

February 11, 2024



# The Gathering

## Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

### Gathering Music

**Song** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Hymnal 465)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



**FOURTH**  
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A Light in the City

*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.*

**\*Song** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Hymnal 192)

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

*Refrain*

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (*Refrain*)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (*Refrain*)

**\*Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*  
And also with you.

**Song** "I Surrender All"

*Refrain*



I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all. All to thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.

**We Hear.**

**Scripture** Mark 9:2-9

**Sermon**

### Offering

*The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate or, upon leaving today, in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits. Gifts also can be given online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church)*

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” (Hymnal 190)

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven’s voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit’s rise  
downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,  
not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,  
but by following the Savior through the valley to the cross  
and by testing faith’s resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,  
and recast our life’s intentions to the shape of your designs,  
till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary’s hill  
and our living and our dying and our rising by your will

### Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the juice).  
Gluten-free bread is available.*

### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Communion Song** “In the House of Stone and Light” (Martin Page)

**\*Song** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (Hymnal 66)

*Refrain:*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

*(Refrain)*

Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track. it runs to heaven and then right back.

*(Refrain)*

**\*Blessing**

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**Preachers**

Will Kozlowski, Grace Siurek, Alec Nunziati

**Worship Leaders**

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

**The Music Today**

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, drums

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**Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service,** God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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# You are invited!

February 11–17, 2024



*The following pages are our invitation to you—an invitation to explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here. We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!*

## Welcome!

**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and invite you to continue 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. ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

## Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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](http://fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)) ✨ **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. ✨ The **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each service. There are 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. ✨ **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 an usher. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings 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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## Let us know you're worshipping with us!

Please 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 worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

## Worship podcasts and sermon text

During the week we make the Sunday morning **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](https://fourthchurch.org/sermons)) **by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

## Prayer and meditation

On Wednesdays we gather 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](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is 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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

## A time of sabbatical

Please join us as we hold in prayer **Rocky Supinger, who begins his sabbatical today** (through May 6). During his time away, please direct questions about Youth Ministry to Amy Pagliarella ([apagliarella@fourthchurch.org](mailto:apagliarella@fourthchurch.org)) and questions about worship to Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

## Black History Month

Among the ways we celebrate **Black History Month** is the **art exhibition “The Boldness of Being: The work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,”** two African American women artists. Their work will be on display in the Loggia through March, which is Women's History Month. ✨ The **flag and signage** along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to the Black history that we honor this month.

## Gala of Hope

This year the annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held on Friday evening, March 1 at **the Old Post Office** (433 W Van Buren)! This annual event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm,** and **Social Service Center** programs. To **reserve tickets** for this evening of dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions or to become an event sponsor, visit [one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024](http://one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024) by February 24. For more information contact Caryn Blomquist ([cblomquist@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cblomquist@fourthchurch.org)).

## Ash Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday**, February 14, We will gather for **worship at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m.** (*an hour earlier than last year's evening service*). Both of these Ash Wednesday services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes; the 6:30 service will also be livestreamed. ✨ If you would like to **volunteer to impose ashes outside the Sanctuary and greet passersby** on Michigan Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, please sign up at [app.vomo.org/opportunity/aotg](http://app.vomo.org/opportunity/aotg)

## Lenten opportunities and resources

Our annual **Path of Discipleship** is an invitation to six weeks of **spiritual growth in Lent**. This year our time will be grounded in **James Martin's book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage***; we will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 20. The February 20 and March 26 sessions will be both in person and via Zoom; the February 27–March 19 sessions will be via Zoom. Registration required at [www.bit.ly/fpcpod24](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod24) ✨ We also invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for **personal reflection** during the upcoming season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, simply subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) (*if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences (*approximately ten minutes each*), led by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, weave together scripture, prayer, and music and will be released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on February 14. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail)

## Get connected

**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss ***West with Giraffes: A Novel*** this Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ **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.* ✨ **A new Zoom Small Group** will discuss **Robert P. Jones' *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*** starting this Wednesday, February 14. For details, email Simon Crow. ✨ Beginning next Sunday, Jeff Doane will lead a three-week Adult Education class discussing **Jon Meacham's *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle***, focusing on how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. The class, which will be in-person only, will meet February 18–March 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites you to learn about volunteer opportunities using your professional skillset with the **Neighborhood Entrepreneurship Lab (NEL)**. To learn how you can help increase job opportunities in under-resourced Chicago communities, attend a presentation next Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in Room 5F. ✨ This June a group from Fourth Church will spend **six days walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago** in Spain, one of Christianity's oldest pilgrimage routes. To learn more, contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). Registration is due by February 21 at [www.bit.ly/caminotrip24](http://www.bit.ly/caminotrip24)



## 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](http://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 at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar) and from our website's home page. ✨ We invite you to follow us on **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://instagram.com/fourthchurch)). ✨ Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at [ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## Joining Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. ([register at www.bit.ly/inquirers324](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers324)) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. ([register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers424)). For more information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

## Pastoral care and a listening presence and witness

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, hospitalizations, or deaths, email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@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, email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@fourthchurch.org)) or Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence for **those facing life's challenges**. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ Our **Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** facilitates grief groups; **new grief groups start March 13 and May 15**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **To explore options for counseling**, call the Replegle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [www.repleglecenter.org](http://www.repleglecenter.org).

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