



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 soloist if they like.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Happy are those whose strength is in God;

they bring rain to the dry places.

Happy are those whose strength is in God;

they go from strength to strength.

Happy are those whose strength is in God;

God will be seen in them.

* 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.

***Hymn** (congregation is invited to hum) “Come, Thou Almighty King” (verses 1 and 2)

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.**

**You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.**

**You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn (congregation is invited to hum) “Come, Thou Almighty King” (verses 3 and 4)

*Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 84

ANTIPHON: *How lovely is your dwelling place, my God!*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!

I long, I yearn for the courts of God; my heart and flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

ANTIPHON

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the valley of Baca will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

Most High God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

ANTIPHON

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Most High God is both sun and shield; God will give grace and glory;

no good thing will be withheld from those who walk with integrity.

O God of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

ANTIPHON

Scripture Ephesians 6:10–20

Sermon *Matt Helms*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

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.**

Call for Offering

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

**All good things come from you, O Lord.
The air we breathe, the water we drink, the fellowship we share, the love we feel.
We are beyond grateful for your goodness and your abundant grace.
Receive the gifts we will give from our lives
and transform them into acts of mercy and justice for your world.
We pray in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

***Benediction**

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms	Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow	Associate Pastor
Jeffrey Doane	Parish Associate for Older Adults
Nancy Jacobs	Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet	

Worship Notes

Today's closing hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory," was used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York City in 1930. The text was written by Harry Emerson Fosdick, who was then the pastor of Riverside Church. The Welsh tune with which it is commonly paired was written in 1907 and honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire, Wales.

Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in an offering box at the exit to the Chapel. They also can be given online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: fourthchurch.org) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor
Matt Helms, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry
Joseph L. Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement
Nanette Sawyer, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry
Rocky Supinger, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

David Handley, Interim Minister for Caring Ministries
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
Maggie Shreve, Parish Associate for Jail Ministry
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

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 Presbyterian 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** for the foreseeable future, including into the autumn: a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel.** * Seating in the Chapel is set up for **social distancing.** 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. * Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted;** those who would like to hum while the soloist sings are invited to do so. * **Worship can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. * **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel.



For those who prefer to worship online or 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 afterwards. * **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. * 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 Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the morning service, access is only by the Michigan Avenue doors. * **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher. * **Nursery care is not available.**

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

On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer** via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * We also invite you to view our summer 2021 **“Rhythm and Word: Music and Prayer” videos**, which you can find on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). The autumn series—weaving together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will launch on October 6. To receive those October videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail * 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 prayer and reflection are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago), and online (fourthchurch.org/devotions).



On September 12, our annual **“Get Connected” Sunday** will kick off a series of Zoom gatherings that will each highlight a different area of opportunity at the church—areas in which you are invited to learn more, become engaged, get involved, and connect with one another. Those present in person on September 12 will be able to pick up a schedule for these **Zoom “Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gatherings**, which will be held on weeknights in the days following September 12. Those worshipping with us online that day will be able to access the schedule and information on our website. Stay tuned for details in the weeks ahead as we make time to connect with friends both new and familiar this fall!



To purchase fresh produce and support the work of youth 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. (*at 444 W. Chicago Ave.*). * The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean, gently used adult clothing and shoes**. (*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. Ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in and directed to where to leave the donations; please do not leave any donations on the steps. *Masks are required on campus.*



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



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 offer your leadership recommendations via the online form: www.bit.ly/nominating2022

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply **sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc**

The registration deadline of September 1 is fast approaching for those interested in joining Fourth Church and Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills for **“Peace and Compassion: A Music and Travel Seminar Trip to the Middle East.”** Registration for this trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories, which is planned for June 1–15, 2022, can be completed online at www.bit.ly/mideast2022; to learn more about fees, travel arrangements, and other logistics, email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.; **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online this Wednesday, August 25 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). * **The First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss **Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time** on Tuesday evening, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (*rather than in person*). Register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday0921 for Zoom details. The book’s co-author Catherine Meeks will lead our discussion.



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, sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass0921; for more information, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. * Online events are posted on the **church calendar** at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar * **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence for those experiencing life’s challenges. To learn more, 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, prayer requests, illnesses, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570).



We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes those contributions to Fourth Church as of July 31, 2021.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of July 31, 2021				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2021 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$1,701,634	\$1,772,000	(\$70,366)	\$3,135,000
General contributions	\$294,361	\$366,000	(\$71,639)	\$1,964,000
Restricted contributions	\$501,388	\$369,795	\$131,593	\$706,147
Total contributions	\$2,497,383	\$2,507,795	(\$10,411)	\$5,805,147

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