

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 23, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Introit

*Doxology (congregation sings while masked)

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: Our God says,

"Do not remember the former things or consider things of old.

People: I am about to do a new thing.

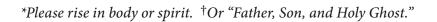
Leader: The new thing springs forth—do you perceive it?

People: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Leader: I will give drink to those whom I choose,

People: so God's people will declare praise!"

All: Let us worship the Living God!



*Hymn 796 (congregation sings while masked) "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Dear God, we come before you with heavy hearts and worn spirits.

You know us before we say a word, and you know all the things we're sorry for: the unkind words, the dishonest dealings, the half-hearted joys.

You know too the sins of our culture:

our shutting out those who are different;

our turning our eyes from those in need;

our preoccupation with our own needs and wants.

Receive our contrition, O God.

Search our hearts and cleanse all that keeps us from you

so that, opening our lives to your forgiveness, we may turn again to life—refreshed, renewed, reordered. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Listening for the Word

In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to thee are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

How can I keep from singing?

rayer for Illumination
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iloria 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.
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Things Jesus Never Said: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves" Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. (*Refrain*)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. (*Refrain*)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem : "Sometimes a Light Surprises"..... Gustav Holst; arr. Mark Hill

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings. When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new. Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may. It can bring with it nothing, but God will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too; beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread. Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit should bear. Though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for wile in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice. Amen.

*Offertory Response (congregation sings while masked) The Hymnal, 712 (verse 3)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,

to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,

help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*Prayer of Dedication

For the life you have given to us;

for the love you have made known in Jesus, your Son;

for the blessing of being able to return to you a portion of our livelihood—

time, talent, treasure, we are ever grateful, O God.

We ask your blessing on us, our life together and these gifts

that reach to those who await your amazing bounty; through Christ. Amen.

Bearing the World into the World

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song; amid all the saints God's praises prolong; a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise, all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim, with gladness, O God, we praise your great name; for now in your people good pleasure you seek; with robes of salvation you cover the meek.

In glory exult, all saints of the Lord; with song in the night high praises accord; go forth in God's service and strong in God's might to conquer all evil and stand for the right.

For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail, but over the earth their power shall prevail; all kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway. To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther; arr. Miriam Carpinetti

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.

We are glad to be worshiping 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.



All seating for worship is socially distanced, in both the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. and Buchanan Chapel at 4:00 p.m. as we as a community respond to the current COVID-19 surge. ** On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, everyone continues to be required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth. Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. ** For those worshiping 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 during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



The **congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being around those who are singing to join those who worship with us from home via livestream.

** For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and at www.bit.ly/FPCworship; 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). ** You can also subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons to receive the sermon text by email.

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**

If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather each Sunday for a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and a 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan 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. ** 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.



For those who are seeking a time for prayer, on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. In January we are also holding in-person Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Also during January, Buchanan Chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ** A Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ** Devotions written by church members and staff for you to use as a resource for meditation and prayer are available daily by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) and at fourthchurch.org/devotions



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, please 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 email caringministries@ fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ** If you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.

This morning we continue our four-session class on "The 1619 Project," discussing slavery's continuing legacy of injustice and inequality. It takes place at 11:15 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (seating is socially distanced) and via Zoom. (For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class; the class will also be available for viewing on our website in the days ahead.) Guest speakers are leading conversation about the history of slavery; cultural and religious practices brought to America from Africa; the history of the Great Migration in Chicago; the 1919 race riot and its origins; and present-day socioeconomic struggles in America's and Chicago's Black community. This morning's speaker is David Daniels III, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary. Next week Bradford Hunt, History Department Chair at Loyola University, will lead the class.



