



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Psalm Interpretation . . . . . Emma Lou Diemer

*Psalm 127: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain”*

*Psalm 130: “Out of the depths I cry to thee, O Lord!”*

*Psalm 91: “Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High”*

*Psalm 128: “Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!”*

**Introit** :: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” . . . . . Alexander R. Reinagle  
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!*

*It soothes all sorrows, heals all wounds, and drives away all fear.*

### \*Doxology

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: Creator God, we gather together from many places, pasts, and communities  
to celebrate and worship together as your people.*

**People:** We come to worship God.

*Leader: Jesus, life-giver, we celebrate all that brings us together.*

*We are on a journey, learning and celebrating.*

**People:** We come to worship Jesus.

*Leader: Spirit of love, we are a living community and we give thanks for the movement  
of the Spirit—ever inspiring, strengthening, moving, and challenging us.*

**All:** We come to worship the Spirit. Amen!



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

**\*Hymn 796** . . . . . “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*)

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Mission Trip Commissioning**

**Anthem** :: “Ubi caritas” . . . . . Ola Ojeilo

*Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God, and from a  
sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

### \*Gloria Patri

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.

**Second Lesson** . . . . . 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

**Sermon** . . . . . Matt Helms

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 825** . . . . . “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

*Refrain:* Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home,

tell all my friends I’m coming too, coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home,

when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

I’m sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home,

but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

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

**\*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.

**New Members**

**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**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" . . . . . German chorale; arr. Mack Wilberg  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health  
and salvation! Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration!  
Praise to the Lord! Over all things he gloriously reigneth, borne as on eagle's wings, safely his  
saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he  
ordaineth? Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee. Surely his goodness  
and mercy shall ever attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love  
doth befriend thee. Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him. All that hath breath,  
join with Abraham's seed to adore him. Let the "amen" sum all our praises again, now as we  
worship before him!*

**\*Offertory Response** . . . . . The Hymnal, 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

O most merciful and gracious God, from your open hand we have received much:  
Accept the offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it.  
Remember those who will benefit from it. Through your blessing may it promote peace,  
justice, and goodness for all. Amen.

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**Bearing the Word into the World**

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**\*Hymn 32** . . . . . “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** :: Postlude on “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” . . . . . Calvin Hampton

*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.*

# Today is Baccalaureate Sunday

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2022 graduates.

## EIGHTH GRADE

Kaziah Burks	Francesca Gustafson	Morrison Luban	Jack Ramsey
Rayvon Burton	Yasmine Hayes	Maryia Mason	Jayden Sarpong
Caroline Cochran	Jamari Hodges	Travis Marks	Laura Supinger
Christopher Cupps	Chaniel Kpekpe	Lan McAllister	Marcell Turner
Eve Lauren Daniels	Michelle Kpekpe	Michael McGhee	Alexis Unander
Jayla Davis	Jake Kozlowski	James McMillan	Sarmarja Williams
Samuel Deverman	Kate Kozlowski	Skye Myles	Aaliyah Yisrael
Alexa Farrar	Ava Lin	Kemari Porter	Jack Zeiger
Kira Gallenbeck			

## TWELFTH GRADE

Ella Buchanan	Pierce Lin Geene	Finn McGaan	Kierson Rickman
Charles Calkins	Lyle Gray	Khloe Neal	Kelvin Sarpong
Ethan Castette	Griffin Gustafson	Sarah Jane Nicholson	Anneke Stracks
Caroline May Culver	Quincy Johnson	Kyle Osenberg	Eric Charles Ward
Bobby Cupps	Kelvin Kissi	Meredith Phelps	Niyah Williams
Mark Harry Lee Delfs	Nolan McCoy		

## COLLEGE AND GRADUATE DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Ellie Bowers	Andrew Coskey	Zachary Lorico Hertz	Grace Lucille Schwandner
Eleanor Buchanan	Laurel Doak	Elizabeth Love	Albert Su
Claire Calkins	Jill Fenstermaker	Owen Meyer	Eric Wu



**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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at “medium,” we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks while on campus**. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the “medium risk” level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming—and now recommending—campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. ✳ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus choose to require masks. ✳ Additionally, while we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, **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. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



**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](http://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.

**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)

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. 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 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*) 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 worship, 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. ✨ We also gather on Wednesdays 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 open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing). ✨ We invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a resource for **meditation and reflection**. These devotions are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions); to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). ✨ Also available for your reflection is our **June “Rhythm and Word” video series** on the **fruit of the Spirit**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on June Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail). ✨ During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes as well as Spotify ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)). ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)



In the pew racks you will find a **Connection Card, which we invite you to fill out** and place in the offering plate. It provides opportunity for you to let us know in what ways you would like to connect with Fourth Church, to update your contact information, and to share prayer concerns.



