



September 8, 2024

# The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

**We Gather.**

## Gathering Music

**Song** "Abide with Me" (Hymnal 836, vv. 1, 2, and 3)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.  
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.  
I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 103:1-18

*\*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** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Hymnal 837)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:*

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

**\*Peace**

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

**Song** "How Can I Keep from Singing" (Hymnal 821, vv. 1 and 4)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:*

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)

**We Hear.**

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . Matthew 4:1-11

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

### Song "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (Hymnal 203, vv. 1, 2, and 3)

#### *Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (*Refrain*)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race;  
neighbors are near us and far away. (*Refrain*)

These are the ones we should serve;  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (*Refrain*)

### 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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (Omer Westendorf)

**\*Song** "Guide My Feet" (Hymnal 741, vv. 2 and 3)

Hold my hand while I run this race (yes, my Lord!);  
Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!);  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me . . .

**\*Blessing**

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## Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger

## The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Pete Tashjian, 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**, 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 with Fourth Church

Each Sunday we gather to worship in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (We also livestream one service each Sunday: the 9:30 a.m. service, which can be viewed at [bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos))

### 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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## 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 add your name 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.

## Bible Study

### TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

A new TwentiesThirties small group for young adults meet via Zoom ([bit.ly/2030amos](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://fourthchurch.org)

To ensure you don’t miss future video updates, subscribe to our updates list at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class via Zoom this Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers92024](https://bit.ly/inquirers92024)) or in person on Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers102024](https://bit.ly/inquirers102024)). For more information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

## 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](https://www.bit.ly/nominating2025)

## 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](https://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) for details and to register for CLL membership.

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Knitting and Crocheting

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

### 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](https://bit.ly/deep92024)

## Sunday Morning Opportunities

### Spirituality of Caregiving

“The Spirituality of Caregiving” class takes place on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Leading on September 15 will be Nancy Benson-Nicol and Amy Pagliarella. For Zoom details, register at [bit.ly/caregiving92024](https://bit.ly/caregiving92024)

### Sunday school and youth groups

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Also on Sundays Junior Highs gather at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs meet at 11:00 a.m.

## 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](https://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](https://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](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them in your inbox, sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmword](https://bit.ly/rhythmword)

### 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/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

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.

### 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](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts); you can also receive the text of the previous Sunday morning’s sermon ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](https://fourthchurch.org/sermons)) by email by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](https://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

## 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 (gfleming@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.

### 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](http://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).

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

### 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

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**Amy Pagliarella** Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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