

News and Opportunities

July 2–8, 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 each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ✳️ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✳️ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 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. ✳️ In the Sanctuary **worship can be heard** through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✳️ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



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 available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✳️ **Sunday School** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor as well.

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.**

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. ✨ Following the service, those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour**, which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



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 the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ Also following the service **Deacons are available in Stone Chapel** (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with those 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 Stone 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 Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on 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.

Beginning this **Friday, July 7, our Noonday concerts move outdoors!** Come enjoy **Music by the Fountain** on July and August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Wonderful musical artists from across the Midwest and beyond will treat us to an hour of great music, song, and joy throughout the summer. **Jazz pianist Elsie Carlisle** will kick off the concert series this Friday, with **solo guitarist Andy Brown** performing the following week on July 14. A full concert listing is available at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts, with details posted weekly at facebook.com/fourthchurch. ✨ While the outdoor concerts are not livestreamed, those looking for online concerts during the summer are invited to **explore videos of our previous Noonday concerts** archived on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



The School Supply Drive is underway! This annual effort organized by Women at Fourth gathers school supplies for children taking part in the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Summer Day, and Tutoring programs. For lists of items needed, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



This Wednesday our senior high youth leave for Paris, France, where they will spend five days serving in the city with youth from the American Church in Paris. Please join us in keeping in prayer these travelers, their leaders, and their partners in France as we wish all safe travels and wonderful experiences together.



Our **Women's Choir** is providing music leadership for Sunday worship through July 9; the **Men's Choir** will then take on that role for the remaining Sundays of the summer. Those **interested in singing** with the choirs are encouraged to email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



The **Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Summer Session** for adults 60 and over begins next Monday, July 10. To register for the summer session, which includes exercise classes as well as online and in person opportunities, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ CLL and Knitting and Crocheting are but two ways in which to build community with others through Fourth Church. For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, 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

This Wednesday we begin a new July “Rhythm and Word” video series, which offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer **led by Nanette Sawyer**. A new video, with music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble, is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous “Rhythm and Word” series; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are also available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



Men’s Bible Study, which does not meet this Tuesday, July 4, will resume its weekly gatherings next Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. The next **Horizons Women’s Bible Study** will meet next Wednesday, July 12. For summer gathering times and—for either study—Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The church office and campus will be closed on Tuesday for the Fourth of July holiday.



Scaffolding will be installed Wednesday, July 5 starting at the corner of Chestnut and Michigan and wrapping around to the Manse, on Michigan Avenue. No entrances will be affected by the scaffolding, which will enable tuckpointing, flashing, and window repair over the next two months.



The **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)** is at work identifying candidates to consider for the role of Interim Pastor. That person, who will eventually be recommended by the IPNC and 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. You can read about the IPNC work and find the latest transition updates at fourthchurch.org/transition ✨ If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org



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.