

# You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church "home"; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone —without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life,** we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

**If you are new to us,** stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church "home."** 

## Let us know you're worshiping with us

**Please let us know you are here by filling out an information form.** Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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.

## Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. We **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (*For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning*) **\* Links** to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the video as well as on our website. **\*** Those **without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

### Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. **\*\* Children** are always welcome in worship. If you need **to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. **\*\*** A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with **three fully accessible entrances**, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. **\*\* Worship can be heard** through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids. **\*\*** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. **\*\* Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*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 ushers.

## Prayer, meditation, and sermons

If you would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today**, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **\*** To read **Prayers of the People** lifted up during previous Sunday morning services, visit fourthchurch.org/prayer **\*** Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on Wednesday, April 3, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). **\*** If you would like to **walk the labyrinth**, Buchanan Chapel is open for that purpose between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. **\*** You are also invited to a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing **\*** During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple platforms and at **fourthchurch.org/podcasts \*** You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (*fourthchurch.org/sermons*) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.

### **Restoring ceiling panels**

A few lightweight pieces of the trim that surround the **1914 Bartlett ceiling panels** fell to the floor at the back of the Sanctuary earlier this month. Those particular panels are scheduled to be restored this year; a protective canopy has been installed below them in the meantime.

**Ensure you receive the latest updates** from Fourth Church by **joining the nearly 4,000 people** who receive our weekly email newsletter. Simply sign up at **www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc** 

## Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (*gfleming@fourthchurch.org*) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). **\*** Also email Gloria if you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. **\*** 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 counseling**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

## **Observing the season of Lent**

**Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. **\*** We invite you to use our daily **Lenten devotions** (*fourthchurch.org/ devotions*) as a resource for **personal reflection**. To receive those meditations via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions **\*** Also available is a weekly **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series.** These ten-minute videos are released on YouTube (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) on Wednesday evenings. Subscribe to our YouTube channel or sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail to receive them by email. **\*** For **our Holy Week and Easter worship schedule,** see fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

## **Sunday opportunities**

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall following the service to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. **\*\* If you are a young adult**, please visit the Young Adult Ministry table in Coffee Hour to connect with others in their twenties and thirties. **\*\* Sunday School children** from three years old to fifth grade **join their parents in the Sanctuary** for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship today before departing to classrooms with their teachers. At 11:00 a.m. children gather on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **\*** A **Youth Parent Symposium** on navigating difficult conversations takes place at 9:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*and will be offered again next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*). **\*\* "The Sacraments,"** a new two-week Adult Education class **taught by Nancy Benson-Nicol**, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/aesacraments324 for details. **\*\*** Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (*grades 6–7*) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m. **\*\*** Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary **\*\*** We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service (*also livestreamed*).

## Morehouse College Glee Club in concert

You won't want to miss the stirring performance of the **Morehouse College Glee Club**—whose distinguished history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—this Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door.

#### **New Grief Groups**

Grieving is a normal and important part of the human experience, which inevitably includes loss and suffering. Knowing we cannot escape loss, our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers Grief Groups to help individuals grieve in a healthy, supported manner so they can move through the experience and into the rest of their life. **New Grief Groups start this Wednesday evening, March 13** and again on May 15; each is facilitated for four weeks, via Zoom, by Sharon Crawford-Tucker of the Replogle Center staff. For details, email Sharon (*stucker@fourthchurch.org*).

#### **Easter flowers**

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received **by Sunday, March 17** for names to be listed. For details, contact Gloria Vicente (*gvicente@fourthchurch.org*; *312.252.3571*).

#### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

The first step in our search for a new pastor will be the election of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC) later this spring. To help the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of recommended PNC candidates, the committee asks that you take a moment between now and April 7 to submit your suggestions of individuals to serve on the PNC. **Forms for self-nomination and for recommending someone else** can be found at fourthchurch.org/pnc; the Nominating Committee will also be present in **Coffee Hour today** to answer any questions about this process. There will be an information session about serving on the PNC next Sunday, March 17 at 10:45 a.m. in person and, via Zoom, on Tuesday, March 19 at 5:15 p.m. For Zoom details, contact Nancy Davis (*ndavis@fourthchurch.org*).

#### **Celebrating the arts**

Rehearsing on Sundays are **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten-grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. **\*\*** On exhibit in the Loggia Gallery is **"The Boldness of Being: The Work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville." \*\*** Organist and Director of Music **John Sherer** will present this week's free **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*also livestreamed*).

#### **Get connected**

Books by Women discusses Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day by Winifred Watson on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. **# Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Horizons Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom this Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). **# Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. Sewing experience is not necessary. \* "Together We Play: Movement and Family Yoga," a Day School preschool class, takes place on Fridays (through March 22) from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details, contact Kathy Hager (*khager@fourthchurch.org*). **\* Knitting and Crocheting** meets Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. **\*\*** To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. (register at www.bit.ly/inquirers324) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424). For more information, contact Matt Helms (*mhelms@fourthchurch.org*). **\*\* Tom Dozeman** will talk about **"Christian Nationalism:** How Did It Evolve, and What Does It Mean Today?" when **Cornerstones**—a fellowship group of those fifty and over-meets on Friday evening, April 5 in Borwell Dining Room. Preregistration is required at www.bit.ly/cornerstones424 **\*** Join in welcoming and connecting with others by joining our **Coffee Hour Hospitality Team.** For details, contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

#### Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: **www.fourthchurch.org**, where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities**. **\*** To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at **fourthchurch.org/calendar** 

What's the best place to hear about everything that's happening at Fourth Church?

Right here **in the "You Are Invited!" pages** of our weekly worship bulletin **and in our weekly email newsletter,** "News at Fourth Church."

In them you will find information about upcoming events and how to get involved. In "News at Fourth Church" you will also discover snapshots and reflections of what has been happening in our life together and in the wider community.

Want to learn more? Check out our news archive at www.fourthchurch.org/news