

August 18, 2024



# The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

**We Gather.**

## Gathering Music

**Song** “Kum ba Yah” (Hymnal 472, v. 1, 3, and 4)

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

**First Lesson** . . . . . 1 Kings 2:10–12

*\*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 "Every Praise Is to Our God"

*Sing three times:*

Every praise is to our God;  
every word of worship with one accord;  
every praise, every praise is to our God!

Sing hallelujah to our God;

glory hallelujah is due our God;  
every praise, every praise is to our God!

*Bridge:*

God, my Savior!  
God, my Deliverer!  
God, my Healer!  
Yes, he is! Yes, he is!  
Yes, he is! Yes, he is!

*Ending:*

Every praise is to our God;  
every word of worship with one accord;  
every praise, every praise—  
every praise, every praise—  
every praise, every praise is to our God!

## \*Peace

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

## Song "Taste and See" (Hymnal 520; refrain only)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn "Taste and See". The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: "Taste and see taste and see the good - ness of the Lord O". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "taste and see taste and see the good - ness of the Lord of the Lord". The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final whole note on "O".

Taste and see taste and see the good - ness of the Lord O

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## We Hear.

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . 1 Kings 3:3–14

**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](http://fourthchurch.org/give) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church)*

**Song** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Hymnal 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**With humble hearts, we offer thee  
gifts from our faith’s community;  
may they be multiplied and be  
blessed for the needs of ministry.**

### 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** "Down by the Riverside"

Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside;  
Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Gonna study war no more.

Refrain:

I ain't gonna study war no more . . .

Gonna try on my starry crown . . .

Gonna meet my loving Jesus . . .

**\*Blessing**

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**Worship Leader**

Nancy Benson-Nicol

**The Music Today**

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neil Wehman, drums

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**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](http://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](https://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](https://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. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Encore: The Art of Aging Well

The Center for Life and Learning benefit—“Encore: The Art of Aging Well”—takes place this Saturday, August 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. For tickets, register at [fourthchurch.org/cll/encore](https://fourthchurch.org/cll/encore)

### New art exhibition

An opening reception for art exhibition, “Chicago SummerDance Photographs by Dorothy Perry” takes place Friday, August 23 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Loggia Gallery and Anderson Hall.

### Widen Our Welcome brunch

Our LGBTQIA Widen Our Welcome (WOW) group invites you to join them for brunch at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) following morning worship next Sunday, August 25.

### Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet on Friday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on “Affordable Housing in an Art Deco Landmark.” Register (required) at [bit.ly/cornerstones92024](https://bit.ly/cornerstones92024)

### Get Connected Sunday!

Save the date for our Neighborhood Block Party / Get Connected Sunday, which will take place September 8 following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

### Eighth-Grade Confirmation

Eighth graders are encouraged to register for 2024–25 Confirmation at [bit.ly/confirmation2425](https://bit.ly/confirmation2425)

## Can You Help?

### Donate shoes and clothing

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's clothing and shoes of all types and sizes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### Tutor with Chicago Lights

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](http://chicagolights.org/tutoring).

### Volunteer in worship

You are invited to contribute to worship by reading scripture in a service, serving Communion, or greeting worshipers as an usher. To volunteer or learn more, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)).

## 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 [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to receive them by email or view them on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://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](mailto: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/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](http://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

### Podcasts

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon are available via podcast on multiple platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)



**Tom Are Jr.** Interim Pastor

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**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

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**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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