



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**

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name.

Great is your love. Amen.

* 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) “Great God of Every Blessing” (verses 1 and 2)

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of compassion, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purposes;
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice;
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty; I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life, that you might work through me;
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Inspire and empower me to better witness to your deep and abiding love. Amen.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

***Opening Song** (congregation is invited to hum) “Great God of Every Blessing” (verse 3)

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c

ANTIPHON: *You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and stretch out the heavens like a tent.

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;

 you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

You set the earth upon its foundations, so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

ANTIPHON

At your rebuke the waters fled, scattered by your voice of thunder.

They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys,
 to the place where you assigned them.

You set the limits that they should not pass;

 never shall they return to cover the earth again.

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Scripture Luke 17:11–19

Sermon *Lucy Forster-Smith*

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

Minute for Mission

Call for Offering

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

**Gracious donor of our days, your grace has touched and transformed our lives.
In gratitude we now dedicate our money, time, and commitment to your service.
May our offerings further your compassion, justice, and peace
for all our neighbors, your people; through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "Lord of All Good"

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.
We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.
Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith	Senior Associate Pastor
Matt Helms	Associate Pastor
Jeffrey Doane	Parish Associate for Older Adults
Brian Satre	Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet	

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Samme Orwig on behalf of the Stewardship and Giving Council and our 2022 stewardship campaign, "Called to Be a Church Alive." You can find details about the campaign, including pledge forms, at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

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.

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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 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

“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. Additional information about the stewardship campaign, including a pledge form to download for those who prefer that format, is available at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



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).



Volunteers are needed to help serve Sunday Night Supper guests in upcoming weeks. You can sign up to help with Fourth Church Meals Ministry by using VOMO, our online Volunteer Ministry platform (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). All individuals volunteering in person with Fourth Church must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org



John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman are teaching a three-week class on the Old Testament figure **David: “Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch.”** This class meets in person in Borwell Dining Room on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/david1021*) and is also recorded for viewing online later in the week. * **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** is offered on Wednesday, October 27 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).



Knitting and Crocheting gathers via Zoom on Tuesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. **Women at Fourth** meets for a program about Chicago Lights Tutoring and Fourth Church Meals Ministry on Thursday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * **Cornerstones’** online November gathering for adults fifty and over will feature author Greg Borzo talking about his book **Lost Restaurants of Chicago** on Friday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1121

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**

Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! We are marking our 150th anniversary in various ways, including **next Sunday morning, October 24**, when we hope you will join us in worship at 10:00 a.m., whether in person or online, as we welcome **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 Truett 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 that service 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 look forward as well to using for the first time that Sunday **new Ordinary Time banners** commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial. * We also encourage you to visit 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.



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, providing opportunity to exchange ideas with leaders in the areas of arts and culture, caring for others, racial justice, and community.



An organ concert by Aaron David Miller on Friday evening, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Sherer as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church. This in-person concert will also be livestreamed and will include Aaron David Miller premiering his composition **“Sonata for a Sacred Space,”** commissioned by the congregation in honor of John Sherer’s twenty-five years at Fourth Church.



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, November 7 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/inquirersclass1121; 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 **Replegle 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)

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