



Baptism of Christ

We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

God, you split rocks in the wilderness and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.

***Ven a nosotros, Dios* [Come to us, God], give us that abundant water.**

You made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Ven a nosotros, Dios, send the waters down upon us.

You turned the desert into pools of water, the parched land into springs of water.

Ven a nosotros, Dios, create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Ven a nosotros, Dios, and fill our longing.

* 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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Litany of Confession

Through waters of the font, we recall, O God,

you take us from death into new life.

In the name of God our creator, we are baptized.

But in our negligence and misuse, we harm your creation.

We fail to protect the earth and care for its people as a fragile gift.

In the name of Christ our redeemer, we are baptized.

But in our prejudice, we fail to see Jesus in our neighbors.

We refuse the stranger and dismiss those who do not see the world our way.

In the name of the Holy Spirit our sustainer, we are baptized.

**But in our cynicism, we cut off the possibilities of change and growth
for ourselves and our opponents.**

Forgive these shortcomings.

Accept in our words and in our silence a desire to be different.

Help us embrace our baptism.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

En Jesucristo hemos recibido el perdón por nuestros pecados.

Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

La paz de Cristo sea con ustedes. [*The peace of Christ be with you all.*]

Y también contigo. [*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 29 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe to God the glory due the Name; worship God in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

God is upon the mighty waters.

ANTIPHON: Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

The voice of God is a powerful voice; the voice of God is a voice of splendor.

The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness;

God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

ANTIPHON: Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe, and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of God all are crying, "Glory!" God sits enthroned above the flood;

God sits enthroned as ruler forevermore. God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

ANTIPHON: Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Scripture Matthew 3:13–17

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Izett Samá Hernández

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

***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

... Dios, en tu misericordia [*God, in your mercy*],
escúchanos orar [*hear us pray*].

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. Today during Communion there is an invitation to be anointed with oil to receive a blessing or to reaffirm your baptism.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

God of grace and glory, as we share a common loaf and cup we remember that you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Jesus embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

***Closing Song** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Izett Samá Hernández Pastor, Los Palos Church, Cuba

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Matt Gauen 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.



This afternoon we welcome as our guest preacher **Izett Samá Hernández**, Pastor of Los Palos Church and supervisor of the churches of Nueva Paz and San Antonio de los Banos, all in the Presbytery of Havana. Izett is currently the secretary of the presbytery and has served as the moderator of the presbytery and the vice moderator of the synod, which is the whole Cuban denomination. She also works at the Martin Luther King Center in Havana. ✱ The **weekly livestream** of the Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. service is available at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and the Fourth Church website, where it can also be viewed throughout the week. ✱ The **labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel will be available for walking on Friday, January 24 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.; hosts will be on hand for anyone who has never walked a labyrinth before and would like to learn about it.



Today is the deadline to sign up for the **Montreat summer youth conference**; registration for the **Detroit** and **Ferncliff** summer youth trips are also due later this month. For details or to sign up see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for details. ✱ The **women's Horizons Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 12:00 p.m.



There are a variety of ways to support Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church! Invitations to the Friday, March 6 **Gala of Hope**—benefiting Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be mailed this week. ✱ 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. Permanent tutors are especially needed as Tutoring currently has thirty unmatched students and fifty students on the wait list. The next **new tutor orientation** is this Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. See www.bit.ly/cltutor2020 for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.



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

The annual **Center for Life and Learning Member and Friends Memorial Service** will be held this Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. * Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.



Fourth Church offers many ways to connect through service, including **Benevolent Guild** on Wednesday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. and **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. * We are in need of volunteers to help with the **Book Nook** during Coffee Hours following the 9:30 and 11:00 services. * **To register as a Fourth Church volunteer**, we encourage you to sign up with our new volunteer management software, VOMO, which allows you to easily sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church: www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers. When registering, simply click “join” on the right-hand side of the VOMO page and fill out the requested details. Once you receive notification that your registration has been received, you can then proceed to review and sign up for the volunteer opportunities listed. * To learn more about volunteer opportunities with Fourth Church and Chicago Lights or for **assistance signing up** with VOMO, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Books by Women will discuss *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls* by Anissa Gray this Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. * 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 Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m. * In honor of Black History Month, Robert Crouch will present a program on the civil rights movement tour this past fall when **Cornerstones** gathers for its Friday, February 7 program at 6:00 p.m. To register or for more information, see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



This Wednesday, January 15 is the last day to sign up for the July 4–12 **mission trip to Guatemala** with Tom and Sue Schemper. Details as well as a link to the online registration form can be found on the Sign-Up Page below where you can also find information about the August **mission trip to Colombia**. * Fourth Church’s new mission group, **Employment Network**, is working in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase job opportunities for their neighborhood and could use your help: if you become aware of any **entry-level job openings** where you work or live, please email us at employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org so we can share that information through the Resource Center.



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 is now \$7 on weeknights after 5:00 p.m. and \$9 on Sundays.



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Calendar for January 12–19, 2020

Sunday, January 12.	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Izett Samá Hernández preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
Baptism of Christ Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 13	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, January 14	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
	12:00 p.m.	CLL Annual Member Memorial	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
Wednesday, January 15	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
	6:00 p.m.	Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
Thursday, January 16	7:00 a.m.	Men's Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
Friday, January 17	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: David Jonies, organ	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Ski Retreat (<i>through Sunday</i>)	Offsite
Sunday, January 19.	8:00 a.m.	Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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 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 • Joseph L. Morrow 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, February 9 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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