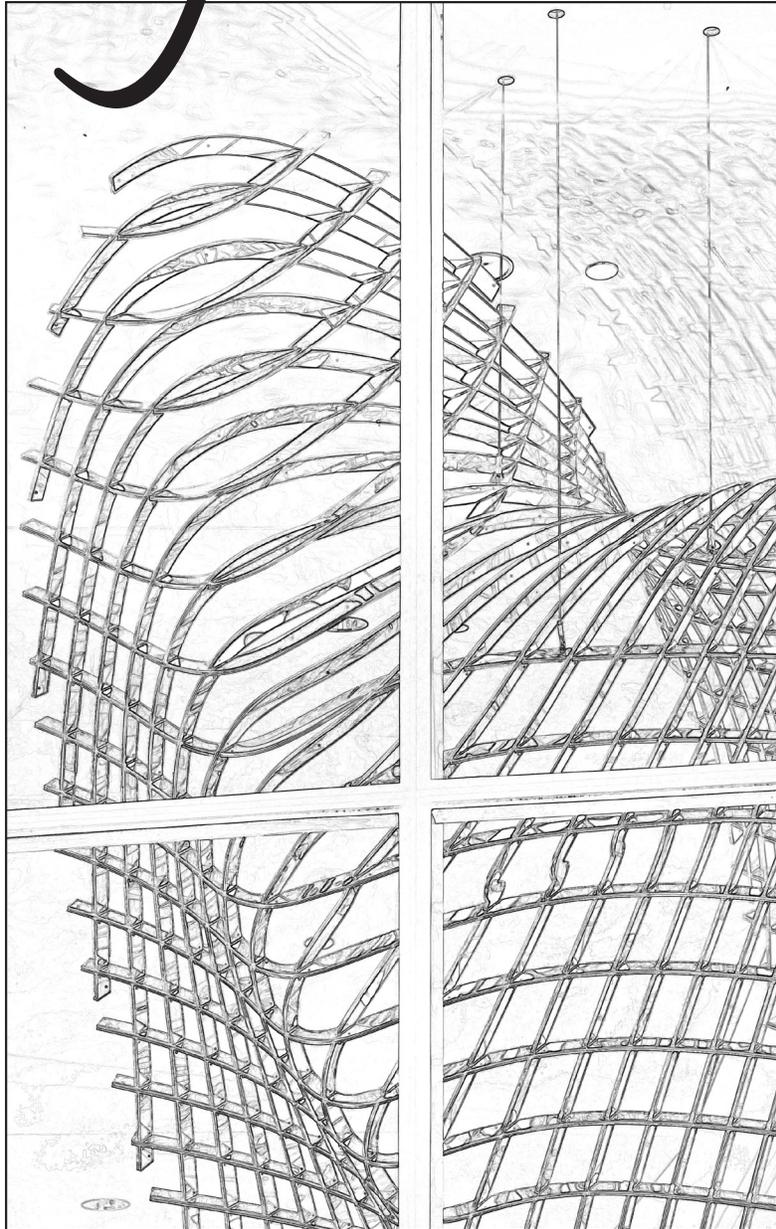




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4:00 p.m. • January 8, 2023

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.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

“O What a Wonderful Child” African American spiritual /arr. Shelby Wills

Jesus, O what a wonderful child; Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild. New life, new hope to all he brings; listen to the angels sing “Glory to the newborn King.” He was carried by the angels, born in a holy manger. Mary was his mother, and Joseph was his earthly father. Three wise men came from afar; they were guided by the shining star to see the babe, lying in a manger filled with hay.

Call to Worship

***Opening Song** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

God of our baptism, we long to be cleansed as Jesus was,

but we are fearful of the disruption that true repentance brings.

We want your grace but too often choose to act as we did before receiving it:

seeking our own benefit first, ignoring those who suffer,

wounding the very land upon which life depends.

Give us courage to receive the costly grace of your baptism with joy and thanksgiving.

May it not only refresh us but, through our action, help renew the whole of creation.

Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

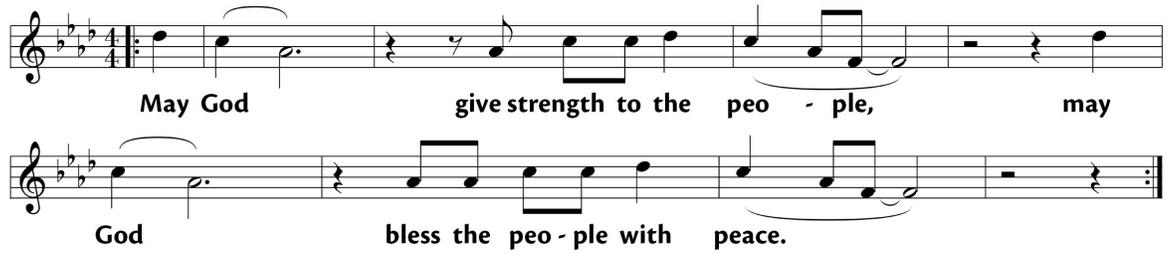
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Proclaim the Story

The Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 29



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Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forevermore.
O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

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Scripture Lesson Matthew 3:13–17

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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 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

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of Dedication

God of light and life, we give thanks for your splendor and love,
for your love that is expressed through the living of our lives
and the giving of our means brings joy to this world!

We are grateful for all you give to us.

We dedicate these offerings to you to bring hope to this, your world.

Through Christ. Amen.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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 work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray 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!

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***Benediction**

5 Sending Music

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. 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.**



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 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).



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 information. * The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). * We invite you to use our **daily devotions as a resource for personal reflection**. They can be found at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the devotions daily by email subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the **"Bible Top Ten"** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.



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).

Are you interested in taking part in Deep Listening Dinners? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, gathering for a time of discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences to one another. To learn more about this opportunity to strengthen the fabric of our community as we get to know each other more deeply, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Are you incorporating a time of personal meditation and prayer into your daily routine this year?

Daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (*sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago). * Also available as a resource for your prayer and reflection is our new weekly **Winter “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences are **led by Lucy Forster-Smith and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**. Weaving together scripture, prayer, and music, these fifteen-minute videos are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (*and are available there for viewing afterwards*). To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * **Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at Fourth Church) and online mentors** to connect one-to-one with a student (grades 1–12) one evening a week. They are recruiting Permanent Tutors, who meet with the same student weekly, building relationships, trust, and self-esteem through academics, advising, and social and communication skills, as well as Substitute Tutors, who volunteer on a more flexible schedule to fill in when a Permanent Tutor is unavailable. For details, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org).



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

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**

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor
Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor
James Young Liturgist

The Fourth Church Gospel Choir
Bryan Johnson, Director

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet
Leslie Beukelman, vocals
Bryan Doherty, bass
Marcus Evans, percussion
Amr Fahmy, piano

Baptized today is Naomi Rose Casaccio, child of Anthony and Kelly Casaccio.

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) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give

The bulletin cover image depicts the hanging sculpture in Buchanan Chapel, photographed at night from Chestnut Street, with the window mullions forming a cross.

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