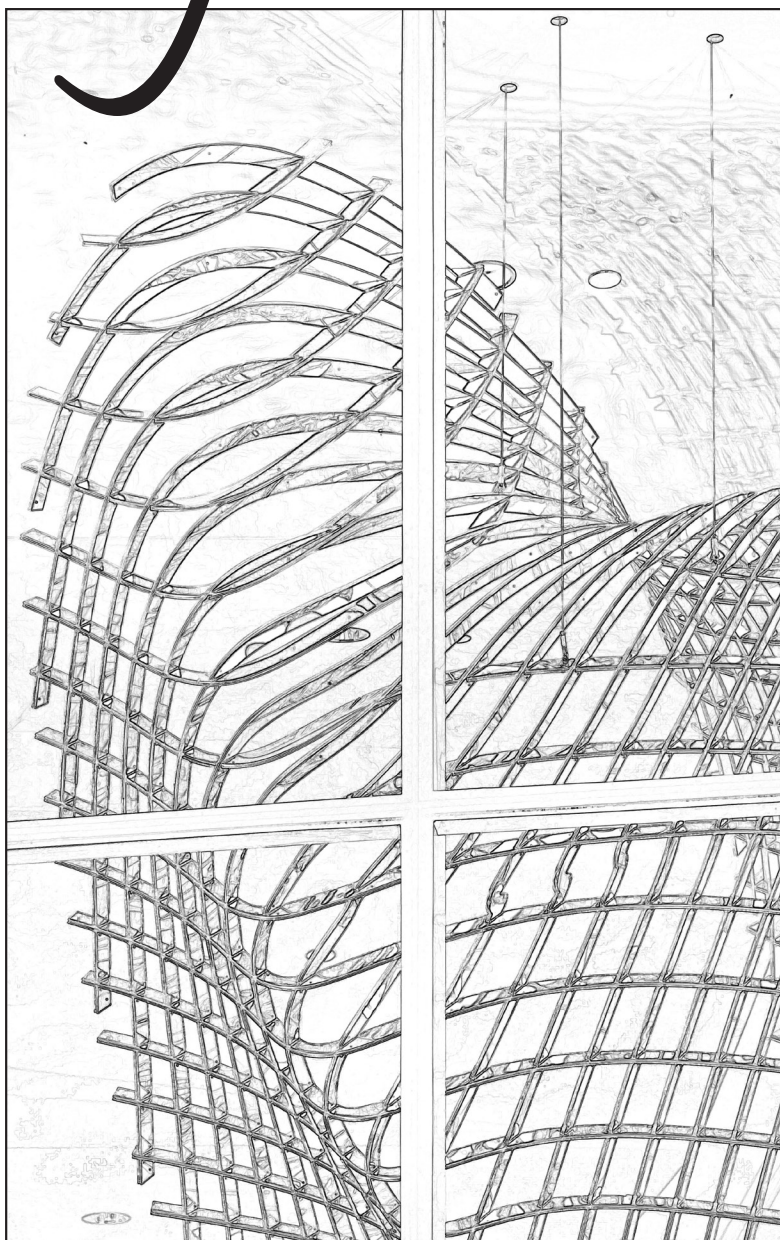




# jazz at four



4:00 p.m. • May 14, 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** . . . . . “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,

sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,

sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,

sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**We Tell the Truth about Ourselves**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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**

**We Proclaim the Story**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 66:8–20

**Response** . . . . . “Be Not Afraid”  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . Acts 2:43–47

**Sermon** . . . . . Rocky Supinger  
*“I believe . . . in the communion of saints”*

**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** ..... “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine, shine, shine, I’m gonna let it shine.

Shine, shine, shine, I’m gonna let it shine.

Shine, shine, shine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*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 next Sunday for a **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** at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) is available 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 who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service on at [www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)



**Next Sunday, May 21 will be our last afternoon worship service until after Labor Day.** During the summer, a team will be preparing to relaunch the service when it **resumes on Sunday, September 10**. The team **would very much appreciate hearing from you** what you find valuable about the afternoon service and what you feel might make it better, **so please take a moment to fill out the form** at [www.bit.ly/afternoonservice](http://www.bit.ly/afternoonservice) \* To receive our **Jazz at Four email newsletter**, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)).



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) \* 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 **Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.



**If you have not yet contributed a note, card, or letter to the Memory Box for Shannon Kershner, please take a moment to do so by next Sunday, May 21.** These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be presented to Shannon in a memory box on May 28. They can be **mailed** to the church (*Fourth Presbyterian Church, Attn. Memory Box, 126 E. Chestnut St. Chicago, IL 60611.2014*), **dropped off** at the church reception desk, or **emailed** to [memorybox@fourthchurch.org](mailto:memorybox@fourthchurch.org)



**Shannon Kershner will preach at our 4:00 service next Sunday, May 21. Her last Sunday at Fourth Church will be the following Sunday, May 28.** Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on May 28 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.



During the upcoming transition season that will follow Shannon Kershner's move to Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, the **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)** will be searching for an Interim Pastor candidate to recommend to the Personnel Council. 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**. The Interim Pastor will help us do the kind of preparatory work that is important in advance of welcoming a new leader. \* **To ensure you receive update about the transition**, be sure to subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter if you do not already receive it weekly. **Sign up at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)** or **send your email address to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)** \* If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to [transition@fourthchurch.org](mailto:transition@fourthchurch.org); you can also find transition updates and information at [www.fourthchurch.org/transition](http://www.fourthchurch.org/transition)



**A new four-week series of "Rhythm and Word" videos** kicked off this past week, offering a ten-minute midweek worship experience that is **led by Joe Morrow** and includes **music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble**. The videos are released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive them by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail) \* Our daily devotions ([fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions)) are also available by email: subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://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](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)).

**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)**

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## Worship Leaders

**Rocky Supinger** Associate Pastor

**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Associate Pastor

### The Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

Amr Fahmy, piano

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**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give)

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