

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- O People, Lament Your Great Sin. Johann Sebastian Bach
- Petite Suite. Darius Milhaud
- II. Priere
- Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp Minor. Louis Vierne
- IV. Adagio

Introit :: “God Be in My Head” Arlen Clarke

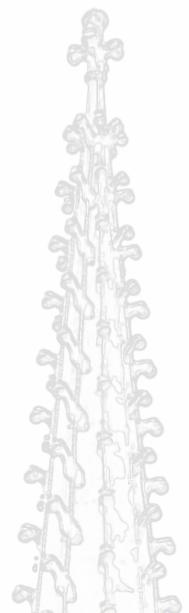
*God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
 God be at mine end and at my departing.*

*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: The Holy One is here in this community of faith.
People: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Leader: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever.
People: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Leader: Let us meditate on God’s wondrous works.
People: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Leader: Let us bless and praise God’s name forever and ever.
People: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!



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

***Hymn 49** (*congregation sings while masked*) “The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet’s word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you are before and behind us, around and within us.
We give thanks for your constant presence,
even as we admit that we don’t always travel in the light of your way.
We are impeded by fear, by society, and by the demands of the urgent.
We pray for a clear path, to stay the course with courage and resolve,
and we confess that even when we know your direction, we detour instead.
We prefer the easier and seemingly safer way, even if it is not where you call us.
Forgive us, O God. Steady us and turn our eyes to you and where you lead.
You are our God. You meet us where we are and never leave us ever. Amen.

(Please hold silence.)

Kyrie (*congregation sings while masked*) The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem :: “O Love Divine” Irish folk melody; arr. John Hudson

O Love Divine, amazing love, that brought to earth from heaven above the Son of God for us to die, that we might dwell on high. He died for you, he died for me, and shed his blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns he bore; for us a robe of scorn he wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again our souls to save. O wanderer, come, on him believe, his grace by faith receive. Awake, rise, and hear his call, the feast is spread for all.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 27

***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 Luke 13:31–35

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 829** (*congregation sings while masked*) “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee

pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow’s tears away;

nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll;

blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;

O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Kyrie" Michael Allen

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Offertory Response *(congregation sings while masked)* The Hymnal, 224 *(verse 4)*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

God of grace, who guides us on our Lenten journeys,
may we deepen our discipleship during these days as we strive to follow Jesus.
Empower us to respond in gratitude
through the commitment of our money, time, our very lives,
enhancing the well-being of our neighbors in need.
We pray through Jesus, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 687** (*congregation sings while masked*) “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude = Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp Minor.L. Vierne
V. Final

*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.*

Baptized in Today's Service

William Robert Asbridge, child of Alec and Tricia Asbridge
Grace Marie Corstange, child of Brian Corstange and Emma Vis
Tristan James Gross, child of Paul and Melanie Gross
Graeme William Stewart, child of Robert and Kristi Stewart
Harriet Ann Stewart, child of Robert and Kristi Stewart
Marie Adeline Szafraniec, child of John and Mary Christina Szafraniec



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.



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 all socially distanced. ✳ 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. ✳ On the Fourth Church campus, **everyone is required to wear a mask, 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 during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where 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 as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✳ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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

In the weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc*), 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 when we do!”



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.



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** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** 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). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Each Sunday during Lent we are **extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✨ **The season of Lent** calls Christians to embrace the **faith journey** by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the **gifts of faith**—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross. ✨ In this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. To receive the meditations daily via email, **simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions**. ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences weaving together scripture, prayer, and blues music are released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions on Wednesday, March 23, 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). ✨ This morning we conclude a three-week class on **“The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith”** at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G as well as via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/bookofjob22. ✨ Next Sunday, March 20 we will begin a new three-week adult education class, **“Israel and Palestine: How We Talk about the Conflict.”** The class, which will be led by Nanette Sawyer, will be held both in Room 5G and via Zoom. For Zoom details, contact Allison MacDonna (amacdonna@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Among the latest episodes in the **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger are “Top Ten Overrated Bible Verses” and “Top Ten Most Convicting Bible Verses.” You can find the episodes at fourthchurch.org/podcast



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. ✨ **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets in person this Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets online on Tuesday afternoon, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. For details about participating in either group, email Simon Crow (scrow@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. ✨ 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).



Those who are interested in singing with our Fourth Church Gospel Choir are invited to join the choir's rehearsals, directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. ✨ The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. Directed by John Sherer, this choir, which is preparing music for Maundy Thursday and other upcoming services, rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information about the choirs at Fourth Church, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). *All singers in Fourth Church choirs must submit proof of COVID vaccination.* ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with **Mike Brozik (trumpet) and Patrick Godon (piano)** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, March 18. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



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 **Reprogle 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.



For resources and additional ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.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 **receive the latest updates from Fourth Church**, including our **weekly email newsletter**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

The Session of Fourth Church has called a **congregational meeting for Sunday, March 27** following 10:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to **receive and act on their recommendation of a candidate to serve this congregation as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation**. The meeting will be held both in person and online, with Zoom details posted on the church website in the week leading up to the meeting. The candidate will be present for the meeting, and information about that person will be shared that morning, as we respect the necessary confidentiality until then, as the individual is currently employed elsewhere.



To help provide **emergency humanitarian aid** such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, and more to **those affected by the war in Ukraine**, you can **give a gift online through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** at pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine. A portion of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering that we are receiving throughout Lent will also be given to PDA.



Fourth Church Shower Ministry is in need of hygiene items, specifically unused travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, bandages, and combs. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk, to the attention of “Shower Ministry.” * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers** to help with a variety of projects—opportunities that can be done at home, behind the scenes at church, or by interacting with our guests. See Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), to learn more.



Women at Fourth will gather online for a program by Jeannine Forrest on “**Dementia 101**” on Thursday evening, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcwaf322 * **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** will gather via Zoom on Wednesday evening, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and a discussion led by Nanette Sawyer on what the Bible really says and does not say about sexual diversity. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * Charles Schaefer, Professor of History and International Studies at Valparaiso University, will present a program on **Ukraine, Russia, and Putin** at the Friday evening, April 1 **Cornerstones** online gathering for those fifty and over. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones422



Interested in **learning more about Fourth Church** or **becoming a member**? Contact Joe Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Stephanette Walker, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Chancel Choir

Laura Perkett, Oboist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

THE FOURTH CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR is singing from the South Balcony the first anthem in today's service, "O Love Divine." Those who are interested in singing with this volunteer choir are encouraged to contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the offering envelopes found in the pew racks, designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give-online or via Venmo, or write that designation on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Caring Ministries
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Maggie Shreve Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus

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