

May 26, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is In this Place"

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can
feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can
hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;
Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

**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 "Here I Am, Lord" (Hymnal 69)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

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

Song "God Is So Good" (Hymnal 658)

God is so good;
God is so good;
God is so good;
God's so good to me.

God cares for me...
(God's so good to me.)

God loves me so...
(God's so good to me.)

We Hear.

Scripture Reading Psalm 103

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 or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church)

Song “Now Thank We All Our God” (Hymnal 643, v. 1 and 3)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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

“That’s What Friends Are For” Burt Bacharach and Carole Bayer Sager

***Song** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Hymnal 700)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

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

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, **from May 26 through September 1 we gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

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

Worshipping Online

We livestream our 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: 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

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 to our morning service by calling 888.916.9166 at 10:00 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.

Trinity Sunday

Today is Trinity Sunday, the Sunday that each year follows the Day of Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is on this day that the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Honoring John Sherer

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!

- 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
- 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.

Memory book

As an expression of gratitude for John Sherer and his ministry among us, we invite you to share your well-wishes, notes, photos, and thank-yous with John through our online memory book at bit.ly/sherermemories

Gifts in honor of John

As a further expression of gratitude, we also invite you to make a gift in honor of John’s dedicated leadership of music ministry at Fourth Church. Gifts given in honor of John will support key areas of this ministry of beauty, including the Director of Music and Organ Scholar positions as well as the Morning Choir. Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/jwvshonorgift

Recognizing Graduates

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2024 are asked to email their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) no later than next Sunday, May 26. Graduate names received by May 26 will appear in the morning worship bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 2.

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 this Wednesday, May 22 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets via Zoom this Tuesday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Benevolent Guild

The Benevolent Guild, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. No sewing experience is required.

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 this Friday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall, register (required) at bit.ly/deeplisting524

TwentiesThirties

Young adults from Fourth Church will join St. James Cathedral's Young Adult Ministry for a Cubs game next Sunday, June 2. For details, email Howard Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Sermon discussion

Next Sunday, June 2, join us for an in-person discussion of that morning's sermon. This time of table conversation will provide opportunity to deepen our understanding of the text and sermon topic by listening to what others have heard. It is also an occasion to build fellowship with one another. We will gather at 11:10 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room for the sermon discussion on the first Sunday of June, July, and August.

Cornerstones with Tom Are

Next Friday evening, June 7 Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will gather for dinner and conversation with Tom Are, who will talk about "Life at Fourth Church." Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones672024

VBS

Children three years old through fifth grade are invited to travel with us to ancient Egypt as we spend time learning about Moses and the Exodus during VBS. Our Vacation Bible School adventure will take place at the church June 10–14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/vbs2024fpc

Book group

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Civil rights pilgrimage

Fourth Church is cosponsoring an October 18–27 Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. To learn more about this opportunity, see the trip description at bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session online Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers624).

Stay Connected

You can find details on our website about ways to connect with one another and this congregation: 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 and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Caring for One Another

Men's clothing needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's clothing, of all types and all sizes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*except on Memorial Day*).

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.

Walk for peace

Our World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to join them for this summer's Friday night Peace Walks at Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. We will join the kickoff walk on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. as well as the June 28, July 12, August 2, and August 16 walks. To learn more, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Counseling and well-being

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

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