



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

August 4, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### **Prelude**

“Hail to You, Kind Jesus” . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

### **Introit**

“Come, Let Us Gather ” . . . . . Anonymous  
*Come, let us gather, now to sing praises and thanks to God our King.  
God’s love surpasses everything.*

### **\*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**

*One: Sing praises to God; give thanks for God’s name,*

*All: for God clothes us with strength and joy.*

*One: God turns our mourning to dancing.*

*All: The steadfast love of God never ceases. Let us worship God!*

### **\*Hymn 503. . . . . “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”**

Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention; give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.

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

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

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another,  
yet we fail to love others and ourselves.  
Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you.  
Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous  
in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. 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.*

Listening for the Word

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** . . . . . Colossians 3:12–17

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.

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

**Second Lesson** . . . . . Matthew 22:1-14

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

**Sermon**

Grace Expectations . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn 649** . . . . . “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”. . African American spiritual/arr. M. Roger Holland II  
*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 pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna  
sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

**\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We will lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Prayer

Leader: *It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .*

*. . . We join with angels in singing your praise:*

#### **Sanctus** (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

*Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:*

#### **Memorial Acclamation** (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (*repeat*)

#### **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.

## The Communion

### Communion Anthems

“Tantum Ergo” . . . . . Camille Saint-Saëns

*Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son; honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing who from both with both is one. Amen.*

“Deep Peace” . . . . . Andrew Carter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*

### Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;  
    he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
    he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
    I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
    thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
    and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### \*Prayer after Communion (unison)

Nourishing God,  
you have fed us grace.  
You have served us love.  
You have sustained us in hope.  
May we go from this table clothed in the ways of life that come from you.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 307** . . . . . “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

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

**Postlude ::** Litanies. . . . . Jehan Alain

#### ***About Today’s Sermon***

There was a party and some who were invited did not wish to attend.  
Why someone wouldn’t want to attend a party is a mystery, but it happens.  
One fellow who did attend was cast out because he failed to meet the dress code requirements. There are few places where the dress code matters and that’s a good thing!  
What one wears should not matter, unless clothing is a metaphor for something else altogether. Then you want to pay attention.



## 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, **during the summer we gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

**Beginning September 8**, our morning services will be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### Entering the building

Three fully accessible entrances, without steps, 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 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

### Sermon discussion

Join Nancy Benson-Nicol today at 11:10 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room for a time of fellowship and a discussion of this morning's sermon.

### 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; Nancy Benson-Nicol will be preaching.

### Sunday school

Sunday school is not held during August or Labor Day weekend. Classes will resume on September 8.

## Music by the Fountain

Our weekly outdoor concert series, Music by the Fountain, continues this Friday at 12:10 p.m. with a performance by jazz vocalist Libby York.



## Get Connected

### 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)).

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets on Tuesday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

### Breakthrough Trunk Party

The World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to join them in participating in the Breakthrough Trunk Party this Saturday, August 10, celebrating eighty graduating Garfield Park high school seniors by sending them off to college with dorm supplies. For details, see [breakthrough.org/trunk-party-2024](http://breakthrough.org/trunk-party-2024) for details.

### Walking for peace

On Friday, August 16 we will again participate in a Peace Walk with Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. For details, email Nancy ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### You're invited to a picnic!

We're having a picnic here at the church on Sunday, August 18. We hope you'll join us!

### 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." 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) ; visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)

## Caring for One Another

### School supply drive

Thank you to all who contributed backpack supplies for students of Chicago Lights Summer Day and Urban Farm!

Classroom supplies for Tutoring are still needed by this Friday, August 9. For details about donating supplies or funds for their purchase, see [bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc](http://bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc)

### 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.

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.org).

### Grief group

A four-week Replogle Center Grief Support Group—which meets via Zoom—begins this Thursday, August 8. For details, contact group facilitator Sharon Crawford-Tucker (312.787.8425, ext 2239; [stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)).

## Calendar for August 4–10

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<b>Sunday, August 4</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 10:00 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room . . . . . Hospitality Suite 10:00 a.m. Nursery . . . . . Room 4A 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 11:10 a.m. Sermon Discussion . . . . . Borwell Dining Room 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, August 5</b>	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, August 6</b>	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study . . . . . Zoom 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . . Online 9:00 a.m. Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic . . . . . Randolph Room 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 to 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 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, August 7</b>	9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap Too . . . . . Zoom 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (via Zoom) . . . . . Zoom 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (in person) . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Crocheting . . . . . Room 5B 10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing . . . . . Zoom 11:00 a.m. CLL: Meditation . . . . . Room 4F 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall 12:00 p.m. CLL: Current Events . . . . . Room 4D 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . . Room 4E
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## Calendar for August 4–10

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<b>Thursday, August 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	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.	CLL: Neurographic Art . . . . .	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
	1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	Sounds Good Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group . . . . .	Zoom

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<b>Friday, August 9</b>	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain . . . . .	Michigan Avenue Courtyard

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<b>Saturday, August 10</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
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*(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

### Preaching on Sunday, August 11

10:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.  
2:00 p.m. • Joseph L. Morrow

## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Liz Gilbert, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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Women's Choir

Meg Cutting, Guest Organist

## Worship Notes

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WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME MEG CUTTING as our guest organist today while Michael Rees is away. Meg holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and Yale University and has worked at the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City and St. James Cathedral in Chicago.

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)

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER. The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. Those worshipping online are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so we might share in this meal together.

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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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