this interfaith dialogue.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3: be sure to set your clocks back an hour!



In another important interfaith event, Fourth Church and Congregation Sinai invite you to come hear firsthand about the work of **Roots**, a nonprofit initiative that builds Jewish-Palestinian relationships as a necessary prerequisite for a future peace settlement. They will be with us this Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Several members of Fourth Church are spending this week on a journey cohosted by our Racial Equity Council and CROAR (Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism). Please keep them in your prayers as they travel through Alabama and Mississippi on this **civil rights movement insight trip**.



Are you looking for ways to **get connected** with the Fourth Church community? * **Cornerstones**—a group for those fifty and over—will gather this Friday evening, November 1 for dinner and a panel discussion presented by our senior high youth talking about **“What’s on My Mind.”** Registrations are due by this Tuesday, October 29; see the sign-up page listed below for details. * **Benevolent Guild** meets on Wednesdays to craft items for hospitalized children.



If you are looking for **volunteer opportunities**, we have plenty! In addition to volunteers to assist with **Sunday Night Supper**, we also need assistance with both the Elam Davies Social Services Center **food pantry** (on Tuesdays) and the share shop. * We are also in need of **Presbytery Assembly meeting volunteers** on Saturday, November 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. * Beginning next Sunday, November 3, we will be implementing a permanent **churchwide composting program**. Volunteers are needed to help with this during Coffee Hours and Sunday Night Supper. * For more information about all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Run the Bank of America **Chicago Marathon** with Team Chicago Lights in 2020 and support our community outreach along the way. See the sign-up page for details. * You can also support Chicago Lights by volunteering as **tutor** to match with students who are eager to take part in Chicago Lights Tutoring here at the church.



The holiday season is right around the corner, and for many that means times of stress and anxiety or reminders of grief. The Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being is here to help. In the coming weeks they will be offering two workshops, **Keeping Calm during the Holidays** on November 2 and **PhotoYoga** on November 12 for those who wish to strengthen their self-care and mindfulness skills; a **Grief Group** begins on November 4. Please see the sign-up page for more information.

Calendar for October 27–November 3, 2019

Sunday, October 27.	Reformation Sunday
4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. . . . Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, October 28	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) Day School Classrooms
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) Gratz Fifth Floor
7:00 p.m.	Roots of Peace Sanctuary
Tuesday, October 29	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) Anderson Hall
Wednesday, October 30.	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime Room 4A
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild. Room 5B
Thursday, October 31.	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel
Friday, November 1.	All Saints' Day
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kontras String Quartet #1. Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones Borwell Dining Hall
Saturday, November 2	10:00 a.m. Keeping Calm during the Holidays Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Urban Farm Farmstand Open (<i>until 3:00 p.m.</i>) . . . 444 W. Chicago Ave.
Sunday, November 3	All Saints' Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith 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.	"A Year with the Bible" Room 5G
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Fellowship Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m.	"Philippians" Room 5E
9:30 a.m.	TED Talks for Parents The Loft
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. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	All-Youth Fellowship Allison Library
11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Room 4G
11:00 a.m.	"The Universal Christ" Room 5E
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. . . . Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	All Sants' Requiem • Judith L. Watt presiding Sanctuary

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. Attend Sunday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (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 November 24.

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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