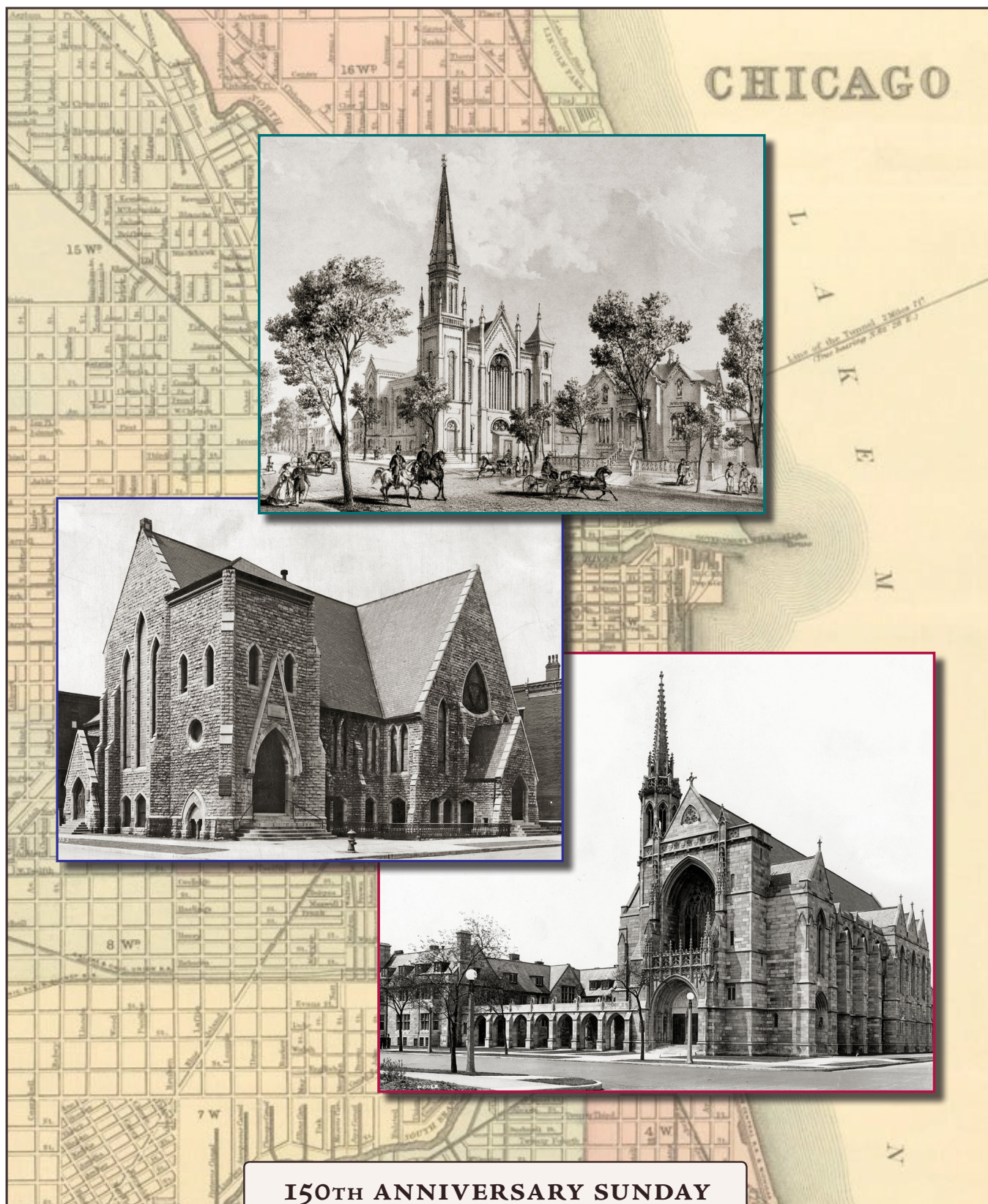

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO



150TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
February 14, 2021 • 11:00 A.M. ONLINE



