

May 12, 2024



# The Gathering

## Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

### Gathering Music

**Song** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place" (Hymnal 408)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Refrain:*

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (*Refrain*)

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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** "To God Be the Glory" (Hymnal 634)

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

**\*Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

And also with you.

**Song** "Blessed Assurance" (Hymnal 839)

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

## We Hear.

**Scripture Reading** . . . . . Psalm 1

**Sermon** . . . . . Rocky Supinger

## We Respond.

### 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)*

**Song** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (Hymnal 240, v. 1 and 4)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to his name**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**He is the King of creation. (Refrain)**

**Come let us praise the living God,**

**joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)**

### 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 "Take Me to the King" (Kirk Franklin)



### \*Song "Halle, Halle Hallelujah!" (Hymnal 591)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

### \*Blessing

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## 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 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.”**

## Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (See the back cover for summer worship schedule.)

### Entering the building

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*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 115 E. Delaware.

### Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

### Parking

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*) for \$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.

**Ensure you receive the latest updates, stories, and snapshots** 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)

## Worshipping Online

We livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

### Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime 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](https://fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)

### Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

### For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

## Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out the information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the information pads in the pews, passing them down their row so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. If your contact information has changed, please indicate that too.

### Online

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

## Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

### Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](https://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](https://fourthchurch.org/devotions) and on Facebook and Instagram.

### Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos

Each Wednesday we release a ten-minute video of music, scripture, and prayer led this month by Matt Helms and the Gathering musicians. You can receive notice of new videos by subscribing to our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos); sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](https://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to receive them by email.

### Sacred Pause

You are 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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

### Wednesday Morning Prayer

Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). On the first Wednesday of the month (*June 5*) we gather for in-person Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Podcasts

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon are made available via podcast. You can find them on multiple podcast platforms as well as at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)

You will also find there Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s podcast “Bible Top Ten.” This lively, informative, and often amusing podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

## Making Music

### Celebrate John Sherer's music ministry

John Sherer's last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry among us!

- Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.: John directs the Choral Society.
- Fridays, May 31 and June 14 at 12:10 p.m.: John plays his last Friday Noonday Organ Concerts.
- Tuesday, June 4, 5:30–7:00 p.m.: Reception celebrating John's ministry; RSVP required at [bit.ly/sherercelebration](http://bit.ly/sherercelebration)
- Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.: John plays an Organ Recital.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John's last Sunday leading us in worship music. If you would like to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that morning.

## Get Connected

### Bible studies

Three Bible studies meet via Zoom: Men's Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and *Horizons* Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, May 22 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)) for details.

### Book group

The Books by Women group meets this Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson.

### Handcrafts

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create crafted items for those in need. Knitting and Crocheting meets in person on Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and via Zoom on Tuesday, May 28 at 5:00 p.m. (For details, email Simon at [scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## Adult education

"The Injustice of White Silence" class takes place Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at [fourthchurch.org/adult-education](http://fourthchurch.org/adult-education)).

## Women at Fourth

Women are invited to gather for a swap meet next Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5G. Register at [bit.ly/4bwc0BI](http://bit.ly/4bwc0BI).

## Deep Listening Dinner

Friendship will be the theme of our next Deep Listening Dinner, a time to get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. To join the discussion, which will take place on Friday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall, register (required) at [bit.ly/deeplisting524](http://bit.ly/deeplisting524)

## Black history tour

Our Racial Equity Council invites you to join them for a Black history tour on Sunday, June 2 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Traveling by bus (from our Delaware Place entrance), we will tour Bronzeville with Chicago historian Sherman "Dilla" Thomas as our guide. Register at [bit.ly/june2tour](http://bit.ly/june2tour)

## Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation as well as discover various resources and opportunities on our website: [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

## Weekly newsletter

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)

## YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram

Follow us at [bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos); [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch); and [instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)

## Caring for One Another

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@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.

### Stephen Ministry

For those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

### Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling or well-being offerings, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

To learn about the next Grief Group, which will meet via Zoom beginning May 15, email the facilitator, Sharon, at stucker@fourthchurch.org.

## News and Updates

### Congregational meeting

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m., both in person and via Zoom, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the search process for our next pastor.

### Summer worship schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the weekend of Labor Day. From May 26 through September 1, we will gather for two worship services: at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m.

### AAPI Heritage Month

The AAPI flag flying in our courtyard bears public witness to May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

### Older Americans Month

May is when we join in celebrating Older Americans Month. Visit [fourthchurch.org/cll](http://fourthchurch.org/cll) to explore our Center for Life and Learning offerings for adults sixty and over.

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**Tom Are Jr.** Interim Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

**Matt Helms** Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**Amy Pagliarella** Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus



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