



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Sing praises to our God with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the God of our life.

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship our 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** “Come! Live in the Light!”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world.

We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence.

We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters.

In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace.

We have called upon you in desperation
rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places.

Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. 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.

Community Life

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 145:1–14

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

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The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

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Scripture Luke 20:27–38

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

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

... God of Life,
renew our world and transform 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)*

For the gifts offered this day and every day, we give thanks, O God.

Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care.

May these gifts be used to serve your beloved creation,

to sustain your children in all we say and do,

and to build up your kingdom throughout the earth. Amen.

*Closing Song "I've Got Peace like a River"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism
Nancy Jacobs 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.



November is a month of music at Fourth Church! This Friday our Choral Society will commemorate the **events and music of 1969** in a 7:30 p.m. concert in Buchanan Chapel. (A *freewill donation* will be received at the door.) * The Civic Orchestra of Chicago also returns to the Sanctuary on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. for their annual **Bach Marathon Finale**, performing J.S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*. * That Friday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. the **Andrew Pipe Organ Fourth Anniversary Concert** will be presented by organist Nathan Laube. * For more concerts in November, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



We also invite you to join us in making music! Come **carol with us** on the steps of the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival. * If you would like to join us on a **music mission trip to Cuba** in March, please be sure to submit your application by this Friday, November 15. (Application information is on our Sign-Up Page—see below—where you can also find details about participating in upcoming **mission trips to Guatemala and Colombia**.)



In this season of gratitude, we are hosting several opportunities for gathering to give thanks. Our annual **Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service** will be held Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth Church and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and LaSalle Street Church. * On **Thanksgiving Day**, November 28, our congregation will come together to give thanks in worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. * A traditional **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held in Anderson Hall following the service that day. Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019



With Thanksgiving less than three weeks away and Advent beginning on December 1, lots of seasonal opportunities will begin to appear on the Fourth Church calendar, from the always-popular **Chanticleer** and **Tower Brass** concerts to our **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music**. Let www.facebook.com/fourthchurch **keep you updated on all the holiday resources and details!** * Looking for glimpses of Fourth Church fun and festivities in the days ahead? Be sure to check out www.instagram.com/fourthchurch too!



During the season of Advent, our deacons regularly visit our **members who are homebound** and who can no longer attend worship. If you know of someone who would welcome a short visit and person-to-person connection with their church, please contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

One way that we express our gratitude for God's creation is through our commitment to lovingly care for the world with which we've been entrusted. As part of that, we are implementing a permanent **churchwide composting program**. Volunteers are needed to help with this during Coffee Hours and Sunday Night Supper. * Another expression of our commitment to care for God's creation and all of God's children is our annual **Holiday Fair Trade Bazaar**, which this year will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 7–8. Mark your calendar and plan to come shop for a difference!



The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. * **Books by Women** will meet this Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. * **Horizons Bible Study** for women will meet this Wednesday, November 13. * **Women at Fourth** will learn about chair yoga at their monthly gathering on Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m.



An upcoming workshop and class offer opportunities to pause for reflection and spiritual discernment. This includes **PhotoYoga** through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. for those who wish to strengthen their mindfulness skills. Please see the Sign-Up Page below for details and to register. * **"Spiritual Discernment: Listening to the Spirit,"** a new Academy for Faith and Life class led by Vicky Curtiss, begins next Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. * A **TwentiesThirties retreat** takes place this Friday to Sunday, November 15 to 17 in Michigan City. Details and registration are on our Sign-Up Page.



Family Night with animals will be held on Friday, November 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room in partnership with Animals for Awareness. There will be games, crafts, dinner, and an animal show! * The Fourth Church Day School is currently accepting applications to our **January Twos Program**, a gentle separation program for children who will be two years old on or before January 1, 2020. For more information or to apply, please see our online Sign-Up Page.



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 Service Center **food pantry** (on Tuesdays) and the **share shop**. * We are also in need of **Book Nook volunteers**. * For more information about 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 a **tutor** to match with students who are eager to take part in Chicago Lights Tutoring here at the church.



Calendar for November 10–17, 2019

Sunday, November 10	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, November 11.	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
Tuesday, November 12.	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
	6:00 p.m. Books by Women Bumpus Room
	6:30 p.m. PhotoYoga Boyle Conference Room
	7:30 p.m. Chicago Ensemble Concert Buchanan Chapel
Wednesday, November 13.	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
	12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study Room 5H
Thursday, November 14	7:00 a.m. Men's Faith Discussion Group Randolph Room
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
Friday, November 15.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Roosevelt University Choirs. Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 p.m. Choral Society Concert in Honor of 1969 Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m. TwentiesThirties Retreat Michigan City
Saturday, November 16	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (<i>until 3:00 p.m.</i>) 444 W. Chicago Ave.
Sunday, November 17	8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger 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 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
	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

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. Attend Sunday, January 12 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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