



Second Sunday in Lent

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

Your glory is written in the sky, God;
your artistry is carved on the face of the earth.

**From one day to another, the message passes on,
and each night puts the next one in the know.**

Not a word is spoken, not a sound do they make;
**yet their silence reverberates around the earth
and their unspoken message echoes from pole to pole.**

The stars and angels and all creation are worshiping God.

Let us join the chorus.

* 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** “Be Thou My Vision”

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world. God of grace,
forgive us.

Even as Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world. God of grace,
forgive us.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation. God of grace,
forgive us.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression. God of grace,
forgive us.

Speak to us in the silence, O Lord, that we might be set free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ . . . *(Please hold space for silent reflection.)*

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven and our world is healed.

Sung Response "We Are Forgiven"

*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.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 19:1–10 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun. It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

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The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

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Scripture Luke 7:36–50

May God bless us with the gift of understanding.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Questions Jesus Asked

“Do You See This Woman?” *Nanette Sawyer*

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 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, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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 (for the Lenten season, all bread is gluten-free) and a compostable cup of 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)*

Holy God, your praise rises from all corners of creation, and we gladly join the chorus.
You call all life into being. The earth, the sea, the sky are yours.
You summon all creation into your loving embrace.
With grateful hearts made new by Jesus Christ, we give thanks. Amen.

*Closing Song "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Cathy Flaa Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering we are receiving during Lent supports Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the envelopes available from the greeters or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

During Communion we will be using individual compostable cups for the grape juice, rather than communing by intinction. The use of cups is one way that we can help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like flu and coronavirus. For the same reason, we encourage you to share words of greeting without shaking hands at the Passing of the Peace or when welcoming one another.

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.



Throughout Lent our sermons are exploring the theme **"Questions Jesus Asked."** Today we encounter the "Question about Compassion"—"Do you see this woman?"—in Luke 7:36–50. Next Sunday, March 15 we will encounter the "Question about Identity"—"What is your name?"—in Luke 8:26–39.



The Morehouse College Glee Club, whose distinguished and storied 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., performing for presidents, participating in the Olympics closing ceremonies, and singing at the Super Bowl, will present a concert tomorrow, Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door.



"A Very Magical Family Night," showcasing the magician Great Scott, will take place this Friday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.



A candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. that evening there will also be opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall. (*The next Taizé service will be held on Friday evening, June 26.*) * Our **daily Lenten devotions** invite us into a time of reflection, this year on hymns of our faith. We invite you to use our Lenten devotions as a resource for reflection during the season. To receive those meditations on hymn texts via email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



We have opportunity to learn about the faith of our neighbors through an **Interfaith Seder** that will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 17, but space is limited and fills quickly. Register for tickets (*required*) at www.bit.ly/interfaithseder20 or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).



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Remember loved ones at Easter by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 29 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576). * Mark your calendars: You are invited to **Easter brunch** for individuals and families on Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch20



A variety of **well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **“Living Your Best Life”** support group for young women will be held on Monday evenings, beginning March 16. This group will feature an emphasis on strengths, resilience, community and connection, personal values, communication, and assertiveness. * A **Chronic Illness Support Group** will begin in late March; to learn more or to express interest, please call Bill Singerman at 312.787.8425, ext. 2210.



Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—is 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 volunteer management software, **VOMO** (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** 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



Invested adults are needed to serve as **youth trip leaders** to travel with our youth to either Detroit, Ferncliff, or Montreat for a week this summer. Please fill out an interest form at www.bit.ly/2020tripleader * The Youth Ministry is also looking for **Youth Ministry Leaders** to join our team for the 2020–2021 school year program. Youth Ministry Leaders help teach youth groups and lead special events like retreats and lock-ins. If you enjoy spending time with teenagers and are looking for a meaningful way to share your faith, please apply by April 1 by visiting the Sign-Up Page noted below.



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Calendar for March 8–15, 2020

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| Sunday, March 8 | 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper | Anderson Hall |
| Monday, March 9 | 9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) | Day School Classrooms |
| | 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) | Gratz Fifth Floor |
| | 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 |
| | 7:30 p.m. Concert: Morehouse College Glee Club | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday, March 10 | 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, March 11 | 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild | Room 5B |
| | 12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study for Women | Room 5H |
| Thursday, March 12 | 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group | Randolph Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Friday, March 13 | 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Steven Betancourt, organ | Sanctuary |
| | 5:30 p.m. Magical Family Night | Borwell Dining Room |
| Sunday, March 15 | 8:00 a.m. Worship • Lois Snavelly 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. “St. Paul to C. S. Lewis” | Room 5G |
| | 11:00 a.m. Confirmation | Room 4G |
| | 12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch | Page Smith Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group | Bumpus Room |
| | 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour | Sanctuary |
| | 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour | 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, May 10 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 March 22.

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 David Handley (312.573.3360; dhandley@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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