The Mark Lomax Quartet will be in concert at Fourth Church on Friday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Their performance of "Let There Be Light" will welcome in-person attendance as well as be livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ** Our Friday Noonday Concerts continue this week with our Organist John Sherer presenting the in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, January 28. The concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (to which you can subscribe to receive notification of our new concerts) and are available to view afterwards. For a complete concert schedule, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) on Friday, March 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This annual event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center programs—as well as the work of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. To reserve tickets or become an event sponsor, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022 ** The Gala is looking for individuals to donate unique items and services for the silent auction of the Gala of Hope 2022. If you have something you would like to offer or would like more information about the Gala, please email Laura Woods (lwoods@chicagolights.org)



Fourth Church has a variety of **job openings**, including for a staff accountant, a human resources director, an administrative assistant, a Center for Life and Learning director, and a worship coordinator. If you know someone who would be a good fit for one of the roles, please let them know about the postings, which can be found at www.fourthchurch.org/about/employment.html

Youth ministry has three trips planned for this coming summer; a Junior High mission trip to St. Louis (June 26–July 1), a Senior High mission trip to Memphis (July 9–15), and the Youth Triennium of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (July 24–27). The registration deadline for the trips is January 31. Details and registration links are available at www.fourthchurch.org/youth ** Youth programs meet on Sunday mornings, with eighth-grade Confirmation meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, Junior High Youth at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and Senior High Youth at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For youth group details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ** Sunday School (ages 3 through grade 5) meets via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. (email Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org for details) and in person at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another online.** In response to the COVID surge, we will not be inviting in-person worshipers to greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons following the 10:00 a.m. service. Instead we encourage you in the coming week to make a point of reaching out and connecting with someone via text, a phone call, or a written **note**—be it someone from Fourth Church, someone with whom you have not been in touch for a while, or someone you think might be feeling lonely or isolated. **** Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m., and the Benevolent Guild—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details for either gathering, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ** The First Tuesday Book Club will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss **Sanctuary: Being Christian in the Wake of Trump** by Heidi Neumark, which explores what it looks like to live out essential Christian convictions in community with others. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday222 *** Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evening, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Girl* Who Wrote In Silk by Kelli Estes. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). **Cornerstones,** a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a presentation by Joe Morrow, Associate Pastor, and Jose Morales, Professor of Church History at Chicago Theological Seminary, about recent debates over Critical **Race Theory.** For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones221



A new adult education course will explore the **Presbyterian Church (USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith.**To register for this class, which will meet both in person and via Zoom on Sundays, February 9–20 following morning worhip, register at www.bit.ly/briefstatement222

Volunteers are needed to help with the Meals Ministry Bag Lunch program. Bag lunches and hot drinks are served in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with limited seating to allow for social distancing. You can sign up to help with Bag Lunch or with Sunday Night Supper by using VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry platform. All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org ** The Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center is in need of men's pants, sweaters, coats, gloves, scarves, and backpacks. New and gently used donations that are clean and free from any rips, stains, or tears can be dropped off at the church reception desk Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For more information, email Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org) to coordinate a drop-off time. ** The Social Service Center also needs volunteers to help with sorting, sizing, and organizing donated clothes for distribution to participants. If you are interested in volunteering on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., please sign up at www.bit.ly/sscsorting2022



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. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically! **

On Sunday, February 13, 2022, we will conclude our sesquicentennial celebrations with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach that morning, and we hope that current and former members and staff will come together in worship that day—whether online or in person—as we give thanks for this congregation's legacy and look toward our future. The service will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, at which we will elect new officers.



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, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (required for membership) and discover more about Fourth Church, sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass221; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). ******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 ****** To ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church, including our weekly email newsletter, add your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith, Hope Daniels, Nanette Sawyer, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist; Michael Rees, Organ Scholar John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Bill Patterson on behalf of the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope.

THE ARRANGER OF TODAY'S POSTLUDE, Miriam Carpinetti, lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she is an active and prolific composer. She arranged Luther's famous chorale tune "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" for the Orgelbuchlein Project, an international effort to complete one of Bach's compositions, the Orgelbuchlein ("Little Organ Book"). Bach's manuscript for the Orgelbuchlein has 118 missing pieces, ghostly gaps with only the title penned by Bach. Carpinetti's contribution to fill in one of them is in the style of another famous organ composer, Olivier Messiaen.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates, which will be passed at the time of the Offering, or, after the service, 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).

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