



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 29, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### **Prelude**

Toccata, Chorale, and Fugue . . . . . Francis Jackson

### **Introit**

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life . . . . . Harold W. Friedell

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!  
Such a way as gives us breath,  
such a truth as ends all strife,  
such a life that killeth death.*

### **\*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: *When swords are bent into plowshares and the prodigal comes home,*

All: *the reign of God is near.*

One: *When those who mourn leap for joy and the wounded are made whole,*

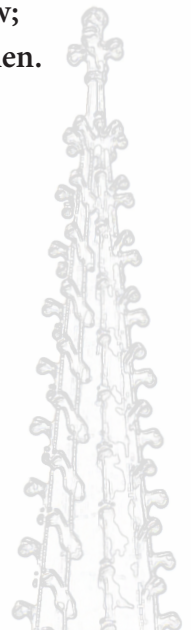
All: *the reign of God is near.*

One: *Now as God's beloved gather to pray and sing,*

All: *to hear scripture*

One: *and good news proclaimed,*

All: *the reign of God is near today.*



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

**\*Hymn 391** . . . . . “This Is the Day!”

*Refrain:*

This is the day;  
this is the day;  
this is the day that God has made!

Open, now, open the doorways of justice!

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.  
This is the place where the righteous may enter,  
singing to God with thanksgiving and praise.

I will sing praises because you have heard me,  
offering salvation with grace upon grace,  
turning the stone that the builders rejected  
into the cornerstone, rock of our faith. (*Refrain*)

It is the Lord who has done all these wonders.

I have seen marvelous, marvelous things.  
This is the day that the Lord has created.  
Join the rejoicing as every heart sings: (*Refrain*)

Praise the Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit,

from the beginning through worlds without end:  
God who is now and who evermore shall be,  
glory forever, amen and amen! (*Refrain*)

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

You meet us in the wilderness, O Lord,  
beckoning us to freedom in paths of righteousness,  
but we confess to abandoning your way.

When your path appears too difficult, we give up hope.

We consider your truth too unbelievable, your will unattainable,  
your power too distant, and your love too wide and merciful.

So we journey through this world guided by misguided wisdom and selfish dreams.

Forgive the limitation of our thought.

Let our troubled conscience be freed to live in the fullness of your way, truth, and light.

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 text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

**Greeting from the Reverend Dora Arce-Valentín (9:30)**

Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Havana

**The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)**

**Anthem**

“Hearken, Ye That Follow after Righteousness” . . . . . Eric DeLamarter  
*Hearken, ye that follow after righteousness. Hearken, ye that seek Jehovah. Jehovah hath comforted Zion; he hath comforted all her waste places and hath made her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of Jehovah. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody, her desert, the garden of Jehovah.*

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**Listening for the Word**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter . . . . . Psalm 15**

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.

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

**Second Lesson** . . . . . John 18:33–38

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

**Sermon**

Truth Known and Truth Believed (Don't Confuse Them!) . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn 345.** . . . . . “In an Age of Twisted Values”

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.  
In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.  
By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak.  
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.  
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.  
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,  
hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.

When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,  
when our children are bewildered, when they lose their way in life,  
when we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,  
hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.

We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey.  
Turn us from our willful wandering; give us truth to light our way.  
In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;  
hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . South African creed (*twentieth century*)

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.  
We believe that God is at work in our world,  
    turning hopeless and evil situations into good.  
We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end  
    and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.  
One day all tears will be wiped away;  
    the lamb will lie down with the lion,  
    and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.  
True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,  
    they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.  
This is our faith. This is our hope. 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**

“Mercy and Truth Are Met” . . . . . Ned Rorem  
*Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness, and our land shall yield her increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be the pathway of his steps.  
Amen.*

**\*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**

We give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand:  
for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends,  
above all for the treasure of your grace.

Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share,

taking hold of the life that really is life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 365** . . . . . “God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!”

God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God’s might!

Borne up by truth and righteousness, God’s throne is our delight.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

God’s fire ignites the clouds with judgment swift and just;

the evil find their deeds in vain; God’s foes are brought to dust. (*Refrain*)

False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride,

but cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side. (*Refrain*)

The radiance of God’s light beams joy into our days;

now filled with God’s own peace and love, our hearts resound with praise. (*Refrain*)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** :: Prelude in C Major . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

Baptized at 11:00 today: Madeleine Charlotte Marie Babelon, child of Octave and Ashley Babelon



## 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 Sunday 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.

## Worshiping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://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](https://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 worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

### In person

Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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.

## Sunday Opportunities

### Sermon series on good governance

Today we continue the four-week sermon series “What Being Presbyterian Teaches Us about Good Governance.” To say one is Presbyterian says less about our theology and more about our polity. As we reflect on Presbyterian values we believe are important for good governance, we are asking what it means that Jesus is Lord of the whole of life; what implications that has for people of power; and how we believe truth should be pursued and that freedom is always accompanied with responsibility. For information about today’s sermon, see page 16.

### History of American Presbyterianism

“History of American Presbyterianism,” led by Ken Sawyer, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at [bit.ly/presbyterianism92024](https://bit.ly/presbyterianism92024)

### Officer nominating info sessions

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.

