



Transfiguration of the Lord

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

In life and in death, we belong to God;
**through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

* 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*) “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We trust in you, O God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love you created the world good and make everyone equally in your image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against you; we hide from you, our Creator.
Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve your condemnation, O God.
Yet you act with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon while masked*) Psalm 15

ANTIPHON: *Who may abide on your holy hill?*

God, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide on your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right

who speaks truth from the heart, with no guile upon the tongue.

ANTIPHON

Whoever does no evil to friends,

who does not heap contempt upon neighbors,

in whose sight the wicked are rejected,

but honors those who fear God,

who has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back a word,

who does not give money in hope of gain,

nor take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lesson Luke 9:28–36

Sermon *Matt Helms*

Musical Reflection

Gloria (*congregation sings while masked*)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

Sanctus (*congregation sings while masked*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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**

**Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation.**

**Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness
to touch an ordinary, everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.**

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** (*congregation sings while masked*). "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms	Associate Pastor
Jeffrey Doane	Parish Associate
Ken Gaines	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 (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.

Acknowledgments

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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**. 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 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. * In Friday's weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*see the box below to subscribe*), we shared the following note **in light of the City of Chicago lifting its mask mandate** in most settings: *As Shannon Kershner wrote in her congregational email last week, "until you hear otherwise, please assume that we will keep doing what we are doing now—masks required, restricted campus access and hours, etc. I thank you for your patience." The wide range of programs, activities, and participants that are part of our Fourth Church and Chicago Lights community make how we move forward around masking complex, particularly given the number of vulnerable populations we serve—from preschoolers to older adults to those with insufficient access to health care—and given the range of staff and volunteers who work with them. So while we will not be lifting our mask mandate on February 28, please know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like around masks, in-person programs, and more!*



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**. * **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. * **Worship in the Chapel can be heard** through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. * **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. * The **doors open for worship** on Sundays 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 livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*)

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**

This Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday. In observance of this solemn day, **Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 p.m. (*Shannon Kershner preaching*) and 7:30 p.m. (*Rocky Supinger preaching*). Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes. The 7:30 p.m. service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). * We will also be offering **“Ashes on the Way”** on Wednesday. Pastors and members will be present outside the Sanctuary between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.



As we look ahead to Lent, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection** during the season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, simply **subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions** (if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the *Lenten ones automatically*). * Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, will be released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail * **Zoom Small Groups for Lent** will start the week of February 27. If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for **a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



For those facing life’s challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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 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.



The annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) **this Friday, March 4**. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; this event supports the 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—and the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**.



Interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church?** Please email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).