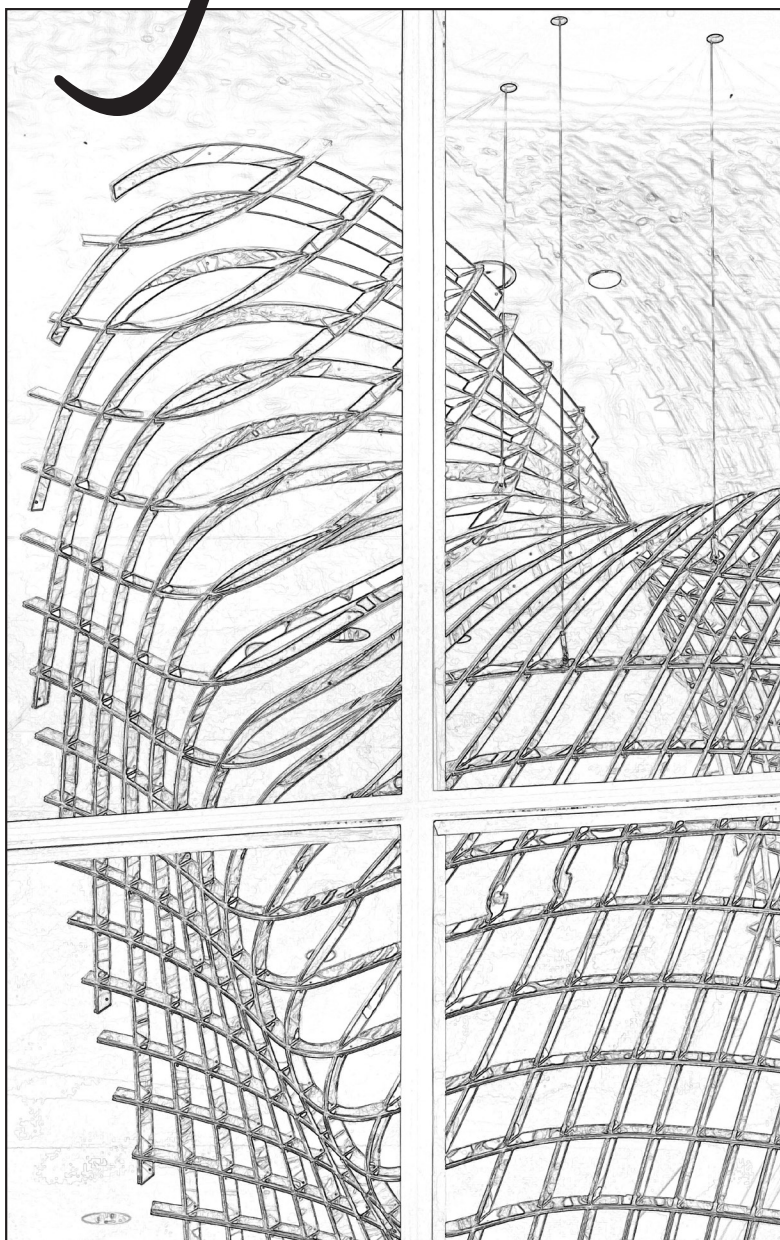




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4:00 p.m. • April 30, 2023

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

Welcome

***Opening Song** “I’ll Praise My Maker”

I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne’er be past
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel’s God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train; whose truth forever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor, and none shall find God’s promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the parentless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne’er be past
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit

so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We Share Peace with One Another

The Sacrament of Baptism

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1–7

Response “Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Second Reading John 3:1–12

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

“I believe in the Holy Ghost”

Musical Reflection

Gloria

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

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

We Feast Together

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 and Dedication

Musical Offering

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Closing Song** “Take Me to the Water”

Take me to the water. Take me to the water.

Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus. I love Jesus.

I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He’s my Savior. He’s my Savior.

He’s my Savior, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

The 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.

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.



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).



In late May our worship at 4:00 p.m. will enter a summer sabbatical season of rest and refocusing for the future. We will worship together through Sunday, May 21, and then, beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will not worship at 4:00 p.m. during the summer. Our afternoon service will resume on Sunday, September 10 (*after Labor Day*). If you have questions about this, please email Pastor Rocky at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org * To receive our **Jazz at Four email newsletter**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews



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).



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 * For those who are 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.

Shannon Kershner's last Sunday at Fourth Church will be Sunday, May 28. Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service that day we will hold a **congregational meeting**, which Session has called for the purpose of formally dissolving the pastoral relationship between Shannon and Fourth Church. The meeting will be both in person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. Afterwards we will gather in Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive **reception honoring Shannon**. We invite you to join us for this time of expressing gratitude and well wishes to her and her family as they prepare for the move to Atlanta.



Notes, letters, memories, and photos for Shannon, thanking her for her ministry among us and wishing her well in her new call to Central Presbyterian Church, are being collected through May 21. They can be mailed to the church (Attn. Memory Box), dropped off at the church reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These **private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be presented to Shannon in a memory box** on May 28.



On Wednesday, the Personnel Council emailed the congregation to share that **Session has approved the recommendation to hire an intentional Interim Pastor**, with a contract for one year maximum that is renewable. *The Interim Pastor will not be our next Senior Pastor.* Rather they will be **someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor**. That Interim Pastor will help us do the kind of preparatory work that is important in advance of welcoming a new leader. **The first step in this intentional interim process will be to identify possible candidates for the Interim Pastor position.** This will be the work of an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) made up of three members of the Personnel Council and two members selected by Session, who will work with Craig Howard, Executive Presbyter for the Chicago Presbytery. * **If you did not receive the email announcement from the Personnel Council**, subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter to ensure you see future updates about the process of hiring an Interim Pastor. **Sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc or send your email address to news@fourthchurch.org** * If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org



Our Easter season **"Rhythm and Word" video series**, which offers a ten-minute midweek worship experience that includes **music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble and is led by Shannon Kershner**, is released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail * Our daily devotions (fourthchurch.org/devotions) are available by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * 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).

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

Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor

The Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

Amr Fahmy, piano

Baptized in our worship service today is Valentina Caryl Rimmke, child of Eric and Erika Rimmke.

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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