



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Variations on “All Creatures of Our God and King” Diane Bish

God of Grace and God of Glory Jason W. Krug

Introit :: “The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth” George Thalben-Ball

The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us rejoice and be glad and give honor unto him. Alleluia!

***Doxology** (congregation is invited to sing while wearing a mask)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.[†] Amen.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord,*

All: *who reigns over all creation.*

Leader: *Give honor to God,*

All: *whose love endures forever.*

Leader: *Give glory to the Great Redeemer,*

All: *whose gospel is our horizon of hope.*

Leader: *Give praise to the Good Shepherd,*

All: *who guides us through fields of abundance.*

Leader: *Give to the Holy One all our mind, strength, and soul,*

All: *for in God we live, move, and have our being.*



**Please rise in body or spirit. [†]Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 267** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our king: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, Almighty God, we call you Lord
but put our trust in power, money, or adulation from others.
We speak of your beloved community
but exclude from it those whose customs or perspectives differ from our own.
We speak of your justice but prefer when it costs us little.
We yearn for your peace but fail to protect the vulnerable from violence.
Forgive us, Lord.
Extend your rule to our stubborn minds, longing hearts, and wayward spirits
until the day your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem :: “Be Thou My Vision” Bob Chilcott

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word; be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true child; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure thou art;
great heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, ruler of all.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 132:1–12

***Gloria Patri** (*congregation sings while masked*)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†] as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson John 18:33–38

Sermon :: “You Say That I Am a King” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Anthem :: “Antiphon” from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*). Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

New Members

Prayers of the People

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.

Minute for Mission

Offering

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

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love.
And so this day we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world.
May they be multiplied to do your service.
And may we be strengthened to carry your life and hope to this world.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 268** *(congregation sings while masked)* “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***Charge and Benediction**

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along (while masked)
with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude

King of Kings. African American spiritual / arr. Ralph Simpson

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude.
If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*



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We are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth 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.** 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.** ✳ 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. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ✳ **The congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✳ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✳ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✳ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. ✳ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors. ✳ **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. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.

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**

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern.** ✱ On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). ✱ A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



For those who prefer to worship online or who 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 and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service. ✱ **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).



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please 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. ✱ If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). ✱ **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✱ **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers via Zoom this Tuesday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Cornerstones**, a group for adults fifty and over, will gather online for a **Christmas concert by John Sherer and Cole Seaton** on Friday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1221 ✱ On Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. **Women at Fourth** will come together via Zoom to celebrate the festive and joyous spirit of the Christmas season with fun, games, readings, laughter, and fellowship. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/wf1221

On Thanksgiving Day 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) on Thursday, November 25 at 8:00 a.m. *(and available any time after that)*. We invite you to view this music-and-word worship experience whenever 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. *(This video will be our “Rhythm and Word” offering for the week; there will not be one on Wednesday, November 24.)*



The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 28! Daily Advent **devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning that Sunday as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can **receive them in your inbox** (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago). ✨ Also available as a resource for your Advent prayer and reflection will be a weekly **“Rhythm and Word” Advent video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, a meditation, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, will be released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on December 1 *(where they will also be available for viewing afterwards)*. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail



“What Is Waiting to Be Born in You” is an Advent invitation to explore through movement, meditation, words, music, and visioning the sacred gifts we offer to ourselves, each other, God, and the world at this uncertain time. Sue Schemper, a Fourth Church member, licensed clinical professional counselor, and spiritual director, will lead us in this exploration during a **Saturday morning Advent workshop** hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council, Adult Education Committee, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on December 4 at 9:00 a.m. For Zoom details register online at www.bit.ly/adventworkshop21



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (**www.fourthchurch.org**), Facebook (**facebook.com/fourthchurch**), and Instagram (**instagram.com/fourthchurch**). ✨ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar ✨ Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

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 Amazon, Target, and Walmart. If you are dropping off **gift cards** at the church, please do so by Friday, December 3, mark them 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 more details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Again this year we invite you to honor a loved one with a **contribution toward the Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift** and must be received by Sunday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Throughout this season of giving we are also receiving a **“Light Up a Life” offering**, which extends mercy, kindness, and love to those who are most vulnerable. Gifts to this offering support the mission and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights as they provide hot meals, clothing, encouragement, and extra support. Gifts can be made to this offering by noting “Light Up a Life” in the comments section (or memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church) when giving online via Venmo or the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online).



