



Epiphany of Christ

We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

The dawn of a new day has arisen.

O come let us worship. What wondrous things God has done!

The magi studied the heavens and followed the radiance of your guiding star.

O come let us worship. What wondrous things God has done!

A people who lived in shadows beheld your glory in a child.

O come let us worship. What wondrous things God has done!

In the coming of Christ, you unveiled the hidden promise of your hope for the world.

O come let us worship. What wondrous things God has done!

* 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.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace and truth, too often we diligently seek you but chase the wrong guiding stars. We spot ambition rising from the horizon and hitch our lives to its restless instruction. We glimpse wealth and hope it will brighten the gloomy corners of our lives. We chase after affection, giving our treasure to those who care little for it. So much that dazzles cannot satisfy the deep need within us. Forgive us lost pilgrims. Draw us toward the star of your way that forever provides warmth and illumines the path to peace.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

God Forgives and Blesses Us

***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 Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14 *(the congregation sings the antiphon)*

O God, give your anointed one your judgment—and your justice.
Teach your chosen one to govern your people rightly and bring justice to the oppressed.
The mountains will bring the people peace and the hills justice!
Your anointed will defend the oppressed among the people,
save the children of the poor, and crush the oppressor.
The reign of your anointed will endure as long as the sun and moon—
throughout all generations.
The rule of the chosen one will be like rain coming down on the meadow,
like showers watering the earth.
Justice will flower through the days, and profound peace, until the moon be no more.

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Tarshish and the Isles will offer gifts; Arabia and Sheba will bring tribute.
All rulers will pay homage, and all the nations will serve your anointed.
Your anointed will rescue the poor when they cry out,
and the oppressed when there is no one to help them. Your chosen one
will take pity on the lowly and the poor, and will save their lives.
Your chosen one will rescue them all from violence and oppression,
and will treat their blood as precious.

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Scripture Matthew 2:1–12

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Minute for Mission

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

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

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 after Communion *(unison)*

God of every good gift, gathered around your table we raised our voices in joyful song. We recounted your holy story. We shared the bread of heaven. Through it all, we glimpsed the depth of your love for us. It is our greatest treasure. Bless us as we leave this place, so that your loving care might reach deeply into us and out to all the world. Amen.

*Closing Song "There's a Star in the East"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of the Employment Network, a partnership between Fourth Church and the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center.

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.



We are now **live streaming** weekly the Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org * If you missed Christmas Eve worship with us or want to enjoy it again, **it can also be viewed** at www.bit.ly/FPCworship * An opportunity for meditation—the weekly **Sacred Pause meditative silence**, which is hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and our Spiritual Formation Council—will resume this Tuesday, January 7 at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.



The 900 N. Michigan garage has increased its **parking rates for 2020**. With a validation ticket picked up at the church reception desk, discounted Fourth Church parking at the 900 garage will now be \$7 on weeknights after 5:00 p.m. and \$9 on Sundays.



On the Sign-Up Page (noted below) you will find details for registering for the **summer 2020 youth trips** to **Fernclyff, Arkansas** (January 31 registration deadline); **Detroit** (January 31 registration deadline); and **Montreat, North Carolina** (January 12 deadline).



Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will be offering several new groups and workshops in the new year, including a **Chronic Illness Support Group**, **Grief Groups**, a monthly **Men's Group**, and a **"Strengthening Communication through the Enneagram"** workshop. For details see www.fourthchurch.org/rc/events.html or call the Center at 312.787.8425.



The weekly **"Foundations of Faith" Bible study** led by pastoral staff resumes its weekly schedule next Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to view past sessions of the study, you can do so at www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations * Also on January 12, at 11:00 a.m., Dr. Barbara Wilson will begin a three-week course on **"Beloved Community: Shaping Our Lives Together,"** exploring biblical and theological foundations for working toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. * **Men's Bible Study** next meets on Tuesday morning, January 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for details. * The semimonthly women's **Horizons Bible Study** resumes at noon on Wednesday, January 8.

**To sign up for opportunities described on these pages,
please see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up**

We are in need of volunteers to help with the **Book Nook** during Coffee Hours following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and ***to create and manage spreadsheets** one day a week for a church program. * For details, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * If you have volunteered with Fourth Church previously, you will have received an email **invitation to register** with our new volunteer management software, VOMO, to make it possible for you to easily sign up for and manage your volunteer opportunities. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to register soon.



Books by Women will discuss *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls* by Anissa Gray on January 14.

* This Wednesday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. the **Benevolent Guild** will resume their weekly Wednesday morning gatherings to craft items for hospitalized infants and children. * Summer 2020 mission trips offer opportunity to travel to **Guatemala** (July 5–12) and **Colombia** (August 1–8); applications are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.



Cozy winter fun is on the calendar for the **January Women at Fourth gathering** on Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Come join in celebrating the season with hot chocolate, stories, and good cheer! * The monthly **LGBTQIA Brunch** will take place on January 26 at 12:30 p.m.



The **Gala of Hope**—benefiting Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua. Tickets will be available in January. * Those interested in supporting the work of Chicago Lights are invited to join the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team**, which will be running the Chicago Marathon in October. For details, contact Devon Stewart (dstewart@chicagolights.org, 312.981.3390). * Chicago Lights is also in need of **tutors** to mentor children and youth one evening a week at the church. See www.bit.ly/cltutor2020 for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.



Calendar for January 5–12, 2020

Sunday, January 5	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, January 6	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
Epiphany of the Lord	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, January 7	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	Offsite
	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, January 8	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study	Room 5H
Thursday, January 9	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 10	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Chen Family, string quartet	Buchanan Chapel
Sunday, January 12	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
Baptism of Christ Sunday	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 12:00 p.m. Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5E
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus 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. 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. Senior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m. “Beloved Community”	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Izett Samá Hernández preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
	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 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 January 26.

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 Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@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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