



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 25, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

---

## Gathering around the Word

---

### Prelude

Berceuse . . . . . Louis Vierne

Three Taiwanese Songs . . . . . Chelsea Chen

### Introit

“Love Is Little, Love Is Low” . . . . . Shaker song/arr. Kevin Siegfried

*Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow.*

*Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that’s right.*

### \*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: What do we bring before God our maker?*

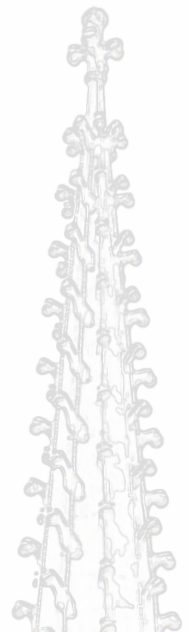
**All: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body.**

*One: We share our faith and doubt;*

**All: we offer our blessings and fears.**

*One: And the one who forms, loves, and calls us receives it all.*

**All: Let us worship the God who inspires our minds,  
stirs our inner being, and guides our living.**



---

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

**\*Hymn 301** . . . . . “Let Us Build a House”

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain:* all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *(Refrain)*

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

All-providing God, you call us to cloak ourselves in your strength and grace,  
but we are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth.  
We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance  
instead of righteousness, faith, and compassion.  
Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace,  
and we are quick to use your story to attack one another,  
instead of offering it as a gift to heal the wounded soul.  
Forgive us, holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to trust in your love  
as the power to transform ourselves and our world. 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.*

**Anthem**

“I Will Sing unto the Lord” . . . . . Maurice Greene  
*I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God while I have my being.*

---

Listening for the Word

---

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 34:15–22  
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.

**Scripture Reading** . . . . . Ephesians 6:10–20

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

**Sermon** . . . . . Nanette Sawyer

---

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

---

## Responding to the Word

---

**\*Hymn 372.** . . . . . “O for a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God’s purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,  
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

#### 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.

## Offering

### Offertory Anthem

“King of Glory, King of Peace” . . . . . William Henry Harris  
*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request. Thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against thee cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee. In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Thou grew soft and moist with tears, thou relented, and when justice called for fears, thou dissented. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; even eternity’s too short to extol thee.*

### \*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.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from you.  
In thanksgiving for all your blessings, we open our hands to give back to you.  
Receive these gifts as an expression of our love  
and as a dedication of the greater gift of our lives to your service. Amen.

---

## Bearing the Word into the World

---

**\*Hymn 733** . . . . . “We All Are One in Mission”

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

#### **Postlude**

Tuba Tune . . . . . Norman Cocker

#### ***About Today’s Sermon***

Conflict is uncomfortable, but we can’t avoid it or pretend it doesn’t exist. The tools of our faith can help us if we use them wisely. Metaphorical shields and armor can protect us, but they can also isolate us or injure our spirits. Our scripture reminds us that when we are wearing the armor of God we should put shoes on our feet that make us ready to spread the good news of peace.



## 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](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 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

### 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 worship today. To walk there together meet at the church reception desk in the Commons.

### 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.

### Organ tour

Following worship this morning, a tour of our Andrew Pipe Organ begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

### 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; Amy Pagliarella will be preaching.



## Get Connected Sunday: September 8

### Two morning services

We kick off our autumn program year on Sunday, September 8 with Get Connected Sunday, the day we return to our schedule of two morning services: 9:30 a.m. (also livestreamed) and 11:00 a.m.

### Get Connected / Block Party celebration

Our Get Connected Sunday / Neighborhood Block Party will include festivities in the Michigan Avenue courtyard from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., including games, music, treats, and crafts!

