

August 11, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Open My Eyes, Lord"

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.
I live within you, deep in your heart, O love.
I live within you, rest now in me.

Psalm Psalm 28:6-9

**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 "Standing on the Promises" (Hymnal 838, v. 1, 3, and 4)

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song "Jesus, We Are Here" (Hymnal 392, v. 1 and 4)

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here;
Spirit, we are here; we are here for you.

We Hear.

Scripture LessonMatthew 20:1-16

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

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 "Take My Life" (Hymnal 697, v. 1, 3, and 6)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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

***Song** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (Hymnal 591)

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

Bethany Hamilton-Clearfield, vocals

Tim Seisser, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neil 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.**

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

This summer’s monthly Women’s Bible Study, focusing on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together*, meets via Zoom on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details for either study, email Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Walking for peace

On Friday, August 16 we will 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 next Sunday, August 18 following worship. 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

Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will kick off a new program year of monthly gatherings on Friday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on “Affordable Housing in a National Landmark: Reinventing Lawson House.” Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones92024

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

Volunteer with Us

In worship

You are invited to contribute to worship by reading scripture in a service, carrying the Bible as a Beadle during the morning procession, serving Communion, or greeting worshippers as an usher. To volunteer or learn more, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

With Chicago Lights Tutoring

The more volunteer mentors we have for Tutoring—which meets at the church on weeknights—the more students who can participate! For details, see chicagolights.org/tutoring.

Caring for One Another

Counseling and well-being

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

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.

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.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class 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/reproglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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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