



Christ the King Sunday

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord,
who reigns over all creation.

Give honor to God,
whose love endures forever.

Give glory to the Great Redeemer,
whose gospel is our horizon of hope.

Give praise to the Good Shepherd,
who guides us through fields of abundance.

Give to the Holy One all our mind, strength, and soul,
for in God we live, move, and have our being.

* 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*) “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!

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**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.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 132:1–12

(congregation sings the antiphon while masked)

ANTIPHON: *I will not rest until I find a place for the Mighty One.*

Lord, remember David,
and all the hardships he endured;
how he swore an oath to the Lord
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
“I will not come under the roof of my house,
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not allow my eyes to sleep,
nor let my eyelids slumber;
until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

ANTIPHON

“The ark! We heard it was in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Ja’ar.
Let us go to God’s dwelling-place;
let us fall upon our knees before God’s footstool.”
Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,
you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.
For your servant David’s sake,
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

ANTIPHON

The Lord has sworn an oath to David,
and in truth, will not break it:
“A son, the fruit of your body,
will I set upon your throne.
If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their children will sit upon your throne forevermore.”

ANTIPHON

Scripture John 18:33–38

Sermon *Lucy Forster-Smith*

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**

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.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** (*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.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

David Handley Interim Minister for Caring Ministries

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Louise Gram Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission 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.

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.** * 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 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). * Each week 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/rhythmandwordemail*).

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**

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 at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (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



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 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 details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * We invite you to honor a loved one with a **contribution toward the Christmas flowers and wreaths that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel**. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **Contributions can be made online at 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). * 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, 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 via Venmo or the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online).

