



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Allegro Grandioso. Hugh Blair

“Allegro Maestoso” from *Sonata No. 1*. Edward Elgar

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

*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: *In the beginning God created all things,*

All: and God saw that they were good.

One: *At our beginning God created us*

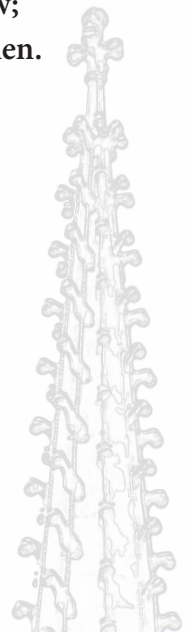
All: unique and irreplaceable,

One: *known and treasured,*

All: made in the divine image.

One: *In all our new beginnings God creates something new,*

All: so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning.



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

***Hymn 26** “Earth and All Stars”

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal One, you hold our past and guide our future,
but in our restlessness we flee from our identity in you.
We long for a past that reflects our wayward desires more than your love.
We pursue unjust ends with unjustified means.
We belittle others so that we might much enlarge our own gains or reputation.
For these shortcomings we repent.
Redirect our steps toward your holy path.
Draw us more deeply in the glorious story you are preparing for all creation. 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 use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.

Welcome and Announcements

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

“Teach Me, O Lord” David Hurd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant which you make to all who fear you.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 40:3–8

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.

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

Second Lesson Matthew 4:1–11

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

Sermon

Remember the Story of Your Life Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 459** “O Word of God Incarnate”

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life’s voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . from “Our World Belongs to God” (Christian Reformed Church)

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts,
moves us to faith, leads us in the truth,
stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit’s gifts are here to stay
in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.

We thankfully see each other
as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit’s work.

God gives more than enough to each believer
for God’s praise and our neighbor’s welfare. 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

“O Clap Your Hands” (9:30) Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises;
For God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.*

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (11:00) Aaron David Miller

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. God gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

***Offertory Response** Hymn 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty.
Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and this creation.
Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 17** “Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!”

Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praise, each shining light!
Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!
Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!
Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises! Sing praises, hill and plain,
you mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!
Sing praise, each fragrant flower; your fairest hues display.
Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing, glad array!

Sing praises, all you creatures in whom God takes delight:
you whales that roam the oceans, you eagles in your flight!
Sing praise, you sheep on hillsides, you cattle in the stall!
Though wordless, sing your praises to God who made you all!

Sing praises now, God’s people; your gift of speech employ
to praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:
“To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in A Major David N. Johnson

Baptism at Fourth Presbyterian Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ.

As The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service. As we make that promise we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Baptized today at 9:30

Miles Wilson McEnery, child of Carrie and Patrick McEnery
Brooks Mackenzie Gayle, child of Heather Gayle

Baptized today at 11:00

Hannah Becker Wade, child of Matthew and Samantha Wade

About Today's Sermon

Moments of life come and go one at a time. Unless there is a narrative that ties these moments together, they pass us by without meaning.

As people of faith, we trust that our lives are shaped by a story.

Today we remember the story that makes sense of our lives.



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, 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.

Worshipping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the service

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service begins. 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 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.

Online

Those worshipping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the 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 / Block Party Today!

Today we kick off a new program year with our Get Connected / Neighborhood Block Party festivities! Be sure to stop by Anderson Hall to learn about the myriad ways for you to connect with Fourth Church and one another. Then head out to the courtyard to enjoy treats, games, and crafts between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Opportunities

Spirituality of Caregiving

Today we begin our new adult education year with “The Spirituality of Caregiving” at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Annette Mileski, Director of the Center for Life and Learning, will lead today’s session, with Nancy Benson-Nicol and Amy Pagliarella presenting next Sunday and Jeannie Forrest the following week. For Zoom details, register at bit.ly/caregiving92024

Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, 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; Rocky Supinger will be preaching.

Children and Youth

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 morning worship nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday school

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. At 11:00 a.m. in Room 4D there is a children's Fellowship Hour with activities, games, and stories.

Youth groups

Junior Highs (grades six and seven) meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where Senior Highs (grades eight through twelve) meet at 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation

Eighth-graders are encouraged to register at bit.ly/confirmation2425 for Confirmation, which will kick off on September 20.

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).

Bible Study

TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

A new TwentiesThirties small group for young adults meet via Zoom (bit.ly/2030amos) on Wednesdays 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. Register at bit.ly/biblestudy92024

A Zoom version of the class will be offered at a separate time; watch for details.

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study 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 this 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).

Worship podcast and sermon text

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon is available via podcast on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts; you can also receive the text of the previous Sunday morning’s sermon (fourthchurch.org/sermons) by email by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

Upcoming Sermon Series

“What Being Presbyterian Teaches Us about Good Governance” will be the theme of a four-week sermon series preached by Tom Are beginning next Sunday, September 15.

To say one is Presbyterian says less about our theology and more about our polity. Presbyterians have values we believe are important for good governance. We will reflect on these values; ask what it means that Jesus is Lord of the whole of life and what implications that has for people of power in all areas of life; and remember how we believe that truth should be pursued and that freedom is always accompanied with responsibility.

