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Get Connected

at Fourth Church

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FOURTH • MEN'S BIBLE STUDY • HOSPITALITY TEAM • WORLD MISSION A-
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE • CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE • GRO-
PRISON MINISTRY • GROUP INTERFAITH RESOURCE COMMITTEE • MISSIO-
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MISSION GROUP • RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MISSION GROUP • REFUGEE
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Welcome!

Whether you are new to Fourth Presbyterian Church or have been around for a long time, we invite you to deepen your faith life and your connection to the vibrant community that is Fourth Church.

In this booklet you will find fellowship and study opportunities, mission committees and service projects to get involved with, and volunteer opportunities where you can serve.

Whatever you choose to try once or commit to for a season, we hope that you will find a place where you feel you can bring your whole self. As we meet together, eat, study, pray together, and seek to be of service together, we strengthen our bonds of connection and become a household of faith.

Consider the opportunities listed here and let us know how we can help you get connected!

Wishing you the peace of Christ in all you do,

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Ways to get connected with
Children, Youth, and Families
Confirmation

Confirmation equips youth to profess faith and enter active church membership. All eighth graders are welcome to attend, regardless of their relationship with Fourth Church, as are youth older than eighth grade who have not yet made a profession of faith. Volunteers help lead the weekly Sunday morning gatherings and the two weekend retreats.

■ Contact Rocky Supinger: rsupinger@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.4037

Families

Family Camp offers families an opportunity in late May to spend a relaxing weekend together at a camp in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where kids and adults enjoy both programming and free time. Accommodations are hotel-style, with fresh meals prepared each day.

■ Contact Matt Helms: mhelms@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3362

Neighborhood Groups, which are made up of four to six families with children of similar ages, are located throughout the city and suburbs.

■ Contact Briana Belding-Peck: bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3804

Family Nights invite families to gather for dinner, fellowship, games, crafts, and entertainment, typically from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of the month. Past Family Nights have included pumpkin decorating, animals, magic shows, and movies.

■ Contact Briana Belding-Peck: bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3804

See also

Choirs, pp. 11–12

Sunday School

Sunday School classes for children age three in early September) through fifth grade are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. from early September to mid-May and at 9:30 a.m. in June and July. Volunteer teachers use a shared curriculum. Registration is not required to attend.

■ Contact Matt Helms: mhelms@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3362

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, a fun-filled August week of Bible stories, games, crafts, and singing for preschoolers and grade school students, is held 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and is supported by youth and adult volunteers.

■ Contact Matt Helms: mhelms@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3362

Youth

Youth Groups gather weekly on Sunday mornings from September to May. There are separate groups for Junior High (grades 6–8) and Senior High (grades 9–12) as well as a shared time of fellowship for all youth. These groups are accompanied and supported by youth volunteers.

■ Contact Jaselyn Coney: jconey@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.4036

Lock-Ins and Retreats for youth (grades 6–12) are overnight and weekend events that take place onsite at Fourth Church as well as at camps and retreat centers in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as chaperones during these overnight events.

■ Contact Rocky Supinger: rsupinger@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.4037

Mission Trips for youth take place during the summer months. These week-long opportunities for youth to put faith into practice by serving and building relationships. Adult volunteers are needed as chaperones.

■ Contact Rocky Supinger: rsupinger@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.4037

Ways to get connected through **Community Building**

Book Groups

“Books by Women” Book Group, which meets at the church on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., September–June, discusses classic and contemporary works by women authors.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

The CLL Monthly Book Club is a monthly gathering for those sixty and over to discuss a wide variety of books chosen by the group.

■ Contact Susan Quaintance: squaintance@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3386

Men’s Book Group meets at the church on the fourth Monday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Common Connection Groups

Cornerstones is a group of couples and singles over fifty who usually meet for fellowship, dinner, and a program on the first Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Couples Group brings couples together for fellowship and study throughout the city.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Cycling Club organizes monthly bike rides (usually on the first Saturday of the month) for cyclists of all levels.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Deep Listening Dinners bring together eight to ten diverse people committed to listening deeply to each other and sharing honestly with one another in order to better understand our differences while also honoring our commonalities and shared humanity.

■ Contact Nanette Sawyer: nsawyer@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3835

Fourth for Bridge is a group that encourages spiritual connection and intergenerational fellowship through playing friendly games of bridge. Meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 at a member's home.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Geographic Small Groups are forming in the Western Springs and Oak Park areas. Groups determine their gathering focus and frequency.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

TwentiesThirties is a group of individuals in their twenties and thirties seeking to develop relationships and grow in discipleship. Activities include small group gatherings and Bible studies, monthly social outings, and retreats.

