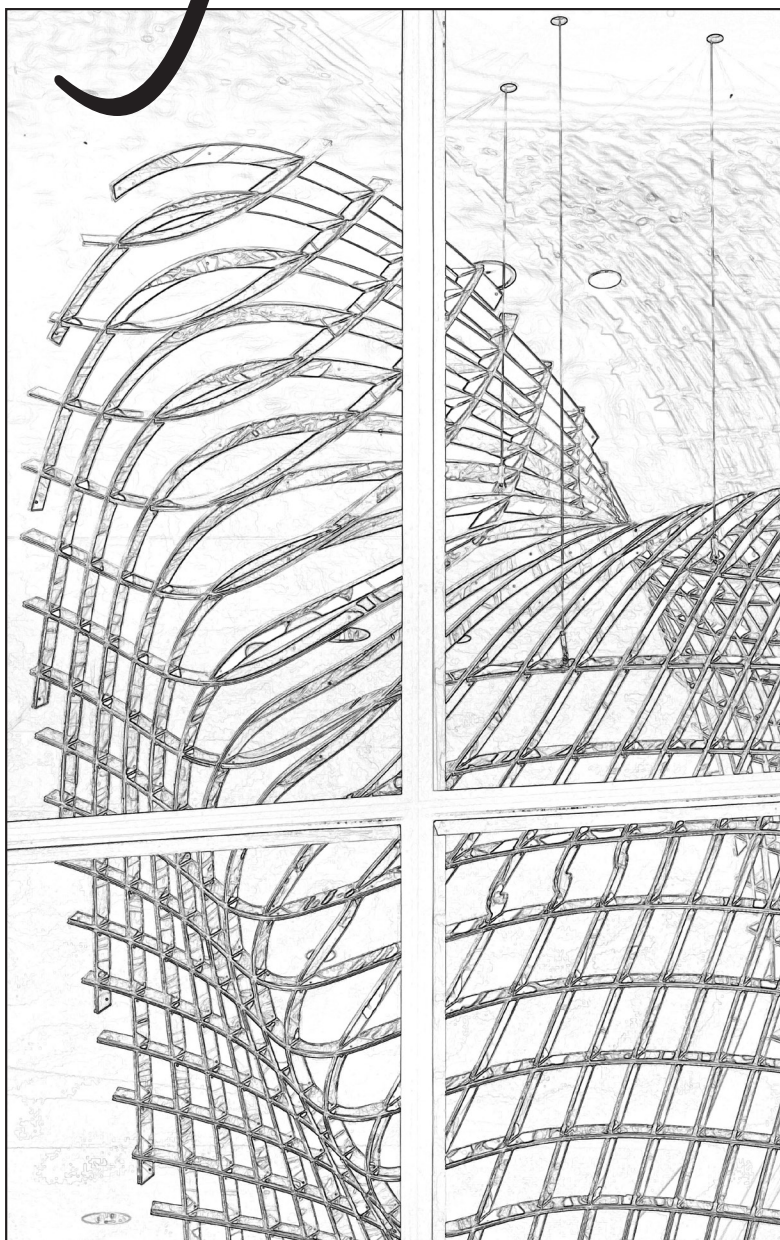




jazz at four



4:00 p.m. • May 21, 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** “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God—his Son not sparing—
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *(Refrain)*

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds.
We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be
instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality.
At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us.
Surely you have others more capable of being your witnesses?
And so we continue to gaze heavenwards.
Jolt us out of our complacency, O God.
Remind us we have work to do with you.
Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.
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

First Lesson Isaiah 25:6–9

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

Second Lesson Revelation 21:1–6

Sermon Nanette Sawyer
“I believe . . . in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”

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** “When the Saints Go Marching In”

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine, O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown him Lord of all, O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him Lord of all.

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

***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 be worshipping with you 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.



Today's Jazz at Four service is our last afternoon worship service until after Labor Day. We wish you a wonderful summer—and look forward to worshipping with you again in the afternoon this autumn! In the meantime, we hope we might see you in worship on Sunday mornings. * During the upcoming summer season, a team will be preparing to relaunch our afternoon 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 * To receive our **email newsletter to learn more about the service relaunch**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews and watch for information later this summer!



We invite you to join us for **in-person worship this summer on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.

- * Our worship services 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 at 9:30 a.m. Access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and 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



An additional worship resource for you this summer is our series of ten-minute **"Rhythm and Word"** videos, which feature music by the **Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble** and, in the current series, **Joe Morrow** offering prayer and reflections on the **poetry of Mary Oliver.** These **midweek videos** are released weekly on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; **to receive them by email**, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail * Also available by email are our **daily devotions** written by members and staff (fourthchurch.org/devotions): subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * 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).

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 today. 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



Shannon Kershner's last Sunday at Fourth Church will be next 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 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 Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.



The **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)**, which has responsibility for identifying and recommending an Interim Pastor candidate, has begun their work. The Interim Pastor, who will be hired by Session, 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 updates about this transition season**, 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 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; you can also find transition updates and information at www.fourthchurch.org/transition



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 **Reprogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * 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

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

The Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble

Leslie Beukelman, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass

Amr Fahmy, piano

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

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