



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Day of Pentecost*

**May 28, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.**

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## Gathering around the Word

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### **Prelude**

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God . . . . . Dieterich Buxtehude

Litany . . . . . Joel Martinson

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire . . . . . Libby Larsen

### **Introit**

“Spirit of the Living God” . . . . . Daniel Iverson

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me; fill me, use me.*

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### **\*Litany for Pentecost**

Leader: *Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.*

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,*

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,*

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,*

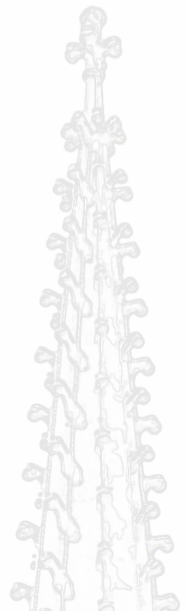
People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,*

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *With power from above to make our weakness strong,*

People: come, Holy Spirit. Amen.



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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

**\*Hymn 289** . . . . . “On Pentecost They Gathered”

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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

Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## **\*Exchange of Peace**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Anthem**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” . . . . African American spiritual/arr. William L. Dawson  
*Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke; looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain’t but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back. Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.*

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## **Listening for the Word**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 104:24–34

### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . John 14:8–17; 20:19–22

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

“A Slow Burn” . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 291** . . . . . “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*Refrain:*

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (*Refrain*)

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (*Refrain*)

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (*Refrain*)

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. (*Refrain*)

### Commissioning of Summer Trip Participants

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Prayers of the People

### 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.

## Call to Offering

### Offertory Anthem

"Freedom Come" from *Bandari: Inside These Walls* . . . . . Ben Allaway  
*Inside these walls, freedom come. Come, one and all, hallelujah! Come for the healing; we will  
pray for healing. Come for the victory; we will share the victory. Come with your burden; we will  
share your burden. Come with your sorrow; we will share your sorrow. Bring your burden; sing it  
away. Healing come inside these walls; kingdom come inside these walls. Come if you're guilty;  
we are all guilty. Come for forgiveness; we all need forgiveness. Bring your anger; sing it away.  
Bring your hatred; sing it away. Bring your sorrow; pray it away. Jesus come, hallelujah!  
Freedom come, hallelujah!*

**\*Offertory Response** . . . . . Hymn 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Holy God, we have opened our hands and hearts to you,  
and we have been filled with good things.  
Receive the gifts we bring in grateful response.  
Stir up in us courage as we offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor  
for your work in the world. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 282** . . . . . “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.  
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.  
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.  
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling.  
For none can guess God’s grace, till Love creates a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

**Postlude** :: Toccata on “The Spirit of the Lord” . . . . . Hans-André Stamm

## Commissioning of Summer Trip Participants

Today we are commissioning persons active in the summer 2023 trips as ambassadors from Fourth Church. Please join us in keeping in prayer these travelers and all with whom they will share the journey.

### **Cuba Trip**

*Visiting our sister congregation  
the First Presbyterian Church of Havana*

Cynthia Casteel  
Esmeraldino Celestino  
Carmen Lago  
Kamana Mbekeani  
Joseph L. Morrow  
Irma Olmedo  
Joe Pixler  
Latanya Uyigue  
Gretchen Wahl  
Roger Wilson

### **Junior High St. Louis Trip**

*Working with the Amen! St. Louis ministry  
of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*

Samantha Borg-Breen  
Taylor Crosby  
Declan Daniels  
Jordan Epps  
Sofia Fajardo  
Graham Gedey  
Yurika Ikeda  
Maeve Lingenfelter  
Sarah Pierce  
Molly Reatherford  
Grace Siurek  
Emma Skowlund  
Hailey Skowlund  
Evan Tkach  
Edda VanDerSchie  
William Wierbicki  

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Decima Panitch  
Judy Watt

### **Senior High Paris Trip**

*Serving in the city with youth from the  
American Church in Paris*

Cate Cupps  
Eve Daniels  
Ruby Fairman  
Alexandra Farrar  
Kira Gallenbeck  
Logan Gallenbeck  
Sam Haley  
Ryan Kershner  
Amelia Prater  
Jack Ramsey  
Anderson Ruppel  
Harper Rzepczynski  
Harrison Stracks  
Laura Supinger  
Vera Tax  
Alexis Unander  

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Nicholette Andrews-Maggio  
Alisa Rantanen  
Kevin Reome

### **Senior High Montreat Youth Conference**

*Participating in the worship and recreation  
of the annual Montreat Youth Conference*

Francesca Gustafson  
Ryan Kershner  
Evan Ocken  
Laura Supinger  

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Jill Fenstermaker  
Sally Sharp

# News and Opportunities

May 28–June 3, 2023



**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 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.



**For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✳ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ✳ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. Access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and 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*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



**Children** are always welcome in worship! **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is also available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Children up through second grade are welcome in Room 4D during worship this morning. (*Sunday School does not meet today but will resume next Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.*). ✳ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ✳ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.