### Sunday school and youth groups

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders begins a new year on September 8 at 9:30 a.m. Also that day Junior Highs (grades six and seven) will also resume meeting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs (grades eight through twelve) at 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday adult education

“The Spirituality of Caregiving” will be our first adult education class of the program year. Led by Nancy Benson-Nicol, Amy Pagliarella, Annette Mileski, and Jeannie Forrest, it will take place on Sundays, September 8–22 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at [bit.ly/caregiving92024](https://bit.ly/caregiving92024)

### Eighth-grade Confirmation

This year eighth-grade Confirmation will meet monthly on Sunday mornings. Eighth graders are encouraged to register at [bit.ly/confirmation2425](https://bit.ly/confirmation2425)

## “Bike the Drive” Is Next Sunday

Bike the Drive along DuSable Lake Shore Drive takes place next Sunday morning, September 1. To plan your route to worship, see [bikethedrive.org](https://bikethedrive.org)

## TwentiesThirties

### Brunch for young adults

TwentiesThirties will gather for brunch at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) next Sunday, September 1 at 12:00 p.m. Meet in the Commons after Coffee Hour to walk over together.

### Small group on Amos and justice

A new TwentiesThirties small group will meet via Zoom ([bit.ly/2030amos](https://bit.ly/2030amos)) on five Wednesdays, beginning September 4 at 7:00 p.m. for a time of scripture study, community building, and conversation with one another.

## Bible Study

### Philippians with Tom Are

During the pandemic Tom Are wrote a short book—*Joy Even on Your Worst Days*—which he calls “a preacher’s read of Philippians.” Join Tom on four Tuesday evenings—September 17–October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room to discuss this most joyful writing in the Bible, a book amazingly written while Paul was in prison. (A Zoom version of the class will be offered at a separate time; watch for details.)

### Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study, which focuses on Sunday’s scripture readings from the pulpit, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## Stay Connected

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

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets via Zoom on Tuesday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m. and in Room 5B on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### 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](http://bit.ly/cornerstones92024)

### Books by Women

The monthly Books by Women book group will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

### Deep Listening Dinner

On Friday, September 13 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/deep92024](http://bit.ly/deep92024)

## Elections 101

The Center for Life and Learning invites you learn more about what will be on the ballot this year as well as better understand the role of an alderman and the Board of Elections. Participants in this nonpartisan event will have the opportunity to register to vote and find out about mail-in ballots. Registration is required at [bit.ly/clelections101](http://bit.ly/clelections101) for this free event on Wednesday, September 4 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## 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 ([gffleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gffleming@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 and well-being — including grief groups via Zoom— contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [reproglecenter.org](http://reproglecenter.org).

## Can You Help?

### Donate shoes and clothing

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in particular need of men’s clothing and shoes of all types and sizes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) 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).

### Greet people on Sundays

Fourth Church ambassadors are needed to greet people on Sunday mornings, providing welcome at our entrances and sharing information about our community, programs, and ministries. To help, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## Calendar for August 25–31

<b>Sunday, August 25</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.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Brunch . . . . .	Meet at Reception Desk
	11:15 a.m.	Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Deacon Training Committee . . . . .	Randolph Room
	11:15 a.m.	Nominating Committee . . . . .	Room 4F
	12:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties Council . . . . .	Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Council . . . . .	Room 5F
	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
	<b>Monday, August 26</b>	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper . . . . .
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry . . . . .	Showers
	4:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting . . . . .	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F	
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) . . . . .	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.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4E
<b>Thursday, August 29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group . . . . .	Zoom
<b>Friday, August 30</b>	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain . . . . .	Garth
<b>Saturday, August 31</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online

## Worship Leaders

---

Joseph L. Morrow, Regan Burke, Rocky Supinger, Nanette Sawyer

## The Music Today

---

Women's Choir

Michael Rees, Acting Director of Music

## Worship Notes

---

TODAY'S POSTLUDE, Norman Cocker's "Tuba Tune," is the composer's most well-known piece.

Cocker (1889–1953) was a British composer who worked as both a cathedral organist (serving at Manchester Cathedral from 1923 to 1953) and a cinema organist.

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)

---

**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

SOURCES AND CREDITS: "Let Us Build a House" text © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc.; music © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc. "O for a World" text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters. The Prayer of Dedication was written by David Handley. "We All Are One in Mission" text © 1986 Hope Publishing Company. OneLicense.net. License A-712340. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO**

Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014

[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) • [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)

312.787.4570 Voicemail: 312.787.2729

---

Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.