

News and Opportunities

May 14–20, 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), 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 on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and, this Sunday and next (May 21), at 4:00 p.m. for a Jazz at Four service (*with Communion*) in Buchanan Chapel. ✿ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the afternoon 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*) 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. ✿ **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

We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form**, which also ensures we have current contact information for you. 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 following the service.



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** ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



Following worship, a **pipe organ tour** begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ Also following worship, **Deacons are 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). ✨ 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). ✨ **A Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 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; 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 ✨ **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 we continue the sermon series “I believe . . .”—an opportunity for us to take a closer look at the Apostles’ Creed, one of our Affirmations of Faith, and to explore what we believe together.



On Wednesday **Shannon Kershner**, who is away today for daughter Hannah’s college graduation, will be **preaching at the Festival of Homiletics** preaching conference in Minneapolis. Shannon will be back in our pulpit next Sunday for her final two Sundays at Fourth Church.



If you have not yet contributed a card, note, or letter for Shannon Kershner, thanking her for her ministry among us and wishing her well in her new call to Atlanta’s Central Presbyterian Church, **please take a moment to do so by next Sunday, May 21** so we might add them to the Memory Box we will present to Shannon on May 28. These private expressions of gratitude, memories, and well wishes can be **mailed** to the church office (*Fourth Presbyterian Church, Attn. Memory Box, 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611.2014*), **dropped off** at the church reception desk or in Coffee Hour, or **emailed** to memorybox@fourthchurch.org.



Shannon’s last Sunday at Fourth Church will be Sunday, May 28. She will lead us in worship that morning at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following that service 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 hope you will 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 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.** ✨ To ensure you **receive updates about the transition**, subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter if you do not already receive it. **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

The adult education class discussing ***Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times*** by Dr. Otis Moss III meets today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*). Register for this class, led by Robert Crouch and Jeff Doane, at www.bit.ly/aedancingdarkness

✳ Opportunities to engage in Bible study include **Men's Bible Study**, which meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Women's Bible Study**, which offers two Zoom gathering times (*12:00 and 6:30 p.m.*) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and next meets Wednesday, May 24. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) ✳

Another opportunity for biblical study is offered by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger through their "**Bible Top Ten**," a lively, informative, and occasionally funny **podcast about the Bible** as explored through a rotating series of top ten lists: www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts



A new ten-minute video in our "**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) each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail to receive the videos by email. ✳ Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your **personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) gathers for brunch next Sunday morning, May 21; those joining in this time of fellowship will meet at the reception desk following worship to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ✳ **Knitting and Crocheting** also meets next Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and on Tuesday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✳ **Women at Fourth** will gather for fellowship and a neighborhood field trip across the street to the 360 Chicago Observation Deck next Sunday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. Registration is required by this Thursday, May 18 at www.bit.ly/waf523 ✳ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program on 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 ✳ 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). ✳ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2023 are asked to email their names to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) no later than Sunday, May 28. Graduate names received by May 28 will appear in the worship bulletin on June 4, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday** at Fourth Church.



The Fourth Church Choral Society and St. James Cathedral choirs invite you to their festival concert “Orb and Sceptre: Music for the Coronation” next Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Cathedral (*65 E Huron*). The combined choirs will perform regal and celebrative works by Handel, Parry, and Vaughan Williams. ✨ Our free **Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature the Renoir Trio (*strings*) this Friday, May 19 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and also livestreamed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



We continue to do spring refreshing of some spaces in the Gratz Center, all of which have seen much use since we opened the Gratz Center in 2012! We are delighted to share that the work on Borwell Dining Room is complete. Some spaces on the fourth and fifth floors remain temporarily closed while we continue work there.



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of the following items, which can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter at 126 E. Chestnut*) on weekdays and Sundays between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. **Men’s clothing:** jeans/casual pants/khakis (*sizes 30–40*), sweatshirts/hoodies (*sizes S–3XL*), and T-shirts (*sizes S–3XL*). **Men’s and women’s items:** spring coats (*all sizes*), sneakers/athletic shoes (*all sizes*), and new underwear (*sizes S–2XL*). **Carrying items:** backpacks, suitcases, push or pull roller bags, and large cloth bags/sturdy shopping bags.



Next Sunday, May 21 will be our last afternoon worship service until after Labor Day. Shannon Kershner will be the preacher at next week’s service. During the summer, a team will be preparing to relaunch the service when it **resumes on Sunday, September 10.**



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. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.