



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 28, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

- Esto Les Digo . . . . . Kinley Lange
- Prayer of the Children. . . . . Kurt Bestor/arr. Andrea Klouse
- Even Me . . . . . Elizabeth Codner and William Bradbury/arr. Michael Reid
- O Freedom . . . . . South African Traditional

### Introit

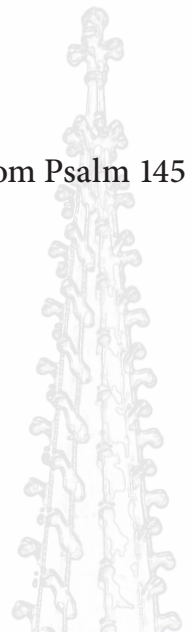
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” . . . . . John B. Dykes/arr. Norman Clayton  
*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
 but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.*

### \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God, all creatures here below;  
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

### \*Call to Worship . . . . . adapted from Psalm 145

*One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
 All: and all your faithful shall bless you.*  
*One: The Lord upholds all who are falling  
 All: and raises up all who are bowed down.*  
*One: You open your hand,  
 All: satisfying the desire of every living thing.*  
*One: The Lord is just and kind.  
 All: The Lord is near to all who call on God.*



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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

**\*Hymn 327** . . . . . “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods.

You have called us to love others as you love them.

But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other gods—

the false gods of materialism, racial and ethnic privileging,

gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism.

Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

## Anthem

“The Word Was God” . . . . . Rosephayne Powell  
*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made that have been made;  
nothing was made he has not made. All things were made by him.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** . . . . . Psalm 14

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*  
All: Thanks be to God.

### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Second Lesson** . . . . . Luke 12:13–21

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*  
All: *but the word of our God shall stand forever.*

### Sermon

Home Alone . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

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†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 306** (*sung to the tune of Hymn 286*) . . . . . “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
Before our Father’s<sup>†</sup> throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.  
We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.  
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.  
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

## Offering

### Offertory Anthem

“Gloria,” “Benedictus,” and “Amen” from *Coronation Mass*. . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Amen.*

### \*Offertory Response. . . . . Hymn 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance, with trust and hope in your providence we dedicate these gifts to you.  
Into your care, we release our resources, and in so doing, we let go of our fears of scarcity,  
abandonment, and neglect so that without hesitation we may provide for those in need.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 767** . . . . . “Together We Serve”

Together we serve, united by love,  
    inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
    extending God’s love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
    a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
    until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
    the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
    our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
    remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
    remembering love is the strength of our song.

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

Toccatina in F Major . . . . . Dieterich Buxtehude

#### ***About Today’s Sermon***

There was a man who had a problem. Admittedly, it was a good problem to have, but still a problem. It would have been good to discuss his problem with someone, but there was no one. To make matters worse, God calls this man a “fool.” Being called a fool is never good, but when God is the one who declares you are a fool, that’s a bad day!



## 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, **throughout the summer 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.

## Worshipping Online

We livestream our 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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](http://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 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 an information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship. Please also indicate if your contact information has changed.

### Online

Those worshipping 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.

## Children in Worship

### Children in worship

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.

### Nursery care

During the morning service nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

## Sunday Opportunities

### Sunday school

Summer Sunday school concludes today with a 10:00 a.m. session in Room 4D for three-year-olds through fifth graders. Sunday school will then take a break until our fall program year kicks off on Sunday, September 8.

### Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to pray with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following worship.

### Afternoon worship service

We invite you to join us for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, a casual, intimate service. Beena David and the Gathering Ensemble lead our music; Rocky Supinger will be preaching.

## Sue Buchanan Memorial Service

The memorial service for Sue Buchanan, wife of Pastor Emeritus John Buchanan, will be held this Saturday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at [fourthchurch.org/watch](http://fourthchurch.org/watch)



## Get Connected

### Deep Listening Dinner

This Friday, August 2 we will gather in Anderson Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a Deep Listening Dinner, as we get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. To join us for dinner, register (*required*) at [bit.ly/deeplisting82024](http://bit.ly/deeplisting82024)

### Walking for peace

Also this Friday, August 2 we are participating in a Peace Walk with Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. For details, email Nancy ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study also meets via Zoom on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Chicago Exchange: Japanese Fellowship

Japanese community members are invited to Chicago Exchange fellowship on Thursday, August 1 at 5:45 p.m. in the Manse for a Western-style cooking workshop, English conversation practice, and an optional introductory Bible course. RSVP to [thechicagoexchange@gmail.com](mailto:thechicagoexchange@gmail.com)

