



September 15, 2024

The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Hymnal 291, v. 4)

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (*Refrain*)

Psalter Psalm 40:1-8

**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** “We Are Marching in the Light of God” (Hymnal 853)

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song “Seek Ye First” (Hymnal 175, vv. 1 and 2)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;

knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson Mark 8:27–38

Sermon Joseph L. Morrow

We Respond.

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 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (Hymnal 721, v. 1)

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

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 "God Is One, Unique and Holy" (Gary Daigle)

***Song** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Hymnal 700)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me . . .
I'm gonna pray so God can use me . . .
I'm gonna sing so God can use me . . .

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal 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 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 the 9:30 a.m. service, which can be viewed at 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

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 TwentiesThirties small group for young adults meets 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

This Tuesday evening will be the first session of a four-week Bible study with Tom Are, based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days*, which he calls “a preacher’s read of Philippians.” Join Tom in Borwell Dining Room at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning September 17, 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; for details contact Jana Blazek (jblazek@fourthchurch.org).

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., next meets on Wednesday, September 25. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Interim Music Director Named

As Tom Are shared in an email letter to the congregation on Thursday, Douglas Cleveland has been named our Interim Organist and Director of Music. We are delighted that Doug will be joining us in worship on Sunday morning, October 20. You can learn more about him at fourthchurch.org

Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person on Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers102024) or via Zoom on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers112024). For more information, contact Matt Helms (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

CLL Autumn Session

The autumn session of fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses for adults sixty and over is underway at our Center for Life and Learning. See www.fourthchurch.org/cll for details and to register for CLL membership.

Fellowship Opportunities

New Zoom Small Group

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

Women at Fourth: Walton Manse Mingle

Women are invited to a “Manse Mingle” at Tom and Carol Are’s home this Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required (contact Simon Crow at scrow@fourthchurch.org for details); space is limited and filling quickly.

Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet on Friday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a presentation by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair of Loyola’s Department of History, on “How Chicago Became One of the Most Segregated Cities in the Country.” Registration required at bit.ly/cornerstones102024

Books by Women

The monthly Books by Women book group will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachael Joyce on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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 22 will be Jeannie Forrest. For Zoom details, register at 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

We join in celebrating National Hispanic American Heritage Month, which begins today. Resources for the month will be displayed at the Racial Equity Council table during morning Coffee Hours.

Hispanic American Heritage

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/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).

Meditation Opportunities

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.

Podcasts 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 previous Sunday morning’s sermon in text form via email by subscribing at bit.ly/fpcsermons or read it online at fourthchurch.org/sermons

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.

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).

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.

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

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