



First Sunday in Lent

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

This is the season of Lent, the time when we begin the long walk of faith to the cross of Jesus.

We are ready to walk the walk.

This is the gathering of God's people in worship,
a day when our hearts wait upon God, who never fails us.

We are ready to hear God's voice.

This is the hour when we hold before God our very lives: heart, mind, soul, and strength.

With courage and commitment we bring our whole self to this day.

Let us worship the living God!

We are ready, by God's grace, to worship. Praise be!

* 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*) “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: O blest is Christ who came
in God’s most holy name.

He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. (*Refrain*)

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. (*Refrain*)

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, in the community of your church and in the presence of all your people,
we confess to you that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and what we have left undone.
We have not loved you, cared for your world, or respected your people as we should.
We own our responsibility and pray for your pardon.
Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our wrongdoing.
Enter our lives with your persistent and loving grace.
And strengthen us for the days ahead. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Prayer for Illumination

PsalterPsalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Song (*congregation sings while masked*) “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done:
against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.

Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I long to see your face.
Let bones, once broken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

Scripture Lesson Luke 4:1–13

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

Musical Reflection

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**

**Abundant God, in this wilderness and on the sacred journey to the cross,
you call us to share the love and nourishment given by your hand.**

**Accept our offering, given in gratitude,
so that what you have placed in our stewardship
might become abundance and blessings for all on life's journey. Amen.**

***Closing Song** (*congregation sings while masked*). "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (*Refrain*)

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor
Cornell Wilson Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Worship Notes

We are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the special offering envelopes located near the offering box, designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give-online, or write that designation on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian 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**. 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 the 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 in late February, “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 have not yet lifted our mask mandate, 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**. * **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**

During this season of self-reflection and prayer,, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. Subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive the meditations daily via email.

✱ Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**.

These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are 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 ✱ 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/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✱ On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also 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).



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions this Wednesday, March 9, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom links or more information about either Bible study, 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.



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class next Sunday, March 13 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/inquirersclass322; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



For resources and additional 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 and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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