

August 4, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Hymnal 834)

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Reading Isaiah 25:6–10

**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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Hymnal 65)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***Peace**

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

Song "Christ Be Beside Me" (Hymnal 702, v. 1 and 3)

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" (Hymnal 712, v. 1 and 3)

Sung to the tune of Hymnal 317

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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 "One Bread, One Body" (John B. Foley)

***Song** "Do Lord, Do Remember Me"

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me
way beyond the blue.

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun . . .
way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too . . .
way beyond the blue.

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Pete Tashjian, 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.**

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.

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 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).

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 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).

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

Stay connected

For additional resources and information see our website at fourthchurch.org and our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc ; visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

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

Tutor with Chicago Lights

Another way we partner with students of Chicago Lights is by volunteering as mentors with 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

Caring for One Another

Counseling and well-being

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

Grief group

A four-week Replegle Center Grief Support Group—which meets via Zoom—begins this Thursday, August 8. For details, contact Sharon Crawford-Tucker (312.787.8425, ext 2239).

Prayer requests and pastoral care

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

Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify staff of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

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).

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

"Rhythm and Word"

We invite you to pause for a time of reflection offered through our "Rhythm and Word" videos, which include music by the Gathering ensemble. These ten minutes of music, scripture, and prayer are released on Wednesdays. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword to receive them by email or view them on our YouTube 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 available via podcast on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts



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