



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Fling wide the gate of the temple!

**Open up the ancient doors!**

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

**Who is this mighty and glorious one?**

This is the Lord God for whom we have waited.

\* 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 sing while wearing a mask*). . . . "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

## **We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

### **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Gracious and assuring God, we know that your will for us is to live in unity and peace  
with one another.**

**And yet, O God, we struggle to live and believe your good news, shown in Jesus.**

**We profess to be disciples, yet we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.**

**We affirm the need to be generous, and yet we withhold all except the minimum.**

**We set our sights on serving others, and yet we indulge in selfish desires and seeking  
personal gain.**

**O God of grace and goodness, we are sorry. Forgive us, we pray,  
and free us to follow you with joy and love.**

**Come close to us so that in confidence we can love others and this world with  
abandon and your gracious freedom.**

**Through Christ we pray. 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 24

*(The congregation sings the antiphon while masked)*

**ANTIPHON:** *Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord? Those with clean hands and a pure heart.  
Who is the ruler of glory? God is the ruler of glory.*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.  
For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?  
Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being,  
nor do they pledge by what is false.  
They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

#### ANTIPHON

Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

#### ANTIPHON

**Scripture** ..... Acts 2:42–47, 4:32–35

**Sermon: "Defined by Generosity"** ..... Shannon J. Kershner

## 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 for Our Offerings and Pledges** (*responsively*)

The creator of all life and love has given our earth bountiful blessings. God created humanity to share in the wonder and joy of these blessings. All thanks be to God, giver and receiver of all that is good.

**We return to God portions of what God has given us:  
our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.**

May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in God's sight.

**May the gifts we bring show that God's reign is at hand—both now and to come.**

### **We Go Out with Gratitude**

##### **\*Closing Song** (*congregation is invited to sing while wearing a mask*) . . . "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

##### **\*Benediction**

#### **Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

**Lucy Forster-Smith** Associate Pastor

**Rocky Supinger** Associate Pastor

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Liz Kurman** Liturgist

**The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**

## Worship Notes

**Today is Reformation day**, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation.

On this day we give thanks for the Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the “To Make a Gift” button on our website: [fourthchurch.org](http://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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**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

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**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.



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. \* **Worshippers are invited to sing while masked.** Singing has been identified as one of the riskiest behaviors during this pandemic, due to the high level of aerosol spread while people sing, and that risk remains. However, as COVID infection rates in Chicago continue to decrease and the vaccination rate continues to increase, we can resume singing as long as we continue to wear masks. We invite those who are concerned about being near those who are singing even though masked to worship with us from home via our 10:00 a.m. livestream, which is also available for viewing later in the week, or our weekly **"Rhythm and Word"** videos. \* **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. \* **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. \* The church campus remains closed. On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the 4:00 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. Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher.



**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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/reopening)

**Today is Commitment Sunday**, the day we lift up our pledges to **“Called to Be a Church Alive,”** our 2022 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. During worship we will dedicate our pledges to the work of God’s kingdom, as we each answer the **invitation to join in God’s re-creating and reconciling work in this world** through our financial support. If you have not already made **your pledge for 2022** indicating your support for and investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, we encourage you to take this opportunity to do so online at [www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge](http://www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge); additional details are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) and are also available from Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).



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](http://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](http://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](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)). \* A **virtual Sacred Pause** time of meditation is hosted by our Replogle Center at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)*) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://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](http://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](mailto:vaxproof@fourthchurch.org)



Next Sunday, November 7 at 11:15 a.m. Lois Snavelly will lead us in looking at how to discern vocational calling in a secular workplace. Cohosted by the Adult Education Committee and the TwentiesThirties fellowship group, this three-week **“Discerning Vocation”** class will meet via Zoom on November 7 (email Lewis Hamer at [lhamer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lhamer@fourthchurch.org) for details) and then meet in person the following two Sundays. \* **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** is offered on Wednesday, November 10 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](mailto: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](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**An organ concert by Aaron David Miller** on Friday, 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 the premier of the commissioned composition **“Sonata for a Sacred Space.”**

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)**



**Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial!** We encourage you to visit our website, [www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://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 Blakley**, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and **William Schweiker**, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School. This 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](mailto:lhamer@fourthchurch.org)).



An **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** Happy Hour will be held via Zoom this Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* This 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 at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1121](http://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** this Friday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones1121](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones1121) \* Next Tuesday, November 9 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey** by Kathleen Rooney. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). Newcomers are always welcome to join in these conversations. \* On Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. we will be **singing carols** (*while masked*) on the steps of the Sanctuary as part of the **Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival**.



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](http://www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1121); for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* Watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and the **church calendar** ([www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)) and follow us on **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://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 **Reprogle 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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