

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day February 7, 2021

PRELUDES

Jesus Christ/Alleluia (W. Guthrie)
Living Prayer
I'm Getting Ready (M. Kiwanuka)

Virtual Choir
Alison & Peter Slade, Burns
Liz & Willie Archibald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru WEDNESDAY, 11am-1pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Weekly Prayer Groups sponsored by the deacons (links on website; each is 30 minutes long):
 - Mondays at 8am with Brent
(Wednesdays at 8am – on hold, but could return soon!)
 - Thursdays at 8pm with Jacob B and Laura M
 - Fridays at 8:30am with Michelle
- Wednesday – . Discussion Group on Glory in Everyday Life, 6:40pm
THIS WEEK ONLY- Erik Jacobs join us to discuss his article "Home," published in Emergence Magazine. Reflections on cancer, the pandemic and discovery in a small yard.
<https://emergencemagazine.org/story/home/>
- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to continue with NO IN-PERSON participation in Sunday worship at least through February 14.
- COMING SOON:
 - ASH WEDNESDAY and the beginning of LENT - FEB. 17 –
 - Short Service (outside) at Fourth Church, 10:45am
 - Ashes Available from clergy & other leaders, 11am-5pm
 - Evening ZOOM Service (with communion) 6pm-6:45
- LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK - Laura Blanton is assembling it. She needs 40 people to write short devotional reflections on Bible verses. Please volunteer with her and say YES if she asks you! **The book will be available NEXT SUNDAY.**
 - **Printed Copies at the church for Ash Wednesday. Deliveries by special arrangement.**
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- LENT in 2021: "Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives"
Weekly Gatherings include Prayer Groups and these Lenten offerings:
 - MONDAYS (4:30-5:30) - Devotional Practice: "Dwelling in the Word" (like lectio divina)
Starts Feb. 22 at 4:30 with Rev. Deb
 - TUESDAYS (6:40-7:30) - A Practice of Study: Reading CASTE by Isabel Wilkerson
Starts Feb. 23 at 6:40 with Rev. Burns (Feb. 23, March 2,6,23,30)
 - WEDNESDAYS (proposed) 12 Steps and Christianity at 6:40
 - SUNDAYS - 9:30 Class with Becca; 10:45 Worship with weekly communion

GBIO Update

After a period of outreach, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization "Refunds" and Re-engages this Spring.

Special Events for Fourth Church, a founding member of GBIO:

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10am: Individual meetings with leaders St. Monica's RC Church (our neighbor and a new GBIO member!) (See Becca)

Tuesday, March 16 - (On Zoom) A major assembly to present to the public a rejuvenated GBIO with 15 new member organizations
We want to be Fourth Church Strong **with at least 20 leaders present**

March- May: A campaign of house meetings to identify are major concerns (A zoom campaign. Tell Laura Blanton or Burns if you want to help organize)
We can ultimately present our key issues to mayoral candidates

Please write announcements & prayer requests in the Zoom Chat Section.

DO YOU WANT A CALL? Tell Deb Duval or Katie Cole in the chat and we will call you today.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How sweet to have this time with God.
People: How wonderful to have this place and this body.
L: God, we are your people;
P: And we seek to follow you, to serve you.
L: To dwell with you
All: AND TO HEAR YOU.
L: Open our eyes and ears,
P: Speak to us, and bless these songs and prayers of your people.
Anoint, we pray, this gathering of the Body of Christ.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM
PRAYER

(Lijah Blue and the Jacobs household)
(Katie Cole)

*HYMN #43 – *On Eagle's Wings*

(The sanctuary)

You who dwell In the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagles' wing, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
And he will...

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
And he will...

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone...
And he will...

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(The Sanchez Family)

Unison Prayer. Gracious and merciful God, Your light makes the world possible.
Even in the darkness of these winter days, Your light shines from a hidden place. So many times,
we forget to look for You, God. We rush ahead, unconscious of how we hurt ourselves and others.
Remind us to look for You. Forgive us for our distracted minds, our anxieties, our pride and the
seeds of our greed. Open our eyes to Your light. Wash us with Your love. Help us to receive You in
our daily lives. Amen

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response: (#740)

Lead me, Guide me, along the way. For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord (3x), Lead me.

*LITURGY OF PARDON

(The Sanchezes)

Leader: Beloved, let us proclaim the good news:
People: God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love
Leader: Claimed as God's own, let us bear witness to the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen!
SING: *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x) Let it shine (3x)*

TIME FOR CHILDREN -

(Katie Cole)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

AN INVITATION FROM OUR MOST RECENT CONFIRMED MEMBERS Ailsa & Kaden

PRAYER REQUESTS – From Those in the Sanctuary
From Those Gathered on Zoom

Deb will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Burns

* HYMN

God of Love, We've Known Division (sanctuary)
Tune is #490 (BEACH SPRING) Words by Carolyn Gillette (Catherine's mother)

Sung Response God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again

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