

August 25, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love" (Hymnal tune 693)

Show us, O Lord, your steadfast love,
and let your saving grace be near;
when we return with open hearts
the Lord speaks peace and we will hear.

Mercy and truth at last have met;
justice and peace are reconciled.
Truth has arisen from the earth;
justice looked down from heaven and smiled.

Lord, you will grant prosperity;
our land will yield its full increase.
Justice shall go before your face;
the pathway for your feet is peace.

Psalter Psalm 85

**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 "Do Lord, 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.

***Peace**

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

Song "Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good old way,
of who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O, sinners, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
O, sinners, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson John 6:56–69

Sermon Amy Pagliarella

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Hymnal 475, vv. 1 and 3)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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 "I Am the Bread of Life" (Suzanne Toolan)

***Song** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow ...
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me ...
no turning back, no turning back.

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Amy Pagliarella

The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, 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 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

Eighth-grade Confirmation

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

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

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) 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 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).

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).

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

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.

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.

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).

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

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

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.

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)

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).

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

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Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

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