**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)



We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form.**

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!**—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. ✱ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons, which today will begin **following the congregational meeting.**



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at **[www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts)** ✱ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).



Following the congregational meeting, a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ✱ Also following the meeting, **Deacons will be available in Stone Chapel** (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with individuals who would like to **offer prayers of praise or concern.** ✱ We gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For labyrinth details, 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 at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org); if the situation requires immediate attention, 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 facing life’s challenges**, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✱ **To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

**Today is the Day of Pentecost**, which celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit, and our processional ribbons evoke the wind from heaven, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. In the Jewish tradition, Pentecost (for “fifty” days after Passover) is a harvest festival of first fruits that also celebrates the giving of the Torah, or Hebrew law. The banners hanging in the Sanctuary present Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and the tongues of fire.



**Shannon Kershner’s last Sunday as Pastor at Fourth Church is today.** Immediately following worship 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 at [www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*After the livestream of worship concludes, a new livestream will start for the meeting.*) Afterwards we will gather in Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive **reception honoring Shannon**. We hope you will join us for this time of expressing gratitude and well wishes to Shannon and her family as they prepare for the move to Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta!



**Today is the last day to submit names of those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program** in 2023. Graduate names emailed to Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)) by the end of today will appear in the worship bulletin for next Sunday, June 4, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday** at Fourth Church.



This Tuesday, May 30 Fourth Church will cohost **“Our Tears Are the Same Color”** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In this evening of dialogue and understanding, Robi Damelin and Laila Aksheikh, **bereaved Palestinian and Israeli mothers**, will share their stories of loss and their journey to peace.



A new ten-minute video in our weekly **“Rhythm and Word” video series led by Joe Morrow and drawing on the poetry of Mary Oliver** is released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail) to receive the videos by email. ✨ 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) ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**The church office is closed this Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day.



**Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program this Friday evening, June 2 in Borwell Dining Room. **Jeanne Bishop will be present to speak on “Writing about Mercy,”** as she talks about the books she has written and is currently writing. Register (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones623](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones623) \* **Knitting and Crocheting** meets on Tuesday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. \* **Vacation Bible School** for children three years old through fifth grade will take place Monday–Wednesday, **June 12–14**, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/fpcvbs2023](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvbs2023) by Wednesday, May 31. \* For **additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). \* Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar)



**On Sunday, June 11 we will welcome as our guest preacher Mx. Slats Toole.** They hold Master of Divinity and Certificate in Theology, Women, and Gender from Princeton Theological Seminary and currently serve as co-moderator of the board of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Slats is a published author and has led workshops on expansive language and queer theology (with a particular emphasis on gender identity) throughout the US and Canada. Slats’ work centers around creating space in the church where all are welcomed, embraced, and loved.



**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. \* **If you have questions or comments** about the transition, please email them to [transition@fourthchurch.org](mailto:transition@fourthchurch.org); you can also **find updates and information** at [www.fourthchurch.org/transition](http://www.fourthchurch.org/transition)



**After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service.** Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then, and **through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.**

## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Angela Giles, Nanette Sawyer, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir; Bill McMurray and Sarah van der Ploeg, Soloists

The Gospel Choir; Bryan Johnson, Director

Ruth Heald, Djembe

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM, “Freedom Come” by American composer Ben Allaway, is written in the style of a South African freedom song, creating, writes the composer, “an atmosphere in which hope can increase, healing can occur, and connections to our common humanity can be strengthened.”

TODAY WE RECEIVE A SPECIAL PENTECOST OFFERING in support of Presbyterian Church (USA) and Fourth Church ministries working with at-risk youth and young adults. To make a gift to this offering, use the designation “Pentecost Offering” when giving at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give) or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Offering gifts to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be given online as well or via Venmo or placed in one of the offering plates or in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary.

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**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus

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