■ Contact Abbi Heimach-Snipes: aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.5449

Crafts and Handwork

Benevolent Guild, which meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., creates stuffed animals and taggies for donation to children in area hospitals and shelters. *No sewing experience is necessary.*

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

The Knitting and Crocheting Group creates hats, scarves, mittens, and similar items for those in need. Participants create the items on their own time and then meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. to drop off completed projects and pick up materials.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Interfaith Opportunities

Interfaith Conversations: Neighbor to Neighbor is a quarterly opportunity to gain perspective on our religious neighbors' perspective and experience and to strengthen relationships with our neighbors.

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Interfaith Holidays provide occasion to gather with neighbors of various faiths. Fourth Church members attend the interfaith Passover Seder hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, share interfaith Iftars at the Downtown Islamic Center, and worship with neighboring faith communities on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Men's Groups

Men's Breakfast meets for breakfast, a program, and fellowship on a monthly basis.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Men's Discussion Groups bring together six to eight men for a time of studying scripture and sharing personal reflections on the text. No knowledge of the Bible, theology, or experience is required.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

See also

Men's Book Group, p. 4

Men's Bible Study, p. 22

Racial Equity

Interfaith Coalition Against Racism is a coalition of congregations (including Fourth Church) that develops interracial relationships, offers community forums, and engages in advocacy and actions to address racial injustice.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

The Racial Equity Council, a standing committee of Session, seeks to lead the church to become an anti-racist, multiculturally inclusive church; foster an environment that is inviting and welcoming for all people, particularly people of color; and build interracial relationships within our congregation.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

■ Contact Nanette Sawyer: nsawyer@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3835

Women's Groups

Women at Fourth is an intergenerational gathering of women who meet for fellowship, education, and service. In addition to their book group, Benevolent Guild, Knitting and Crocheting, and seasonal drives to support mission programs, they also gather for monthly fellowship on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. This time together includes light refreshments and a program.

■ Contact Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

See also

Benevolent Guild, p. 5

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Ways to get connected through **Congregational Leadership** **Leadership**

The officers who serve on the three boards of the church—Deacons, Session, and Trustees—have been identified for their gifts of leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation and are elected to three-year terms by the congregation. These elections are held each February. Officers are then ordained and installed in May, when they begin their term of service.

Individuals are invited to nominate themselves or other Fourth Church members for one of these three boards (*nominations can be submitted online at www.fourthchurch.org/about/boards.html*).

The Board of Deacons is often called “the heart of the church.”

Deacons are responsible for the care of the congregation and outreach ministries.

The Board of Trustees oversees the financial life of the church, including the endowment.

Session, as the governing body of the church, is responsible for the life and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church. It focuses on shaping faith, building community, serving others, and stewarding resources.

■ Contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3363)

Ways to get connected through

Education

Academy for Faith and Life

The Academy for Faith and Life provides short-term and ongoing adult education for the members and friends of Fourth Presbyterian Church and for the larger community. Classes are offered on Sunday mornings, September through May, on a variety of topics that include Bible study, spirituality, and the ways in which faith intersects with the most important topics of our time. Occasional lectures and forums are also scheduled throughout the year.

■ Contact Lucy Forster-Smith: lforster-smith@fourthchurch.org; 312.787.3364

Center for Life and Learning

The Center for Life and Learning is a daytime weekday program for adults sixty and over. Among its offerings are exercise and wellness classes as well as lectures and multiweek courses on topics ranging from current events to music and the arts, from foreign languages to religion and history. There are also excursions and social events.

■ Contact Susan Quaintance: squaintance@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3386

See also

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Ways to get connected through **Fourth Church Membership**

Joining Fourth Church

The Inquirers' Class invites those interested in becoming members of Fourth Church to learn more about this congregation as well as the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The class is a prerequisite for membership, but all are welcome whether or not they are presently considering membership.

The one-session class is typically offered on the second Sunday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (*register for a class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers*). On the day they attend the class, those participating are invited to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

Upon completion of the class, individuals are received into membership on a New Member Sunday (*usually the third Sunday of the month*) at a 9:30 a.m. meeting of Session followed by a congregational welcome during that morning's 11:00 a.m. service of worship.

■ Contact Joe Morrow: jmorrow@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399

Ways to get connected through Music

Adult Choirs

The Chancel Choir sings regularly at the 8:00 a.m. service and occasionally in other services and concerts. This volunteer choir rehearses each Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Morning Choir sings regularly at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and occasionally in other services and concerts.