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Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Voluntary in C Major Henry Purcell
Concerto in C Major Antonio Vivaldi
Allegro—Largo—Allegro

Introit :: “God Is in This Holy Temple” Frank W. Asper

*God is in this holy temple. Earthly thoughts be silent now,
while in reverence we assemble and before God’s presence bow.
God is with us now and ever when we gather in this space,
aiding every good endeavor, as we seek God’s heavenly grace.
God is in this holy temple, in the pure and holy mind;
in the reverent hearts and simple, in the soul from sense refined.
Banish then each base emotion, lift us up, O Lord, to thee;
let our souls in pure devotion, temples for thy worship be.*

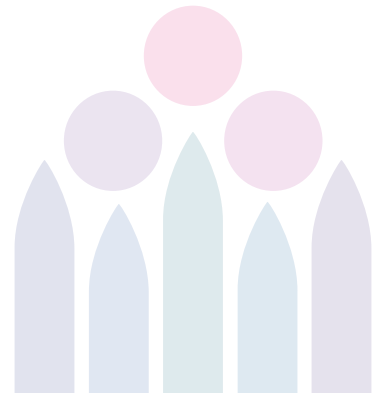
*Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.[†] Amen.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise



[†]Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Hymn “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
“Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son.”

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,
where you shouted “It is finished!” where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, from the moment of your birth in the manger
to the empty tomb in the garden,
you have always shined brightly with God’s love.

But we confess that too often we make your love dull
and are more content to conceal it, rather than to reveal it.

Forgive us when we conceal your love
because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness.

Forgive us when we conceal your love through our lack of credible witness.

Forgive us when we conceal your love because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes.

Forgive us when we conceal your love because of our prejudice and intolerance. Forgive
us when we conceal your love by our inaction or our apathy.

Forgive us and change us.

Change us into being a people who shine brightly in this world
as living testimonies of your love, your power, and your grace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Anthem :: “A New Heaven and a New Earth” Kim André Arnesen
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 150
Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.
Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.
Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.
Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.
Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Mark 9:2–9

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

Hymn “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father’s voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Sacrament of Baptism

Words of Greeting

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “The Lord Is My Light” Frances Allitsen

*The Lord is light, my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength
of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid? Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall
not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up strife against me, yet will I put my trust in
God. For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle, yea, in the secret places*

Bearing the Word into the World

Hymn “Sing of God Made Manifest”

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

We Are Marching in the Light of God South African song; arr. John A. Behnke

On the first page of the bulletin

Wabash and Grand church • Built in 1861 by North Presbyterian Church
Occupied by the newly formed Fourth Presbyterian Church
from February 1871 until the Great Chicago Fire of October 1871

Rush and Superior church • Dedicated 1874; occupied until May 1914

Michigan and Delaware church • Dedicated May 1914



This morning's worship service begins our celebration of the **150th anniversary of the founding of Fourth Presbyterian Church**. It was during worship on the second Sunday of February 1871 (February 12) that the congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was dedicated. Today we remember and give thanks for that day and for the 150-year legacy that inspires our vision for the future. ✳ We are especially grateful to have with us in worship leadership this morning **Pastor Emeritus John Buchanan**, who served as Pastor of this congregation from 1985 to 2012.

If you subscribe to the weekly email News @ Fourth Church, you will have received on Friday the first of our monthly highlights of Fourth Church history (**tracing our story** from the merger that give birth to our congregation to the fire that left 95 percent of our members homeless to a heresy trial!). If you have not read that account, you can find it on our website and also ensure you receive future history highlights—as well as **greetings from former pastors and other partners in ministry**—by subscribing at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Also today we will gather online for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**. The meeting will be held at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms (call in at 888.916.9166) following the 11:00 a.m. service and will include the election of officers. The **recommended slate of officers** that will be presented by the Nominating Committee is posted on our website, www.fourthchurch.org

