



Second Sunday of Easter

## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

**The cross is empty, the stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen!**

Christ enters our locked spaces and calls us to forgiveness.

**Jesus tells us, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."**

Christ enters our closed hearts and breathes new life into us.

**Jesus tells us, "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."**

Christ is alive, and love is stronger than death!

**The tomb is empty and Christ is with us even still! Let us worship the living God!**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

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*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** ..... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,  
by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood,  
yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Have mercy on us; forgive us.  
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear  
so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** ..... Psalm 118:14–29

**Song** ..... “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (*Refrain*)

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (*Refrain*)

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (*Refrain*)

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (*Refrain*)

**Scripture Lesson** ..... John 20:19–31

**Sermon** ..... *Rocky Supinger*

**Musical Reflection**

**Gloria**

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**

**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**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

## **We Offer Ourselves**

#### **Call for Offering**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Accept our gifts, generous God, as your grateful Easter people.**

**May our money, our time and commitment, our very lives,**

**be of service to you and with all our neighbors,**

**through the empowerment and leading of our risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** ..... “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.  
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;  
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.  
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;  
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers;  
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.  
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers;  
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;  
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.  
Here all the world will find a welcome;  
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

We’re gonna feast on milk and honey;  
We’re gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.  
We’re gonna feast on milk and honey;  
We’re gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

**Rocky Supinger** Associate Pastor  
**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Associate Pastor  
**Sandra Glenn** Liturgist  
**The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**

## Worship Notes

**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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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
**Lucy Forster-Smith**, Senior Associate Pastor  
**Nancy Benson-Nicol**, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation  
**Matt Helms**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry  
**Joseph L. Morrow**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement  
**Nanette Sawyer**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry  
**Rocky Supinger**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Worship  
  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate  
**Maggie Shreve**, Parish Associate for Jail Ministry  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# 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, **masks are welcome but not required**. As a mask-welcoming campus we affirm that mask wearing continues to be an effective preventative measure for individuals. Thus we not only encourage the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one, but we are also committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at the church. \* Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus may still choose to require masks. \* Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and the **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. \* **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 a half hour before the service. 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 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours). 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 service on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another**. Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) \* For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)). \* To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member** email [member@fourthchurch.org](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org) or register at [www.bit.ly/inquirersclass522](http://www.bit.ly/inquirersclass522) for a one-session Inquirers' Class taught by Rocky Supinger on Sunday, May 8 at 9:00 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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)**

We invite you to use our **devotions for the Easter season as a resource for meditation and reflection.**

Subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) to receive the meditations daily via email. \* 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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) \* 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 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)).



**For those facing life's challenges,** Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To arrange for a conversation with a Stephen Minister, 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](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org); if the situation 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](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org).



**New Zoom Small Groups** will start in May. 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](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



We are delighted that **Nancy Benson-Nicol is joining us in worship leadership** at Jazz at Four for the first time today. As she begins her ministry among us as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, please take a moment in the days ahead to extend a warm Fourth Church welcome to Nancy!



**Shannon Kershner will begin her three-month sabbatical** on Sunday, May 8. While she is away, we look forward to welcoming three guest preachers: **Barbara Lundblad** on Sunday morning, May 15; **Amantha Barbee** on Sunday morning, June 5; and **Patrick Daymond** (*whom many will remember as serving Fourth Church as a Pastoral Resident*) on Sunday morning, July 10. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, will serve as Head of Staff. For more information about this sabbatical time, see [www.fourthchurch.org/about/sabbatical.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/about/sabbatical.html)



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