Fellowship Opportunities

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

Knitting and Crocheting

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

New Zoom Small Group

The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning will be the focus of a new Zoom Small Group, beginning Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm. To take part, email Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

A Video Message from Tom Are

If you did not see Tom Are’s video invitation and update on our life together—which was shared via email, social media, and the website this past week—you can find it on our website: fourthchurch.org

To ensure you don’t miss future video updates, subscribe to our updates list at bit.ly/newsfromfpc

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/ctl for details and to register for CLL membership.

Officer Nominations

The Officer Nominating Committee is in need of recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions opening in 2025 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board.

If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations via the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2025 or stop by Anderson Hall today to talk with a representative from the Nominating Committee.

Caring for One Another

Prayer requests and pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Also email Gloria if you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries.

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).

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.

Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling and well-being, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org.

Grief groups

Grief groups facilitated by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meet for four weeks via Zoom. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org).

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them daily at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook and Instagram.

Weekly "Rhythm and Word" videos

On Wednesdays we release a ten-minute video of music, scripture, and prayer, led this month by Rocky Supinger and the Gathering musicians. To receive notice of new videos, subscribe to our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos; to receive them in your inbox, sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword

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

If you would like to walk the labyrinth, Buchanan Chapel is open for that opportunity between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Tutor with Chicago Lights

The more volunteer mentors we have for Tutoring—which meets at the church on weeknights beginning September 30—the more students who can participate! For details about being paired with a student on the waiting list, see chicagolights.org/tutoring

Calendar for September 8–14

Sunday, Sept. 8	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Room 4G 9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary / Online 9:30 a.m. Nursery Room 4A 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Fourth Floor 9:30 a.m. Junior High Gathering Bumpus Room 9:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer. Stone Chapel 10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal Room 4B 10:30 a.m. Family Donut Gathering. Fourth Floor 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir. Room 4G 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Get Connected Block Party. Anderson / Courtyard 11:00 a.m. Senior High Gathering Bumpus Room 11:00 a.m. Children’s Fellowship Hour Room 4D 11:00 a.m. Spirituality of Caregiving. Borwell Dining Room 11:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer. Stone Chapel 12:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel Loft 2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) Anderson Hall 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Medical Service Borwell Dining Room
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Monday, Sept. 9	9:30 a.m. CLL: Advanced French Zoom 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom 10:45 a.m. CLL: Intermediate French. Zoom 12:00 p.m. CLL: Beginner’s French Zoom 1:00 p.m. CLL: Art History Zoom 1:00 p.m. CLL: Bridge Room 5B 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga. Room 4F / Zoom 4:15 p.m. Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
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Tuesday, Sept. 10	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 9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stage and Screen Room 5G / Zoom 11:30 a.m. CLL: Basic Spanish. Room 4K 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall 12:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning Watercolor Room 4F 12:00 p.m. CLL: Coloring, Conversation, Connection Fifth Floor Lounge
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CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)

SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center

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1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts.....	Room 4F / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00 p.m.)..	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	Zoom
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting.....	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights: Cheers to Tutoring's 60 Years	Columbia Yacht Club

Wednesday, Sept. 11

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program.....	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
10:30 a.m.	CLL: "Great Ideas" Men's Group	Room 5A
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing.....	Zoom
11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4D
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 5G
12:00 p.m.	Women's Horizons Bible Study	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00 p.m.)..	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities	Zoom
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Chicago's Lost Restaurants	Room 4F
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond...	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4E
6:30 p.m.	Evening Horizons Bible Study	Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class.....	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos/Justice	Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 12

9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program.....	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing a.m.....	Room 5A / Zoom
10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	Room 4D
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Range of Motion	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health	Room 4E
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting.....	Room 4F

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1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing p.m.....	Room 5A
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00 p.m.)..	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Nonfiction Book Study	Room 4E
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Leadership Circle Reception.	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, Sept. 13	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia.	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Lucky Lunch	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Fourth Floor Lounge
	6:00 p.m.	Deep Listening Dinner	Anderson Hall

Saturday, Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	<i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>		

Preaching on Sunday, September 15

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Joseph L. Morrow

Stay Connected!

Weekly newsletter

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

We invite you to follow us on various platforms:

- YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos
- Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch
- Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Reb Banker (9:30), Nancy Stevenson Greenberg (11:00), Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30), Chancel Choir (11:00)
Michael Rees, Acting Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY'S PRELUDE PAIRS a piece by Hugh Blair with the first movement of a work he commissioned from Edward Elgar. Expecting a short work, Blair was surprised to instead receive from Elgar a large-scale sonata just four days before his performance. Despite that rocky premiere, the sonata has become one of Elgar's most well-known organ works.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME BACK the Morning and Chancel Choirs from their summer break, and this afternoon the Gospel Choir resumes its rehearsals. Anyone interested in singing with a choir at Fourth Church is encouraged to contact Michael Rees (mrees@fourthchurch.org).

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Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

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