



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Jesus says, "The days are surely coming. Do not be alarmed."

**Though nation rise against nation—**

"Do not be alarmed."

**Kingdom against kingdom—**

"Do not be alarmed."

**Earthquakes, fires, famines—**

"Do not be alarmed. The days are surely coming, and God will be with us." Let us worship God.

\* 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 sings while masked*) . . . . . “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;  
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and through eternity I’ll sing on..

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

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

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** ..... Psalm 16

*(congregation sings the antiphon while masked)*

**ANTIPHON:** *My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.  
I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.

**ANTIPHON**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.  
I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**ANTIPHON**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture** ..... Mark 13:1–8

**Sermon** ..... *Shannon Kershner*

## **We Feast Together**

### **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**

**How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done?**

**You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self.**

**Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done in our church,  
in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## We Go Out with Gratitude

**\*Closing Song** (*congregation sings while masked*) . . . . . “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

**Rocky Supinger** Associate Pastor

**Shannon Kershner** Pastor

**Larry Kerley** 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](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

**Lucy Forster-Smith**, Senior Associate Pastor

**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

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**Nanette Sawyer**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group 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.** \* 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. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. \* **Worshippers are invited to sing while masked.** We invite those who are concerned about being near those who are singing 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. \* 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)). \* 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)*).

**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)**

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://www.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://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)). \* 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://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://www.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 **Replogle 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). \* Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org))



**This Friday, November 19 Aaron David Miller will present an organ concert** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ. 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. \* 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.



Women at Fourth is coordinating our annual **Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students**. To support this project we are collecting gift cards to Target, Amazon, and Walmart. If you are **dropping off gift cards** at the church, please mark them as to the attention of Simon Crow and designate the amount on the card(s). (*We are giving \$30 worth of gift cards to each student.*) We are also purchasing a book to give to each student and appreciate **monetary contributions to support the book purchases**. Monetary gifts can be made to Fourth Church, noting "Christmas Wishes" in the comments/memo line. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* We invite you to honor a loved one with a **contribution toward the Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel**. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgift](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift)** and must be received by December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).



On Thanksgiving Day 2021 we will not be gathering in person for worship. Instead we will be sharing a **Thanksgiving-themed "Rhythm and Word" video** on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Thursday, November 25. When you or those with whom you may be gathering are looking for fifteen minutes of spiritual reflection during which to pause to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, we invite you to view the music-and-word worship experience released that day.