



September 1, 2024

The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Blessed Assurance" (Hymnal 839, vv. 1 and 3)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

Psalter Psalm 15

**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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Hymnal 611)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song "God Is So Good" (Hymnal 658, vv. 1 and 3)

God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.

God loves me so; God loves me so;

God loves me so; God's so good to me.

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson Mark 7:14–23

Sermon Rocky Supinger

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 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (Hymnal 240, vv. 1 and 4)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

**Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.**

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Calvin Hampton)

***Song** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the itty bitty baby in his hands . . .

He's got everybody here in his hands . . .

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

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, take a moment to 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, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that 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—where the reception desk is located—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 9:30 a.m. service on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service 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 9:30 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 next 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

Next Sunday we will kick off a new program year with our annual Get Connected Sunday / Neighborhood Block Party! The event will include games, music, treats, and crafts in the Michigan Avenue courtyard from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come reconnect with Fourth Church and one another after the summer!

Sunday school and youth groups

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders begins a new year next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 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 Annette Mileski, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Amy Pagliarella, 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

Volunteers needed for the Block Party

If you can help with the September 8 Block Party, please sign up at bit.ly/fpcblockparty

Bible Study

TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

A new TwentiesThirties small group for young adults 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.

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 in Borwell Dining Room, beginning September 17 at 7:00 p.m., 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).

Women’s Horizons Bible Study

Women’s *Horizons* Bible Study, which is offered via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., resumes on Wednesday, September 11. This year’s theme is “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.” For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

CLL Autumn Session

A new session of fitness classes along with lectures and arts courses for adults sixty and over kicks off Monday, September 9, when the Center for Life and Learning begins their autumn programming. See www.fourthchurch.org/cll for details and to register for CLL membership.

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. (register at bit.ly/inquirers92024) or in person on Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers102024). For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Elections 101

The Center for Life and Learning and Skyline Village invite you to join them this Wednesday, September 4 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel for a nonpartisan opportunity to learn more about what will be on the ballot this year as well as better understand the role of an alder and the Board of Elections. Registration for this free event is required at bit.ly/clelections101

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

Counseling and well-being

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

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.

Fellowship Opportunities

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets in Room 5B on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m.

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?

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)

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..

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

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