To help us continue to **shape meaningful connections for the many who are engaging with us online**, we would appreciate your responses to **a brief survey** at [www.bit.ly/fpconline2022](http://www.bit.ly/fpconline2022)



**Today is Pride Sunday!** The Pride flag signs outside Fourth Church, along Michigan Avenue, are public witness to the inclusive hospitality we extend to all and to our welcome of all of God's children into the life of the church. *(A recent exterior assessment of our facilities revealed that our previous methods of hanging banners over the Sanctuary entrance were damaging the building. While we actively explore alternatives, we are not hanging banners, including the Pride banner, on the facade.)* ✨ Again this year a contingent from Fourth Church will be **marching with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches in the Chicago Pride Parade**. The parade begins at 12:00 p.m. today, and we will meet up on the west side of Broadway Ave. between Wilson and Sunnyside; see our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for details.



Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship. Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored in honor of Pride Sunday by **Fourth Church's LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** group. For information about Widen Our Welcome, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study**—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—next meets on Wednesday, June 13 for a discussion about **practicing spiritual disciplines**, specifically six disciplines that look deeply into actions lived and modeled by Jesus. We practice these activities in order to draw closer to God and train us in faithfulness, and as we commit to Bible study, prayer, and worship, over time these shape us and we are changed by our habits. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, June 28 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for the Bible studies or Knitting and Crocheting, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**For additional resources and ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)

**Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need** of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and food insecure. To learn more or explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO ([www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)).



Women at Fourth is collecting **donations for the annual School Supply Drive**. The school supplies will be given to students connected with Chicago Lights Summer Day and Tutoring, Summer Dance Academy, and the Urban Farm. For details about how to contribute or how to receive a list of items needed, contact Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ The World Mission and Social Justice Council of Fourth Church is seeking volunteers to **assist sponsored refugee families** coming from conflict areas around the world. Also needed will be items to help these families settle into a new home. **Those who are interested in helping** are asked to email [refugeeproject@fourthchurch.org](mailto:refugeeproject@fourthchurch.org) ✨ The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need** of the following items, either new or gently used: adult-sized backpacks; men's jeans and casual pants (*34–42 waist*); men's belts; men's underwear (*L, XL, 2XL*); men's tennis shoes (*sizes 10–14*). Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter via the Chestnut Street doors*). For more information, email Lynn Milligan ([lmilligan@chicagolights.org](mailto:lmilligan@chicagolights.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. ✨ 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 is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org)



**Shannon Kershner is on sabbatical** and will return August 15. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, is serving as Head of Staff.

As we return to more on-site programming, Fourth Church and Chicago Lights have implemented a new safety and security practice: **anyone present on the Fourth Church campus is required to wear a campus badge while on site**, *except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals*. Anyone who does not already have a campus badge (*except for those exceptions noted above*) will be asked to pick up a single-day badge at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk.

Reusable badges are being issued by some programs with regular, ongoing weekly programming, such as Chancel Choir. These reusable badges are only available from the staff of those programs, not from the reception desk. Anyone who does not bring their reusable campus badge is able to pick up a single-day badge.

To facilitate this process—as well as for safety and security reasons—**all access to the building is through the 126 E. Chestnut entrance only**, *except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals*. Our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all on our campus undergirds this practice, which was been under discussion since prior to the pandemic. (*Implementation was set aside while the campus was largely closed.*)

The campus badges and single-entry access point were strongly encouraged by our safety and security consultants and advisors and are also consistent with practices at other large, spread-out, multi-use buildings with spaces and uses like ours. They enable us to know who is in the building throughout the day. (*Previous unlimited access has at times resulted in unknown individuals hiding in corners of the campus.*) They also ensure that should we ever have to evacuate the buildings, we will know who was on site and needs to be accounted for.

As a congregation, **we value radical hospitality and welcome for all**, and we believe one expression of that is our care for the well-being of those who are present with us. **This safety and security practice is but one expression of that**. For those who will be joining us on site as programming on campus continues to expand, we look forward to seeing you!

## Worship Leaders

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Nancy Benson-Nicol, Macee Bumpus, Joseph L. Morrow, Matt Helms

## The Music Today

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The Men's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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THE MEN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING IN MORNING WORSHIP from May 29 through July 17, followed by the Women's Choir from July 24 through September 4. Anyone interested in participating in one of these choirs is encouraged to contact John Sherer at [jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering plates 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the "To Make a Gift" button at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)).

TODAY'S POSTLUDE WAS COMPOSED BY CALVIN HAMPTON, one of the most influential and innovative American organists of the twentieth century, shortly before his death in 1984 as an early victim of the AIDS pandemic. Hampton wrote this piece after learning that one of his favorite hymns, "When in Our Music God Is Glorified," was the closing hymn at an organist convention for which he was playing.

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**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

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**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus

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