



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

*Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19,
we are not engaging in congregational singing. During hymns,
worshipers are invited to hum along with the choir members if they like.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Little Song Henri Mulet

Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Sergei Rachmaninoff; arr. William McVicker

Andante cantabile

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major Clara Schumann

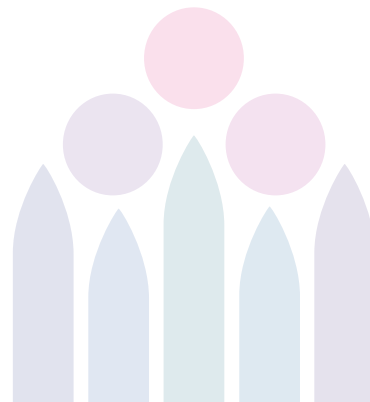
Introit :: “I Will Praise Thee” Eric H. Thiman

*I will praise thee all the days of my life, for all the host of heaven doth sing thy praise,
and thine is the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*Doxology (congregation is invited to hum)

*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 and Announcements



*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Call to Worship

Leader: *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.*

All: In God's word we hope.

Leader: *My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,*

All: more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: *Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love;*

All: with God is great power to redeem.

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

*Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (verse 1)

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you make us alive together with Christ.

Yet we confess that old ways die hard.

For Christ is our peace, and we nod at violence.

Christ breaks down walls, and we build new barriers.

Christ destroys hostility, and we nurse grievances.

Christ creates one new humanity, and we stay polarized in parties and nations.

Forgive us. Enliven us ever more, that Christ's life would be reflected in ours. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (verse 2)

*To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Richard DeLong

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, breath of God, 'til I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine.
Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 130

*Gloria Patri (*congregation is invited to hum*)

*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 Ephesians 2:11–22

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “Awake, My Heart” Jane Marshall

*Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me; my day, with thee beside me,
beginning, middle ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.*

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

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn (*congregation is invited to hum*). . . . "The Church's One Foundation" (*verses 1, 2, 4, and 5*)

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccatina. Ramon Noble

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude.
If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*

Baptized in Today's Service

Frederick Thomas Cluck, child of Matthew and Sarah Cluck



We are glad to be worshipping with you 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.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. ✱ For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are offering **two in-person worship services**: a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel.** ✱ In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing**, with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ✱ Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel**; those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



Nursery care is not available at this time. ✱ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ✱ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. ✱ Following the morning service, those who would like to do so are invited to **greet one another outside** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities **at www.fourthchurch.org/reopening**

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. * **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. * During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).



The church campus remains closed as we continue to develop our reopening plans. * On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is only by the Michigan Avenue doors. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center.



Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * Also each Wednesday through August 18 we are releasing a new **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” video** (*plans are also underway for an autumn video series of “Rhythm and Word”*). These fifteen-minute worship experiences on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. To receive the videos by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail

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The annual School Supply Drive continues as we collect supplies (*via Amazon wish lists*) for students participating in Chicago Light's Urban Farm programming. Their **wish list link** can be found on our website at www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplydrive; **monetary contributions** for purchase of the supplies can also be made by check, payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or given online (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online). For more information, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean, gently used men's shoes and adult clothing**. Particularly needed are laced men's shoes in sizes 7-1/2 and larger that are good for walking and clothing items in sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL (*We are not accepting children's clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.*) Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays (*not Saturdays*) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please do not leave any donations on the church steps. Upon arrival, ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in and directed to where to leave the donations. *Masks are required while on the campus.*



The **Good Neighbors Street Outreach** program of the Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **volunteers to take food and supplies to people in the neighborhood** who are experiencing homelessness. **Also in need of volunteers is Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, which is looking for individuals to help with Saturday breakfast to-go, the weekday Bag Lunch program, Sunday Night Supper, and Monday Night Supper. If you are able to help with one or more of these needs, please let us know via **VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform** at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers



To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, stop by their **Farmstand on Fridays** between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*). *Guests are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing while at the Farm.*

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Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this week with the **saxophonist Eric Schneider** performing Friday, August 13 at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. While we are not livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos



Registration is open through September 1 for those interested in joining Fourth Church and our interfaith partners for **“Peace and Compassion: A Music and Travel Seminar Trip to the Middle East,”** which is planned for June 1–15, 2022. Registration for this trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories can be completed online at www.bit.ly/mideast2022; the **registration deadline is September 1, 2021**. To learn more, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online this Wednesday, August 11 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties** also gathers every other Monday evening for casual games of **volleyball at Oak Street Beach** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The next volleyball gathering will be this Monday, August 9; look for the sign saying Fourth Church! * **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers online Tuesday, August 24 at 4:00 pm for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The **Officer Nominating Committee** is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in positions opening in 2022 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please take a moment to offer your leadership recommendations by **completing the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2022** by September 30.

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The Fourth Church Day School has openings in Together We Play (for those 12–30 months) as well as its preschool classes for those ages 2–5. If you’d like to know more about the learning and growing opportunities at our Day School, email Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer0921; for more information, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * For resources and ways to connect, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) * Online events are posted on the **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



A **virtual Sacred Pause** time of meditation is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing * Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** for your personal time of prayer and reflection are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago).



For those who are facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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. * To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **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.

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The congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was officially dedicated in worship on the morning of February 12, 1871. Thus on the second Sunday of February 2021 we kicked off **our sesquicentennial celebration!** We encourage you to visit the web page devoted to our 150th anniversary—www.fourthchurch.org/150—where you can read our **short monthly historical accounts** and **letters from Chicago's faith leaders**. There you can also hear **greetings from Fourth Church friends** from across the globe and view **videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share their memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so be sure to check back periodically.



As part of our care for our buildings, stone masons are currently repairing some of the 107-year-old decorative stonework on the Cloister as well as some of the finials on the Loggia. The scaffolding on campus is part of that work.



Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church—including the weekly live stream of the Sunday morning service. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.



Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Robert Crouch, Matt Helms, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE, Toccata, was composed by Ramon Noble (1925–1999), one of Mexico's most prolific twentieth-century composers. He wrote dozens of pieces for the organ that employ Mexican themes, dances, and rhythms. Toccata, or little toccata, was written in 1977.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org).

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Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

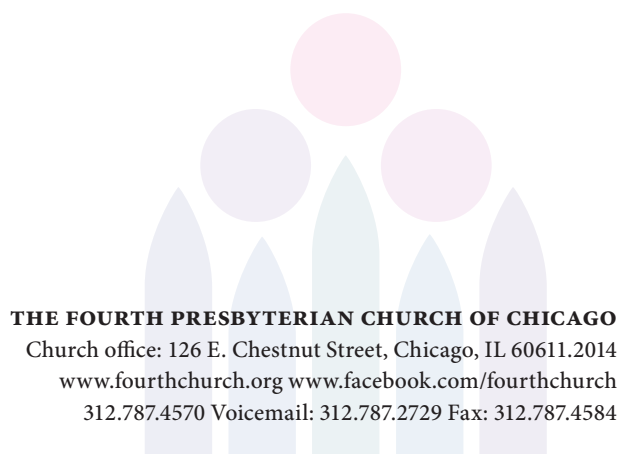
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