

July 28, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (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*)

Psalter Psalm 145:10–18

**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, v. 1 and 3)

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 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 "Just as I Am" (Hymnal 442, v. 1 and 3)

Just as I am, without one plea

but that thy blood was shed for me,

and that thou biddest me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,

wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

because thy promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 58:1–12

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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 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 is 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 “Irhamni Ya Allah” (Psalm 51) Joseph Khalifeh

***Song** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Hymnal 729)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord,

I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

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.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, **during 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.

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 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 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 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.

Get Connected

Bible studies

Men’s Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. This summer’s monthly Women’s Bible Study meets on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

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

Walk for peace

Our World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to join them for this summer’s Friday night Peace Walks with Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. We will be walking this Friday, August 2 and also Friday, August 16. To learn more, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@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

Encore: The Art of Aging Well

This year’s 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

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

Volunteers are also needed to help assemble the backpacks following worship next Sunday, August 4. If you can help, please register at bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc

Tutor with Chicago Lights

Another way we partner with students of Chicago Lights is by volunteering as mentors with the the Tutoring program, now in its sixtieth year. Tutor/mentors are each paired with a student, with whom they meet weekly at the church one evening a week for ninety minutes. To learn more, visit chicagolights.org/volunteer/#tutoring or email tutor@chicagolights.org

Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, August 11 at 12:15 p.m. or via Zoom on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. For details or more information about membership, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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

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

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

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, including our grief groups, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

“Rhythm and Word”

This summer we invite you to pause midweek to reflect on the theme of sabbath, as explored by Amy Pagliarella and the Gathering musicians in our July “Rhythm and Word” videos. These ten minutes of music, scripture, and prayer are released on Wednesdays. To receive them in your inbox, sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword; to receive notice of them via YouTube, subscribe to our channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Daily devotions

We also invite you to use our daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook and Instagram.

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).

Meditation Opportunities

You are invited to a Sacred Pause time of meditation offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Podcasts

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon are made available via podcast on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

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 We also invite you to follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch).

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



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