



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 14, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.**

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## Gathering around the Word

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### **Prelude**

Adagio in G Minor. . . . . Tomaso Albinoni; arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Vocalise. . . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff; arr. Patricia Bird

### **Introit**

“O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness” . . . . . Louis Bourgeois; arr. Philip Ledger

*O thou sweetest source of gladness, light's all lovely fountainhead;*

*who alike in joy and sadness leavest none unvisited.*

*Breath of Godhead, highest King, who, upholding everything,*

*wilt uphold with love undying. Hear, O hear me humbly crying.*

### **\*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**

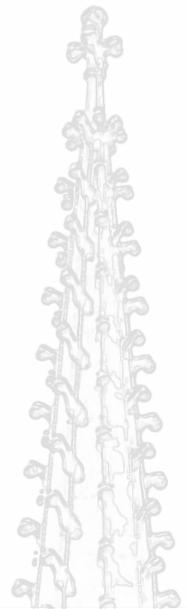
Leader: *Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,*

People: **let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely;**

Leader: *let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*

People: **Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident in the Lord,**

**All: let us worship God!**



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

**\*Hymn 730** . . . . . “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God’s love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there’s not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn’t be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care,  
our doubt of your providence, our failure to see signs of your love.  
We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;  
we separate ourselves from you and from others  
and foster divisions between those you love.  
Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people  
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Anthem** :: “Thy Holy Wings” . . . . . Swedish folk song; arr. Nancy Grundahl

*Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. O be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace. O wash me in the waters of Noah’s cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. O take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19

### \*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** . . . . . Hebrews 11:29–12:2

**Sermon** :: “What More Shall I Say?” . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 817**. . . . . “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life  
in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us  
in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**Offering**

**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**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. M. Roger Holland II

*I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime. I’m gonna work so God can use  
me anywhere, Lord, anytime. I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.  
I’m gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

**\*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)*

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.

**Bearing the Word into the World**

**\*Hymn 326** . . . . . “For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the  
well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in  
the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** # Crown Imperial . . . . . William Walton; arr. Herbert Murrill

*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**  
Piper Grace Dahlin, child of Kirk and Samantha Dahlin  
Poppy Shea Dahlin, child of Kirk and Samantha Dahlin  
Luke Joseph William Kotoch, child of Joseph and Katherine Kotoch  
Maranah Josephine Liphrott, child of Cal and Madeline Liphrott  
Margot Jane Simon, child of Alex and Macee Simon



**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 “high,” 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 “high 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. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ The Chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, 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 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 meditation via email, simply subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✨ 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*). ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing online 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.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following the service. ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)). ✨ 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 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 or in-person conversations with a counselor, 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)



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, a new initiative of the Caring Ministries Team and the Knitting and Crocheting group, combines the love of knitting or crocheting with reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, providing them with a tangible expression of that caring in the form of a handcrafted shawl or lap blanket. Information about Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as **basic instructions are available** via our Volunteer Ministry platform at [app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry](http://app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry) or by contacting Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). The **Knitting and Crocheting group** will also meet via Zoom on Tuesday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.



**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, August 24 for a discussion about **practicing spiritual disciplines** and the way that over time prayer, Bible study, and worship shape us. For Zoom details for the Bible studies, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

Women at Fourth continues to collect **school supplies for Chicago Lights Tutoring**. Supplies can be **purchased online and shipped to the church** using the wish list [www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsupplies22](http://www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsupplies22) **Monetary gifts** for purchasing supplies, can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (select “Congregational Life” and then note “School Supplies” in the comment box). ✨ **The Chicago Lights Social Service Center** needs men’s casual clothing, particularly pants, jeans, belts, and short sleeve shirts. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or shipped to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



The Officer Nominating Committee is gathering **recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions** opening in 2023 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Nominating Committee as well as the Chicago Lights Board. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations via the online form at [www.bit.ly/nominating2023](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2023) or by using the paper forms in the Narthex, at the rear of the Sanctuary.



**Two Fourth Church committees are recruiting new committee members** to join them in their work.

The **Adult Education Committee** is looking for individuals who are interested in, among other things, reviewing course proposals; working with course developers and leaders to shape the direction and scope of courses; and hosting classes on Sunday mornings and book discussions on the first Tuesday of the month. To express interest in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Lucy Forster-Smith ([lforster-smith@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lforster-smith@fourthchurch.org)). The **Property Committee** is looking for individuals with experience in architecture, property management, HVAC, or security. In addition to participating in monthly meetings, these committee members also engage in subcommittee work throughout the month, which can include meeting with staff members and vendors, preparing RFPs, evaluating proposals, and making recommendations. To express interest in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Andrea Denney ([adenney@fourthchurch.org](mailto:adenney@fourthchurch.org)).



To purchase **fresh produce** and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, stop by their Farmstand on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*).

**Encore 2022**, the Center for Life and Learning's annual benefit, will take place on Saturday, August 27 with a musical theme of **Cabaret! Live!** To learn more about this evening of music followed by a reception that benefits the CLL and its programming for adults sixty and over, see [www.fourthchurch.org/ctl/encore.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/ctl/encore.html)



Our **Music by the Fountain** series of outdoor, in-person concerts continues this Friday, August 19 for a **jazz concert with percussionist and composer Juan Pastor**. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard for this Friday noonday concert. While we are not livestreaming our outdoor concerts this summer, if you would prefer to enjoy music from Fourth Church online, we encourage you to explore the concert offerings on our YouTube channel: [www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)



**Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need** of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO ([www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)). ✨ 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 **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join them via Zoom on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion of **Father Abraham's Many Children** by Tyler D. Mayfield. In reframing religious diversity through the stories of Cain, Ishmael, and Esau, this book invites us to explore what that reframing might mean for Christians living in a world of religious difference today. To join the conversation, register at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesday922](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesday922)



The **TwentiesThirties group for young adults** has two upcoming fellowship gatherings later this month: a **picnic in the park** on Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. and **brunch** at Aster Hall (*across the street, in the 900 N. Michigan building*) following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 28. For details about either event, contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).



## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Clyde Yancy, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Lucy Forster-Smith

## The Music Today

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The Women's Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

## Worship Notes

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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE WOMEN'S CHOIR for their musical leadership in today's worship service.

There are many opportunities to get involved in making music at Fourth Church: the Choral Society, Chancel Choir, and Gospel Choir; the Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs for ages four and up; and the Handbell Choir and Drum Circle. For more information contact John Sherer ([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)).



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**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation  
**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry  
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