The season of **Lent begins this week: on February 17, Ash Wednesday**. ✳ **Lenten devotions** for you to use as a **resource for reflection** will be available daily via email; sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them on Facebook, Twitter (@fourthchicago), and on our website. ✳ Our **online Ash Wednesday worship service** will be streamed at 7:30 p.m. on February 17. It will include Rocky Supinger preaching and Nanette Sawyer creating an Ash Wednesday artwork during the service. ✳ Anyone who would like to receive a safely-distanced in-person, verbal **blessing on Ash Wednesday** from one of the pastors is invited to come by the Sanctuary steps on Michigan Avenue between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on February 17. (*We will not be imposing ashes this year*)

New small groups will meet weekly during Lent via Zoom: **Bible study and discipleship groups**, focusing conversation and reflection on Bible passages and their application to our daily lives; **race conversation groups**, using discussion of *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby to practice having meaningful conversations about race, racism, and being an anti-racist church; and **self-improvement groups**, using Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* to guide conversation and reflection on developing virtues, such as setting boundaries and developing courage. To express interest in being part of a group, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). ✳ A limited number of openings may remain in the Lenten **"Path of Discipleship" series**: see www.bit.ly/fpcpod2021 for details.

Hanging above our Sanctuary entrance throughout Black History Month is a banner with an image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the words **“Moving the Dream Forward.”** It is a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. * Lifting up Dr. King’s vision of the Beloved Community, “Building Beloved Community” will be the topic of a **Muslim–Presbyterian Dialogue**, co-moderated by Nanette Sawyer, on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/building0221

The adult education class led by Carol Allen, **“On Restoring God’s Beloved Community: Looking for Guidance in Scripture,”** continues via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays through February 28. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/restoring21 * **“End Times: A New Look,”** the current theme within the “Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible” Zoom class led by Lucy-Forster-Smith, concludes today following the congregational meeting. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 * **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets on Wednesday, February 24 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * An **online Bible study for those in their twenties and thirties** meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For Zoom details and more information, sign up at www.bit.ly/2Yq3znE

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details. * **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **To explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021. For information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html; the deadline to apply is this Monday, February 15.

Each Sunday we host a **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom**. Today’s time of online fellowship will begin **after the Annual Meeting** and will meet at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** take place at 12:10 p.m. each week at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms as well as via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). This week the online concert will feature a flute and guitar duo.

The **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** will be held online on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. This gala annually benefits the life-changing youth development and social service programs of Chicago Lights—the community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the community support efforts of our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details about attending this event, for which you can register for free, or becoming an event sponsor, sign up at **chicagolights.org/gala** or contact Laura Woods (lwoods@chicagolights.org).

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, helping us to raise four times our goal for a total of \$10,055! These funds will benefit our **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** program and the food pantry of the **Chicago Lights Social Service Center**. * **Sunday Night Supper** is in need of **cooks, servers, and runners** to assist with these “grab and go” meals. Those interested in helping are asked to email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry. *Safety and health standards are strictly followed.*

Fourth Church’s Employment Network, which works in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center on the South Side, is **looking for volunteers** to support job-preparedness workshops on interviewing, entrepreneurship, or credit repair and **internship to job opportunities** in the fields of health care, security, manufacturing, IT, retail, administrative, and commercial driving. For details, email employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org

Sunday School and family activities meet online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning**, which offers online lectures and exercise classes; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll

For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at **www.bit.ly/FPCworship** (*where the service is available throughout the week*), the service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar**; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates, sermon quotes, images from Fourth Church, and more.

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Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Jessica Wang, John Buchanan, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

David Inmon and Matthew Lee, Trumpeters

Cole Seaton, Soloist

Members of the Morning Choir

*Melissa Arning, Beena David, Todd DeStigter, Micah Dinger, Kimberly Gunderson,
Kacey Kurpinsky, Brett Potts, and Sean Stanton*

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY'S ANTHEM, "A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH," was commissioned by Fourth Presbyterian Church in honor of the congregation's 150th anniversary. The performance this morning is the world premiere of this anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen.

THE INSTRUMENTS MENTIONED IN TODAY'S PSALTER READING are held by several of the fourteen seven-foot-tall angels high above the Sanctuary floor.

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