An audition is required for participation in this choir.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Men's Choir sings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services half of the summer.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Women's Choir sings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services half of the summer.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Choral Society brings together anyone from the Chicago community and the Fourth Church congregation who enjoys singing. It presents a concert each spring and autumn and rehearses on Thursday evenings in the weeks leading up to the concert.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

Children and Youth Choirs

Tunes for Tots is an opportunity for parents of infants and young toddlers to share time singing simple songs with their children. This introduction to music and singing meets on Sundays during the school year from 9:00 to 9:20 a.m. in the Day School rooms.

■ Contact Matt Helms: mhelms@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3362

The Cherub Choir is open to children age three through first-graders. Cherub Choir rehearses from 9:00 to 9:20 a.m. each Sunday in Room 4F and sings occasionally in worship and concerts.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Children's Choir is open to second-graders through fifth-graders. It rehearses from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. each Sunday in Room 4F and sings once a month in worship and occasionally in concert.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Youth Choir is open to sixth-graders through twelfth-graders. The Youth Choir rehearses on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Room 4F and sings once a month in worship and occasionally in concert.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

Instrumental

The Handbell Choir periodically rings in worship and concerts and for special occasions. The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

■ Contact Briana Belding-Peck: bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3804

Pianist for the Sunday School Children's Chapel during the school year.

■ Contact Matt Helms: mhelms@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3362

The Taizé Instrumental Ensemble is open to anyone who plays a musical instrument that would enhance Taizé worship (www.fourthchurch.org/taize). This group gathers on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel to play for the 7:30 p.m. Taizé worship service.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

The Drumming Circle is open to anyone who enjoys playing percussion instruments. The group plays in 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on an occasional basis. Rehearsal takes place before those services.

■ Contact John Sherer: jsherer@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.2592

Ways to get connected with **Outreach, Mission, and Advocacy**

Advocacy

Environmental Stewardship: The Care of Creation Mission Group works to encourage ecological stewardship in church practices, to raise awareness on public policy issues, and to provide periodic service opportunities to clean up the environment.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

Human Rights: The We Respect All People (WRAP) Mission Group seeks to reduce hate crimes, show solidarity with victims of hate crimes, and increase civic engagement.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

Public Policy advocacy opportunities are provided to learn about and influence change in public policy through letter-writing, calling, petitions, and lobbying. To receive advocacy action alerts, send your email address to news@fourthchurch.org, with “Mission” in the subject line.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

Sex Trafficking: The Sunlight Project seeks to end sex trafficking in Chicago through education, advocacy, and support of survivors.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

Mission

A Bike Drive organized annually by volunteers collects used bicycles that Working Bikes repairs and send to Latin America and Africa for those who do not have ready access to transportation.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

The Fair Trade Bazaar, held annually on the first weekend in Advent, brings together Fourth Church volunteers and fair trade vendors to raise more than \$45,000 for families in developing countries.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

Hunger and Homelessness are issues addressed by Fourth Church Meals Ministry, which serves Sunday and Monday Night Suppers as well as bag lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and by the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center, which meets basic human needs while working with partner agencies to support persons on their journey toward greater stability and self-sufficiency. Many volunteer opportunities with both are detailed in “Serving and Volunteering.”

■ Contact Robert Crouch: rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382

Mission trips to help people build relationships, grow in cross-cultural understanding, and serve and learn from our brothers and sisters internationally and in the United States, are made annually. Recent destinations have included Guatemala, Cuba, and Ireland.

For future trips visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

The Shower Ministry makes the showers at the church available one afternoon per week for those who are homeless to use. Volunteers assist guests in walking to the showers and having access to hygiene items.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

See also

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Outreach

Chicago Shares vouchers can be purchased to give to those on the streets who are in need, and they can then redeem the vouchers at local grocery stores. The vouchers are made available for purchase during Sunday Morning Coffee Hours at the mission table staffed by volunteers.

■ Contact Nancy Davis: ndavis@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3815

The Prison Ministry Mission Group goes to the Cook County Jail on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. to share in worship, Bible study, and prayer.

■ Contact Robert Crouch: rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382

The Refugee Resettlement Mission Group welcomes and sponsors a refugee family once a year through RefugeeOne. Tasks include furnishing an apartment, being a mentor to help the family adapt, hosting the family on social visits, and stocking their food pantry upon arrival.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

The Restorative Justice Mission Group supports the training of Circle Keepers to facilitate dialogue and conflict resolution and advocates for criminal justice system reform to reduce mass incarceration.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

The Studios Network is an interfaith group that offers services and builds relationships with the residents of the Single Room Occupancy building at 18th and Wabash, which Fourth Church helped build in the 1990s. Activities include weekly Bible studies and holiday parties.

