



We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

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

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

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

Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident in the Lord, let us worship God!

* 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** "Earth and All Stars!"

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

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.**

God Forgives and Blesses Us

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19

ANTIPHON: *Restore us, God! Let your face shine that we may be saved.*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

ANTIPHON

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 11:29–12:2

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

Musical Reflection

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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

We give you thanks, living God, for our very lives.
Through these gifts we extend our reach to all in need,
gifts that increase hope to the hopeless,
joy to those whose joy is diminished, and love, yes love,
to a world that awaits your bounty. Thank you. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

Terry Evans Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Leslie Beukelman, vocal

Bryan Doherty, bass

Marcus Evans, percussion

Amr Fahmy, piano

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.

Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate at the time of the offering or in the offering box at the Chapel exit. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church; see QR code at right) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the “To Make a Gift” button at www.fourthchurch.org).



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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.



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 **not just encourage but 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 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 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 each 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).



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 * For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch).

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. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details.

* 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 labyrinth information, 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

* We invite you to use our **daily devotions as a resource for personal meditation and reflection**. They can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the devotions daily by email subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions

* **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom 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 Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Women at Fourth continues to collect **school supplies for Chicago Lights Tutoring**. To make a monetary gift to be used for purchasing supplies, go to www.fourthchurch.org/give-online and select “Congregational Life” and then note “School Supplies” in the comment box. Supplies can also be purchased online and shipped to the church using this wish list: www.bit.ly/fpcschooolsupplies22

* 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. any day of the week 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 or by using the paper forms by the chapel door.



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To arrange conversation with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

* To explore options 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, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency, 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