



## We Approach God

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

God formed us into beings, breathing life into the dust of the earth.

**God formed us into the church, breathing life into human community.**

Our hearts open to the leading of Christ;  
our minds open to the movement of the Spirit,  
for God is not finished with us.

**We are the church, always being reformed.**

**We worship the living 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** ..... "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

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

**Eternally compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not always loved you.  
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.**

**God Forgives and Blesses Us**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** ..... Psalm 16

**ANTIPHON:** *My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."  
All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.  
I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

**ANTIPHON**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.  
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.  
I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.  
You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**ANTIPHON**

**Scripture Lesson** ..... Galatians 5:13–25

**Sermon** ..... Shannon J. Kershner

**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**

**Generous and gracious God, for the life you have given to us,  
and for your love made known in Jesus, we are so grateful.**

**We are so honored to give back to you a portion of what you have given to us.**

**Bless these gifts as tangible ways we reach together to this world.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **We Go Out with Gratitude**

### **\*Closing Song** ..... “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

### **\*Benediction**

### **Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor  
**Matt Helms** Associate Pastor  
**HD Mitchell** 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](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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## PASTORAL STAFF

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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 "medium," 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 "medium 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](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)).

**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)**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 as a resource for personal meditation and reflection**. They can be found online at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions); to receive the devotions daily by email subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://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—meets this Wednesday, August 24. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://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/fpcschoolsSupplies22](http://www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsSupplies22)

\* 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org)