■ Contact Vicky Curtiss: mission@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3598

Ways to get connected through **Serving and Volunteering**

The opportunities listed here represent ways for you to share your gifts and talents and while also meeting others and making new friends!

For Serving and Volunteering Opportunities, contact
Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry
rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382

Caring

For all caring-related serving and volunteering opportunities,
contact Judith Watt: jwatt@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3360

Care Teams help individuals who live in their area who need assistance with such things as meals, pastoral care, or rides to doctor appointments.

Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one Christian caregiving to someone facing a life transition or challenge. Those with gifts of listening, compassion, and wisdom who are willing to participate in the fifty hours of required training are encouraged to consider applying for the program.

Visitation Ministry is an opportunity visit with long-term members on a monthly basis, helping them stay connected to the congregation.

Children and Youth Programs

Career Development provides high school students in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program a head start in keeping a job and planning for a satisfying career. Internship hosts and class facilitators are needed.

Nursery assistants, who are church members, help support our nursery staff by providing loving care for our youngest members on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School teachers teach approximately two times per month as a part of a teaching team or serve as substitutes in assisting a lead teacher. Teachers are members of Fourth Church; previous teaching experience is not necessary and curriculum and lesson materials are provided.

Summer Day reduces learning loss for 125 students through six weeks of instruction in language arts, math, music, dance, drama, photography, and visual art at the church. Volunteers are needed as academic and arts instructors, meal-time assistants, and field-trip chaperones for this Chicago Lights program.

Tutors are needed to be paired one-to-one with a student from an under-resourced neighborhood for one evening of tutoring and mentoring a week at the church as part of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Substitute tutors are also needed as are individuals to teach enrichment classes or assist with meal time prior to tutoring sessions.

Vacation Bible School volunteers are youth and adults who assist with our weekly VBS program, which meets in the mornings one week each August.

Youth leaders and chaperones work with our junior and senior high youth groups, which offer a variety of opportunities to accompany youth on their faith journey, from Sunday morning youth group gatherings to retreats, lock-ins, and summer mission trips.

Cooking and Serving

Bag Lunch assemblers put sandwiches in bags and load the lunch cart in preparation for distribution at the Bag Lunch program held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:00 p.m. The time commitment is 10:30–11:45 a.m.; individual volunteers are prescheduled to serve on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Bag Lunch distributors check in guests, hand out lunches, and pour beverages in Anderson Hall during the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday lunch distribution. The time commitment is 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Bakers for Communion use a gluten-free recipe (*provided*) to prepare the wafers used for Holy Communion at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Bakers for Monday Night Supper prepare dessert items at home, typically enough to serve twelve to fifteen guests at Meals Ministry's Monday Night Supper.

Cooks/servers prepare meals on site in the Parish House Kitchen and serve them to guests during Sunday Night Supper. Volunteers must be at least sixteen and physically capable of standing for extended periods of time and moderately heavy lifting. Supervision and supplies are provided. The time commitment is 2:00–6:15 p.m. on Sundays.

Monday Night Supper Dining Room volunteers assist with setup, beverage pouring, hospitality, serving, and cleanup for Monday Night Supper, which is held at Catholic Charities (*721 N. LaSalle*). The time commitment is 3:30–6:15 p.m.

Sandwich makers make sandwiches—in large batches—for those in need. Volunteers work in teams at the church, with all the necessary supplies provided.

Shoppers shop, transport, and deliver needed supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. Car and email access are a requirement; a Costco membership is a plus. This activity occurs on a scheduled basis; days depend on a list (typically one to two hours per assignment).

Sunday Night Supper Dining Room volunteers assist with room setup, beverage pouring, hospitality, serving, and cleanup for Sunday Night Supper in Anderson Hall. The time commitment is 3:45–6:00 p.m.

Donation Management and Drives

Christmas Wishes is a gift drive organized by Women at Fourth to provide holiday presents to Chicago Lights Tutoring students.

Clothes sorters sort donated clothing for the Share shop of the Chicago Lights Elam Daves Social Service Center.

The School Supply Drive sponsored by Women at Fourth collects backpacks and school supplies for youth in the Chicago Lights Summer Day, Dance Academy, Tutoring, and Urban Farm programs.

Gardening/Farming

Chicago Lights Urban Farm volunteer opportunities are available April through November at the Farm, located at 444 W. Chicago Avenue.

