



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**

Let us bless God at all times!

God's praise will be continually in our mouths.

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.

God has filled our mouths with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!

Let us worship God, who gives us a future filled with hope.

* 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*) "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that
we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You see our need when we are blind to it.

**You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith
and the harm we do to others and to your earth.**

**Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors,
for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.**

Let our faults fall from before your eyes, O God, as you open ours.

Hear our prayer and save us. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

ANTIPHON: *May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

ANTIPHON

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Mark 10:46–52

Sermon *Rocky Supinger*

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*)

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us, your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you
and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** (*congregation is invited to hum*) "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

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.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor

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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

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday! That day we will lift up all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives, and so we ask that **by Sunday, October 31** you please **submit your 2022 pledge** to "Called to Be a Church Alive." You can make your pledge at bit.ly/fpcpledge or by using the pledge forms mailed earlier this autumn. Each pledge of support to our 2022 stewardship campaign contributes to the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. 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).



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.

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 encourage you to visit our website, 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. * A **Michigan Avenue Forum** on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (and livestreamed) will present **“Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century,”** a conversation among notable church and community speakers that commemorates our 150th anniversary and looks at Fourth Church’s history as a citizen of Chicago. Moderated by Lucy Forster-Smith, this panel discussion will bring together **Shannon Kershner**; 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. This Michigan Avenue Forum will be followed by an in-person **“The Next 150 Years”** program on Saturday morning, November 13, an opportunity to further explore the topics discussed on Tuesday evening by exchanging ideas in conversations led by Fourth Church members and program partners focusing on **arts and culture, community, racial justice and diversity, equity and inclusion, and well-being**. After an introductory greeting from Shannon Kershner, two breakout sessions will be held, and after a break, a second pair of sessions will convene. For more information, contact Lewis Hamer (lhamer@fourthchurch.org).



Knitting and Crocheting will gather via Zoom this Tuesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. * Wednesday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m., the **Benevolent Guild** will meet in person; registration is required. * A **Domestic Violence Awareness candlelight vigil** with Between Friends will be held this Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. * **Women at Fourth** meets via Zoom for a program about Chicago Lights Tutoring and Fourth Church Meals Ministry—and adaptations they are making in response to the pandemic—this Thursday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. * An **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** Happy Hour will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. For details for any of these gatherings, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * Also on Tuesday, November 2 the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss **A Gentle Answer: Our “Secret Weapon” in an Age of Us against Them** by Scott Sauls at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, register online at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1121 * At the **Cornerstones’** online November gathering for adults fifty and over, author Greg Borzo will be 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



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 **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).

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