



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

#### \*Call to Worship

This day!  
This day we will give thanks to God,  
who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

**This day!**  
**This day we will trust in the one who strengthens us.**

This day!  
This day we sing God's praises,  
testifying to all creation of our God.

**This day!**  
**This day our songs are filled with joy,**  
**for God is with us this day**  
**and in all the days to come!**

\* 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** . . . . . “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

### **Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

God of peace, we confess we can be a people of fear.  
We can easily let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.  
We can become distracted by nerves and focused on what is not going well.  
We confess we are not following your command to not be afraid.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,  
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you.

### **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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** (*congregation sings the antiphon*) . . . . . Psalm 17:1–9

Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.  
Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

**ANTIPHON**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.  
I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.  
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,  
from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** . . . . . Isaiah 65:17–25

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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**

... God of new creation,  
**fill us with hope.**

### **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*)

God of the world and the lamb, the lion, and the ox, we give thanks for this time of worship.

We give thanks that we have sensed your presence in music and in prayers,  
at the communion table and at prayer stations.

Lead us from this place with a deeper sense of your peace,  
ready to live out of your hope for all creation. Amen.

### **\*Closing Song** ..... "When the Poor Ones"

### **\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## **Worship Leaders**

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Michael Mirza** Director of Worship

**Fred Schwartz** 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.

### **Acknowledgments**

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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.



Did you know that you can now **make gifts to Fourth Church using Venmo**? Scan the QR code or open the Venmo app and, after tapping the Pay button, search for Fourth Church (@Fourth-Church). Enter a gift amount, write a quick note, and tap Pay!



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](http://www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019)



Join us in celebrating the diversity of our Fourth Church families! You are invited to **submit a favorite photo of your family** along with a brief caption to be included in a video display during Coffee Hour in January. From the submissions, several images will be selected to be displayed in a Loggia Gallery exhibit. See [www.fourthchurch.org/familyphotos](http://www.fourthchurch.org/familyphotos) for more details.



Each Advent and Christmas we have opportunity to share the joy of the season with others. Here at Fourth Church those opportunities include decorating and filling **holiday gift bags** for guests of our Sunday and Monday Night Suppers. Bags and instructions are available during Coffee Hour. \* Our annual **Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** on Saturday, December 7 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 9 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) is an occasion to shop for a difference, with purchases helping global artisans earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their family. \* The **Christmas Wishes** project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. See the Sign-Up Page for more information.



Contributions toward the **Christmas flowers and garlands** that decorate the Sanctuary honor the loved ones in whose names the gift is given. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgifts](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts) or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin.

**LGBTQIA Brunch** offers another opportunity for fellowship when they go out for brunch next Sunday, November 24 following the 11:00 a.m. service. \* The **Cornerstones dinner and Christmas sing-along** for people fifty and over will be Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP (see our online Sign-Up Page highlighted below) by Tuesday, December 4.



**Women at Fourth** has a variety of activities planned for the next several weeks. At their gathering this Thursday, they will have a **chair yoga class**. \* On Sunday evening, December 8, Women at Fourth will again host one of the favorite traditions of the season: the **Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception** that follows our **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** (which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary). Volunteers are needed to assist with baking, setup, and serving. For details, see our online Sign-Up Page noted below.



This Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. organist Nathan Laube will present the **Andrew Pipe Organ Fourth Anniversary Concert**. \* A seasonal tradition for many, **"Christmas with Chanticleer"** takes place in the Sanctuary on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available via [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) (312.294.3000).



If you would like to take part in a time of **spiritual reflection while walking the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel, you are invited to join us this Friday, November 22 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.



Have you seen the green **composting** bins around the church? Please make use of them as part of our commitment to separate materials for composting and recycling. \* Are you dreaming of warmer weather? Join us a mission trip to **Guatemala** (July 5–12) or **Colombia** (August 1–8). Details are available in the literature racks and on our church website. Applications are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.



**Family Night with animals** is this Friday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room! In partnership with Animals for Awareness, there will be games, crafts, dinner, and an animal show! \* This Saturday, come sing in the season with us while enjoying the annual Tree-Lighting Parade on Michigan Avenue. We will be **caroling on the Sanctuary steps** beginning at 5:00 p.m. on November 23.



**Ushers** are needed for the Thanksgiving Day Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. \* **Ushers** are also needed to greet and welcome those attending the Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. \* For details, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



You are invited to a public forum sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, titled **"Criminal Justice Reform: Policing and Prosecution"** in Buchanan Chapel on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 Panelists will include Toni Preckwinkle, Kim Foxx, Paula Wolff, and Michelle Day, moderated by NPR correspondent Cheryl Corley.

## Calendar for November 17–24, 2019

<b>Sunday, November 17 . . . . .</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. 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, November 18. . . . .</b>	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. Civic Orchestra: <i>Brandenburg Concertos</i> . . . . .	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, November 19. . . . .</b>	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
<b>Wednesday, November 20 . . . . .</b>	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
<b>Thursday, November 21 . . . . .</b>	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group . . . . .	Randolph Room
	5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth . . . . .	Bumpus Room
<b>Friday, November 22. . . . .</b>	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: To Be Announced . . . . .	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m. Family Night with Animals . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	7:30 p.m. Organ Concert: Nathan Laube . . . . .	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, November 24 . . . . .</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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. “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
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Joseph L. Morrow preaching . . . . .</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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. “Spiritual Discernment”. . . . .	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch. . . . .	Coffee Hour
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching . . . . .</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall

For details about events, see the Sign-Up Page: [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 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](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 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](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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