



We Approach God

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Our creator calls us

to be a beloved community beyond all borders.

Jesus invites us

to practice faith in thought, word, and deed.

The Spirit leads us

past the barriers of fear and hatred.

Our neighbors yearn for us

to extend a caring embrace.

The world waits for us

to offer a sincere demonstration of God's reign.

Here, O God, we gather near you

that we might learn to be the people you call us to be.

* 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.

Please note

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of grace, you have offered us the gift of your teaching.
Yet we turn your commandments into rules
that we bend to our advantage and convenience.
We criticize those whose lives do not reflect your vision,
while evading costly discipleship ourselves.
In the end, we turn the way of love and freedom into a burden for all.
Forgive our failure to follow the spirit of your commandments and your way.
Lift the veil of misunderstanding, and lead us more firmly on your path, we pray.

(Please hold space for silent reflection.)

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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 Psalm 119:1–8 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the Lord!
Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,
who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.
You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.

ANTIPHON

O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.
I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Matthew 5:21–37

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Minute for Discipleship

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 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

Discerner of our souls,
grant us a higher love.

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*)

Welcoming God, we approached you as strangers,
alienated from your grace and one another.

But every time we are nourished by your bread and cup
we remember that we are family.

Now send us out into the world as those reconciled to one another,
able to say a courageous “Yes” to following in your way.

As we enter a new week, help us carry your blessing to neighbors near and far. Amen.

***Closing Song** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Lois Snavelly Seminary Intern

Reb Banker Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Lois Snavelly on behalf of the Spiritual Formation Council.

In addition to placing gifts in the offering plate at the time of "Sharing of Gifts," you can also make a gift through Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online via our website (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online).

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.



Our **Winter Carnival Family Night** will take place this Friday, February 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The evening will include dinner, a bounce house, and carnival games. * The Confirmation and Senior High **youth will lead next Sunday's services** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The **Alma College Choir** will also sing at those services.



Lucy Forster-Smith will lead a new Academy for Faith and Life three-week class covering Barbara Brown Taylor's **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** beginning next Sunday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. Those who are interested in attending are encouraged to read the book prior to the class. * Lucy Forster-Smith will join **Women at Fourth** on February 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss the importance of community and connection in our lives. * **LGBTQIA brunch** will be next Sunday, February 23 at 12:15 p.m.



As we begin Lent on February 26, we invite you to use our Lenten devotions as a resource for reflection during the season. To receive those meditations daily via email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * **"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 online Sign-Up Page noted below.



This year **Ash Wednesday** is on February 26. That day Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. As part of **"Ashes on the Way,"** pastors and church members will also be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.



The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door.

A variety of well-being opportunities are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **SoulCollage and Poetry workshop** on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. This workshop invites participants to a greater self-understanding and self-care. * Additionally, a **“Living Your Best Life”** support group for young women will be held on Monday evenings, beginning March 16. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for more information or to register. * A **Chronic Illness Support Group** will begin in late March; to learn more or express interest, please call Bill Singerman at 312.787.8425, ext. 2210.



To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.5448). (Please note that hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) * Those experiencing difficult times are invited to **consider meeting with a Stephen Minister**: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? 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 (due this Friday, February 21) can be found 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. Details and a calendar of one-session orientations are posted on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



You can learn about and sign up for additional **volunteer opportunities** through our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**, at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers. Opportunities include serving as **greeters** during the 4:00 jazz worship service and as **grocery shoppers** to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@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 on the Sign-Up Page noted below. 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. Please email information about such opportunities or openings to employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org



**To sign up for opportunities described on these pages,
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Calendar for February 16–23, 2020

Sunday, February 16	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, February 17	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
	10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (also Tues.–Thurs.)	Gratz Fifth Floor
	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, February 18	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	In the Loop
	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, February 19	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
Thursday, February 20	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group.	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 21.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Renoir Trio	Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Winter Carnival Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
Sunday, February 23.	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.	Sanctuary
Transfiguration of Christ	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsal	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
	9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Youth-Led Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5G
	9:30 a.m. “Holy Envy”	Room 5E
	10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship	Allison Library
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “Black History and Our Faith Traditions”.	Room 5G
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch.	Meet at Reception
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer 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, March 8 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.

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