### Encore: The Art of Aging Well

The Center for Life and Learning benefit—"Encore: The Art of Aging Well"—takes place on Saturday, August 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the church and includes a time of refreshments as well as a presentation by Jeffrey Nigro on "Great Artists in Their Prime." For tickets, register at [fourthchurch.org/cll/encore](http://fourthchurch.org/cll/encore)

### Stay connected

For additional resources and information see our website at [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org) and our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## Generosity Update

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Each gift and each pledge makes an impact—a snapshot of which you can see on our website: [bit.ly/fpcimpact62024](http://bit.ly/fpcimpact62024)

We have also received commitments toward nearly 90 percent of our pledge goal. Thank you! We still need \$314,513 in new or increased pledges to reach our pledge budget. Pledges can be made online at [bit.ly/fpcpledging](http://bit.ly/fpcpledging)

## Caring for One Another

### School supply drive

Needed by this Friday, August 2 are backpack supplies for students of Chicago Lights Summer Day and Urban Farm. Classroom supplies for Tutoring are needed by Friday, August 9. For details about donating supplies or funds for their purchase, see [bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc](http://bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc)

Volunteers are also needed to help assemble the backpacks following worship today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4G and next Sunday, August 4. If you can help, please register at [bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc](http://bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc)

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gffleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gffleming@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. To talk with a Stephen Minister, about life's challenges, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

## Calendar for July 28–August 3

<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	All day Montreat Youth Conference . . . . . Montreat, North Carolina 10:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 10:00 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room . . . . . Hospitality Suite 10:00 a.m. Nursery . . . . . Room 4A 10:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School . . . . . Room 4D 11:00 a.m. A Time of Prayer . . . . . Stone Chapel 11:00 a.m. Backpack Assembly . . . . . Room 4G 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall 11:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting . . . . . Boyle Conference Room 11:15 a.m. Nominating Committee . . . . . Room 4F 11:15 a.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary 2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) . . . . . Anderson Hall 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . . Borwell Dining Room
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<b>Monday, July 29</b>	All day Montreat Youth Conference . . . . . Montreat, North Carolina 8:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Fifth Floor 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . . Zoom 11:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Taps . . . . . Zoom 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga . . . . . Room 4F / Zoom 4:15 p.m. Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities
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<b>Tuesday, July 30</b>	All day Montreat Youth Conference . . . . . Montreat, North Carolina 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study . . . . . Zoom 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . . Online 8:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Fifth Floor 9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . . Zoom 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall 1:00 p.m. CLL: Improv . . . . . Room 4D 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language . . . . . Morse Conference Room 1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry . . . . . Showers 2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . . Anderson Hall / Zoom 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting . . . . . Room 4F
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<b>Wednesday, July 31</b>	All day Montreat Youth Conference . . . . . Montreat, North Carolina 8:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Fifth Floor 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer . . . . . Zoom 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge 9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap Too . . . . . Zoom 10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing . . . . . Zoom 11:00 a.m. CLL: Meditation . . . . . Room 4F
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## Calendar for July 28–August 3

11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events . . . . .	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Dance for Hunger . . . . .	Room 4G
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4E

<b>Thursday, August 1</b>	All day	Montreat Youth Conference . . . . .	Montreat, North Carolina
	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . .	Fifth Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Parish House Kitchen
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre . . . . .	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions . . . . .	Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Range of Motion . . . . .	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:45 p.m.	Chicago Exchange: Japanese Fellowship . . . . .	Manse

<b>Friday, August 2</b>	All day	Montreat Youth Conference . . . . .	Montreat, North Carolina
	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . .	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-Ins Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: August Lunch Meet Up . . . . .	Offsite
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain . . . . .	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
	1:15 p.m.	Summer Day Final Performance . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Deep Listening Dinner . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Peace Walks with St. Sabina . . . . .	Offsite

<b>Saturday, August 3</b>	All day	Montreat Youth Conference . . . . .	Montreat, North Carolina
	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	11:00 a.m.	Sue Buchanan Memorial Service . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	5:00 p.m.	Racial Equity Council . . . . .	Manse

*(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

**Preaching on Sunday, August 4**

10:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Nancy Benson-Nicol

## Worship Leaders

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Nancy Benson-Nicol, Ed Schimmelpfennig, Joseph L. Morrow, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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Women's Choir

The After School Matters Choir; Daniel Henry, Director

Michael Rees, Acting Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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THE CHOIR OF THE AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS PROGRAM, which is singing today's prelude and anthems, is composed of youth from throughout Chicago. Cofounded and led by Daniel Henry, a longtime member of the Fourth Church Morning Choir, the choir gathers during the summer to learn and share music throughout the city. We are grateful that this morning they are sharing their gifts with us!

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [fourthchurch.org/give](http://fourthchurch.org/give)

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