



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Blessed are you poor who have no work or too little income.

God has promised: yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you who are hungry now.

God has promised: you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job,
or your children's lack of opportunities.

God has promised: you shall be comforted, you shall laugh.

Blessed are you who are merciful.

God has promised: you shall receive mercy.

Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice.

God has promised: you shall be filled.

**The time is surely coming when God's justice and peace
shall reign throughout the land.**

Thanks be to 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.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Oh God, we confess that the world's wisdom surrounds us. The world says:

*Look after number one; get them before they get you; better to be safe than sorry;
your problems aren't my problems; only the strong survive;
money makes the world go 'round; revenge is sweet; avoid pain at all costs.*

God, forgive us when we believe these words.

Jesus has shown us a better way; heal our hearts and let us follow.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***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 Psalm 15 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

God, who are they that may dwell within the courts of your house?
And by what lives do they show they dwell on your holy hill?

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Whoever leads a blameless life
and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from the heart,
with no guile upon the tongue,
who does no evil to friends,
who does not heap contempt upon neighbors,
in whose sight the wicked are rejected,
but who honors those who fear God,
who has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back a word,
who does not give money in hope of gain,
nor take a bribe against the innocent.

ANTIPHON

Now these are they who may dwell within the courts of God.
Their lives shall never be moved; they stand in their God, secure.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Matthew 5:1–12

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Lois Snively*

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

God of the hilltop,
give us a word of comfort and blessing.

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)*

Liberating God, you went to the top of a mountain
and taught a sacred word about the meek and the grief-stricken,
about the lost and the lonely.

We thank you for coming to this table now, in bread and cup.

Help us see the world not as it is, but as it could be,
that we may become good news to all. Amen.

*Closing Song "God of Great and God of Small"



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark-est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lois Snavelly Seminary Intern
Joseph L. Morrow Minister of Evangelism
Mary Morstadt 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.



During February we will be **honoring Black History month** in a variety of ways, including this Friday when Robert Crouch will present a **Cornerstone's program** on the Racial Equity Council-sponsored **civil rights movement trip**. Tuesday, February 4 is the last day to register for this dinner-program gathering for those fifty and over. (For details, see the Sign-Up page noted below.)



Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 a.m. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for more information. * **Horizons Bible Study** for women will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H. * **"Entering the Passion of Jesus"** is the theme of this year's Lenten series, The Path of Discipleship, which will take place on Tuesday evenings, March 3 to April 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with supper. For more information and to register by February 24, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Next Sunday, February 9 we gather for the **150th Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Fourth Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will include the election of officers. The slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee is posted at www.fourthchurch.org/about/boards.html * You can **honor our past by investing in our future** through remembering Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in your will. For information about how to do that, contact Stuart Barnes Jamieson (sjamieson@fourthchurch.org). * The **weekly livestream** of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and the Fourth Church website, where it can also be viewed throughout the week.



Year-end giving statements for 2019 are available upon request. Please contact Ron Porras, (rporras@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3598) to receive a copy of your statement by mail or email. * **If you have not yet fulfilled your 2019 pledge** to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! * And if you have not yet **made a pledge for 2020**, please take a moment to submit it by filling out the online form at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



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Books by Women will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. * **“Strengthening Communication through the Enneagram”** offers opportunity to learn about ourselves, how we experience the world differently than others, and our particular communication styles. To learn more or to register for this Saturday, February 8 workshop hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Are you looking for volunteer opportunities in 2020? Check out our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**, for ideas! You can sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church by going to www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers. (Simply click “join” on the right side of the VOMO page and fill out the requested details.) For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * **Grocery shoppers** are needed to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. Shoppers are scheduled on a once-a-month cycle. Email access and a car are essential to fulfilling this volunteer role. * **Greeters** are needed to welcome worshipers to our 4:00 jazz worship service.



Our **Employment Network mission group** is looking for information about day jobs, such as painting and auto repair, to pass along to one of the refugee families we support. The group also continues to compile lists of **entry-level job openings** to share with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase employment opportunities for those in the Auburn-Gresham and Englewood neighborhoods. Please email information about such opportunities or openings to employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org. * Our Global Mission and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a **peacemaking insight trip to Colombia** this August 1–8. Details and an online application form (due May 1) can be found here: www.bit.ly/FPCColombia2020



Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? Do you feel called to be present with and pray for individuals experiencing challenging times? If so, we encourage you to **consider becoming a Stephen Minister**. Our next fifty-hour Stephen Ministry training class begins in March and will be offered on Saturdays. Details and links to the application are on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Tickets for the **Gala of Hope**, which will be Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2020. All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. * 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.



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Calendar for February 2–9, 2020

Sunday, February 2	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Lois Snavelly preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four Chat.	Allison Library
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, February 3.	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, February 4.	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	See the Sign-Up Page
	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, February 5	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
Thursday, February 6	7:00 a.m.	Men's Faith Discussion Group.	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 7	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Victoria Holland, Diana Schmuck . .	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, February 8	9:00 a.m.	Enneagram and Communication	Boyle Conference Room
Sunday, February 9	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 12:00 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.	"Black History and Our Faith Traditions".	Room 5G
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	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

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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 February 23.

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.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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