As we look ahead to the Advent and Christmas seasons, we hope you will mark these special worship opportunities on your calendar: **Advent Lessons and Music** on Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. *(in person and livestreamed)*. ✱ The **Longest Night** service, for those experiencing grief and sadness, on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. *(in person only)*. ✱ The **Christmas Eve Children’s Pageant**, which will be online only, streamed on Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. ✱ Our **Christmas Eve Family Service** at 6:00 p.m. *(in person only)*; seating will be socially distanced. ✱ Two **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Services**, one at 8:00 p.m. *(in person and livestreamed)* and one at 10:00 p.m. *(in person only)*. There will be no socially distanced seating at either 8:00 or 10:00 p.m., so we invite those who prefer social distancing to worship with us at 6:00 p.m. For health reasons, at all three in-person services on Christmas Eve we will be using battery-operated tea lights rather than lit candles during “Silent Night” so that worshipers do not have to blow out candles. ✱ Our **Christmas Day Service** on Saturday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. *(in person only; those who would like an online worship opportunity on Christmas Day are invited to watch the online Christmas Day service from last year or the Christmas Eve service)*.

Today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room Lois Snavely will lead us in the final **“Discerning Vocation”** class. ✱ One of our most popular adult education classes has been “God in the Modern Wing,” exploring spiritual and artistic expression in the work of modern abstract artists. On Sunday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m., Walter Hansen will return to lead a one-session class, **“God in the Modern Wing: The Book,”** looking at the book that grew out of those presentations and following it with an optional walk to the Art Institute of Chicago to view some of the works. You can register for the class, which will meet in Borwell Dining Room, at www.bit.ly/modernwing1205

✱ A **Muslim–Presbyterian interfaith dialogue about Maryam/Mary** will take place online on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/dialogue120721 ✱ Also on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss via Zoom **IRL: Finding Realness, Meaning, and Belonging in Our Digital Lives** by Chris Stedman. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1221 ✱ On Tuesday, December 14 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss people’s favorite **Agatha Christie books**. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ This Friday our **Organist John Sherer** will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance*. Our concerts are livestreamed and available later on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms.



Sunday School (ages 3 through grade 5) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. ✱ **Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. ✱ **Junior High Youth** meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High Youth** meet at 11:15 a.m. ✱ **Youth parents** gather for fellowship at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor.



Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! During this 150th anniversary year 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. ✱ Commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial are new **Ordinary Time banners**. Designed by Ellie Cotey, with additional sewing done by members of the Benevolent Guild, these banners, paraments, and stoles depict Chicago and its landscape and, with rays of radiating light, evoke this congregation’s call to be a light in the city. The pulpit parament incorporates a map of Chicago; the lectern paraments and stoles bring together the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of the prairies surrounding city; and the hanging banners offer images of local wildflowers.

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Worship Leaders

Laura Supinger, David Handley, Daniel Park, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

The Handbell Choir

Briana Belding-Peck, Handbell Director

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY WE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF FOURTH CHURCH: Patricia Asbridge, Emily Crum, Stephen Johnson, Beth Schramm, and Patrick Sheahan. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Fourth Church, we invite you to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION, presented by Liz Gilbert, highlights Christmas giving opportunities, which include the Christmas Wishes project collecting gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students; contributions for Christmas wreaths and flowers; and the Light Up a Life offering.

THE ARRANGER OF THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE, Ralph Simpson (b. 1933), is the retired chair of the Department of Music at Tennessee State University. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, he was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in music from Michigan State University.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ongoing ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the "To Make a Gift" button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org).

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

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Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry

David Handley Interim Minister for Caring Ministries

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Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

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