



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

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is not speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth

and their words to the end of the world!

* 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** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "Baptized in Water"

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 72:1–7; 18–19

ANTIPHON: *For God shall deliver the poor who cry out in distress,
and God shall have pity on the needy and the weak.*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

ANTIPHON

In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
May there be an abundance of grain in the land, growing thick even on the hilltops;
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and may people flourish in cities like the grass of the field.
Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!
And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory.
Amen. Amen.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Mark 9:30–37

Sermon Series Normal Never Was, God Always Is: Part Six *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Feast Together

Musical Reflection

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!

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 Offer Ourselves

Call for Offering

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

**Dear God, we offer you our praise.
We offer you our hearts. We offer you our money.
We offer you our lives.
Thank you for everything you give to us. Amen.**

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!*

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor
David Handley Interim Minister for Caring Ministries
Joanne Gaines Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

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.

Shannon Kershner is in North Carolina today, where she has been asked to officiate a public memorial service for two former leaders within the Presbyterian Church (USA), Glenn and Evelyn Bannerman, following their deaths in 2020 from COVID-19. We hold in prayer all who are gathered there and join in giving thanks for the ministry of the Bannermans.

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Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
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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.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather for 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 by the Michigan Avenue and Delaware 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

Each Wednesday we release a **new video in our “Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer”** series, a fifteen-minute worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. You can **subscribe to our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and watch the videos there on Wednesday evenings or anytime during the week or **receive them by email** (sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail). * Also on Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * A **virtual Sacred Pause** time of meditation is hosted by our Replogle Center at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.). * Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** 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).



“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2022 stewardship campaign, is underway, inviting all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Please plan to **submit your 2022 pledge**—which you can make at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge—by Reformation Sunday, October 31, a day we will also celebrate as Commitment Sunday: a day to lift up all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives.



Meals Ministry is offering limited indoor dining—in addition to continuing the to-go option—for Sunday Night Supper. To make that happen, additional **volunteers are needed to help serve Supper guests** on Sundays. You can sign up to volunteer with Meals Ministry by using VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers * This Tuesday, Chicago Lights Tutoring kicks off its new program year! If you have time one evening a week to **mentor a student (Tutoring will take place online this fall)**, please fill out a Tutoring Volunteer Application, which can be completed at www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21; for more information, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org). * By this Friday, October 15, all Fourth Church **volunteers serving in person must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19**. If you are volunteering this fall, please send a copy of your vaccination certification to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org by October 15. Your information will be received directly by our Human Resources Department and kept confidential, only used to confirm your ability to volunteer with the church. Please direct questions about this to Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Next Sunday, October 17 at 11:15 a.m., **John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman** will begin teaching a three-week class on the Old Testament figure **David: “Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch.”** This class will meet in person in the Gratz Center (register at www.bit.ly/david1021) and will also be recorded for viewing online later in the week. * A new **online evening Bible study** led by Lucy and Tom Forster-Smith examines themes and events in Genesis. For Zoom details for this Bible study that meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., register at www.bit.ly/genesisbiblestudy21 * **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** is offered this Wednesday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. For details for Men’s or Women’s Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * On Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

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**

New Zoom Small Groups, which will meet weekly for six weeks, begin this week. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or want to learn more about small-group opportunities, please email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * Also email Simon if you would like Zoom details for a **Books by Women** conversation about **A Room of One's Own** by Virginia Woolf this Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, we invite you to join us online for a one-session **Inquirers' Class** next Sunday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1021; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and the **church calendar** (www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. * **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 **Repleg Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * To **talk to a pastor** or notify the staff of personal concerns, prayer requests, illnesses, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570)



Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! We encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read **historical accounts** and **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. * We are marking our sesquicentennial anniversary in various ways throughout the year, including on Sunday morning, October 24, when we will welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit **guest preacher Dr. Otis Moss III**, who has been recognized as one of the "12 Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World" by Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary. We are honored that Dr. Moss, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, will be with us, as we continue to give thanks for the treasured relationships Fourth Church has had with other congregations and community partners over the years. * Also during the 10:00 a.m. service on October 24 we will have the first live performance of **"A New Heaven and a New Earth."** This anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen was commissioned by Fourth Church in honor of the congregation's 150th anniversary. * We also look forward to using for the first time that Sunday **new Ordinary Time banners** commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial.



On Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (also livestreamed) **Shannon Kershner** will lead a conversation commemorating our 150th anniversary. Pastor Emeritus **John Buchanan; Felicia Davis**, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and **William Schweiker**, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will talk about **"Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century."** This Michigan Avenue Forum will be followed by an in-person **"The Next 150 Years"** program on Saturday morning, November 13.