Welcoming and Hosting

Book Nook hosts assist those looking for books available for purchase during Sunday morning Coffee Hours

Coffee Hour hosts serve refreshments during Sunday Coffee Hours.

Congregational meal and special event volunteers help to plan, manage, staff, and host special congregational events.

Discover Fourth Committee members works on innovative ways to welcome new people and engage them in the life of faith and the Fourth Church congregation.

Good Neighbors Street Outreach Team members connect with individuals on the street who are experiencing homelessness by providing emergency food and directing them to other resources for further aid.

Inquirers' Class teachers are members of the church who help tell the story of God's goodness happening here at Fourth Church to those considering membership.

Shopping aides assist guests of the Food Pantry and Share Shop in the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center.

Shower Ministry greeters welcome those using the Fourth church showers on Tuesday afternoon. The schedule rotates; the time commitment is 1:15–4:00 p.m.

Welcome Committee members welcome and greet visitors, members, and guests each Sunday and at various open houses and other occasions in the life of Fourth Church.

Worship

For all worship-related serving and volunteering opportunities, contact Shawn Fiedler: sfielder@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3367

The Beadle carries the Bible while leading the worship procession up the center aisle at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The Beadle role is filled by members of Session or Deacons; others are encouraged to volunteer for occasional services.

Bread Cutters prepare the bread used for Communion by intinction at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services each week. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotation basis or called upon as needed.

The Chancel Guild prepares the table and chancel before each Sunday service. It also assists in the preparation of Holy Communion at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Guild members gather from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday morning preceding Communion Sundays to prepare the elements and stack the Communion trays for each service.

Chancel Team for 8:00 a.m. assists in the preparation of Communion at the 8:00 a.m. service. Responsibilities include setting the Communion table with the proper cloth and elements, cleaning the Communion vessels, and occasionally laundering linens.

Communion Servers are ordained Elders or Deacons in the PC(USA) who have attended a required training session. They help serve Communion at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services (*first Sunday of even-numbered months plus Holy Week*) or serve Communion by intinction on Holy Days.

Docents engage in friendly, warm conversation with newcomers while offering fifteen-to-twenty-minute guided tours of our historic sanctuary following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services. A one-session training is required.

Jazz at Four greeters serve on a monthly basis at the 4:00 p.m. Sunday jazz service. Volunteers welcome both worshipers and visitors, distribute worship bulletins, assist with the offering, and help pick up after the service. The time commitment is approximately two hours.

Lay Liturgists lead the congregation in worship by reading the Psalter or scripture lessons. Lay Liturgists participate in Sunday services, Friday evening Taizé services, and on Holy Days.

Ushers are ministers of hospitality who seat worshipers, receive the offering, and assist newcomers in finding their way. Ushers join a specific service team (8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.) and are invited to serve during special services throughout the year.

Taizé Greeters serve as welcoming hosts to those attending Taizé worship in Buchanan Chapel on the fourth Friday of the month. They hand out bulletins, assist in seating latecomers, and help with clean-up.

Ways to get connected with **Spiritual Enrichment**

Bible Studies

“Faith Today” Bible Study is offered through the Center for Life and Learning (a program for adults sixty and over) but is open to all ages. It meets on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Room 5E.

■ Contact Susan Quaintance: squaintance@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3386

Men’s Bible Study, which focuses on the scripture texts from worship, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop.

■ RSVP (*required*) to Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3369

Women’s Bible Study (*Horizons*) is based on the Bible study guide from *Horizons* magazine. It meets the second Wednesday of the month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

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Labyrinth Ministry

Labyrinth Ministry brings together people interested in taking part in the meditative labyrinth walks that are hosted at Fourth Church prior to the monthly Taizé services and to mark special observances.

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Meditation

Meditation: Silence in Community, which is hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room for a forty-minute meditation session followed by an optional thirty-minute discussion.

■ Contact Sharon Crawford-Tucker: scrawfordtucker@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3394

Mindfulness Meditation is a weekly meditation session offered by the Center for Life and Learning for adults sixty and over, meets on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Room 5A.

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Sacred Pause offers twenty minutes of meditative silence on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel (enter at 123 E. Delaware).

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Path of Discipleship

Path of Discipleship is a series offered during Lent as a time to engage, one evening a week, in book study, small-group discussion, table fellowship, and worship.

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Retreats and Pilgrimages

Contemplative Retreats are held at a nearby retreat center at various times during the church year, typically during Advent (December) and Lent (March).

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Pilgrimage Trips are sponsored periodically by the Spiritual Formation Council. Past pilgrimage destinations have included the island of Iona in Scotland and Ghost Ranch, New Mexico.

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