This morning the committee invites you to stop by Morse Conference Room following worship to learn more about serving as an officer and recommending individuals for those roles. You can also join the 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. sessions via Zoom at [bit.ly/nomcominfo2024](https://bit.ly/nomcominfo2024)

If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations at [bit.ly/nominating2025](https://bit.ly/nominating2025), which is also accessible by scanning the QR code on the brochure in the pew racks.



### **Cuba partnership**

Today we are delighted to welcome to Fourth Church the Reverend Dora Arce-Valentín, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Havana and former moderator of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba. She will be joining us in worship for the 9:30 service and preaching at the 2:00 service. We also look forward to hearing her talk about the Cuban church and our partnership in ministry with our Cuban siblings in Christ, which she will do when we gather for a light lunch at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5G.

### **Chicago Exchange Japanese fellowship**

All are invited to a time of fellowship with Chicago's Japanese community this noon at 12:00 p.m. in the Manse.

### **Sunday morning fellowship**

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour—an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

### **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. service, a tour of our 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; the Reverend Dora Arce-Valentín, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Havana, will be preaching.

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Our Blessing of the Animals service is this Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome, or if you prefer, you can bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead.

## **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 takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. During the 11:00 a.m. service there is a children's Fellowship Hour with activities, games, and stories in Room 4D.

### **Youth groups**

Junior Highs (grades six and seven) meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs (grades eight to twelve) at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

## **Hispanic American Heritage**

The flag flying in our courtyard and the sign at Michigan and Chestnut bear public witness to National Hispanic American Heritage Month. Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

## Bible Study

### Philippians with Tom Are

This Tuesday, October 1 Tom Are continues the Bible study based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days*, which he calls “a preacher’s read of Philippians.” To join Tom in Borwell Dining Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., register at [bit.ly/biblestudy92024](https://bit.ly/biblestudy92024)

A Zoom version of this class will be offered on Wednesdays October 9 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. Participants will be asked to watch two videos prior to each session. For details, register at [bit.ly/zoomstudy102024](https://bit.ly/zoomstudy102024)

### 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](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

Young adults meet via Zoom ([bit.ly/2030amos](https://bit.ly/2030amos)) for a time of scripture study and community building on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### 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., will next meet Wednesday, October 9. 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)).

### “Bible Top Ten” podcast

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) and on multiple podcast platforms as they explore the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

## Indigenous Peoples’ Day

“Honoring the Living Networks of Our Land Ancestors” will be the topic of a presentation by John Low on Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Dr. Low will talk about the history of the native Potawatomi communities that inhabited and continue to inhabit northside Chicago neighborhoods. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Nancy Davis ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

## Generosity Update

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you!

### FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENEROSITY REPORT Year-to-date (YTD) Contributions as of August 31, 2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2024 Budget
<b>Pledged:</b>	\$1,693,095	\$1,870,430	(\$177,335)	\$2,845,476
<b>General:</b>	\$420,405	\$354,594	\$65,811	\$937,703
<b>Restricted:</b>	\$438,987	\$395,675	\$43,312	\$691,450
<b>Total:</b>	\$2,552,487	\$2,620,699	(\$68,212)	\$4,474,629

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort. The group meets this Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet this Friday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a presentation on “How Chicago Became One of the Most Segregated Cities in the Country.” Registration required at [bit.ly/cornerstones102024](https://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.

## Music and the Arts

### Choral Society

Those who enjoy singing are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society this fall. Rehearsals for a November 8 concert begin this Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Voices of Light Gospel Choir

You are also invited to sing with our gospel choir, Voices of Light! Rehearsals are on second, third, and fifth Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. The choir sings in morning worship on fourth Sundays, in the afternoon on first Sundays.

## Caring for One Another

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we will be tying, with Between Friends, purple ribbons on the fence on Michigan Avenue this Wednesday, October 2 at 3:30 p.m. Email Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)) for details.

### Grief groups

Grief groups facilitated by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meet for four weeks via Zoom. The next group will begin Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)).

### 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](mailto: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.

### Joining the Fourth Church family

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

## Stay Connected!

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

## Calendar for September 29–October 5

### Sunday, September 29

9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
9:30 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room . . . . .	Hospitality Suite
9:30 a.m.	Nursery . . . . .	Room 4A
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering . . . . .	Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School . . . . .	Fourth Floor
10:15 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Room 4B
10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Nominating Committee Info Session . . . . .	Morse Conference / Zoom
10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
11:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Fellowship Hour . . . . .	Room 4D
11:00 a.m.	History of American Presbyterianism . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering . . . . .	Bumpus Room
12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship . . . . .	Manse
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Info Session . . . . .	Morse Conference / Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Voices of Light Rehearsal . . . . .	Room 4G
12:15 p.m.	Learning about First Church of Havana . . . . .	Room 5G
12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel Loft
12:15 p.m.	Voices of Light Rehearsal . . . . .	Room 4G
12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Council . . . . .	Room 5F
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

## Calendar for September 29–October 5

### Monday, September 30

8:30 a.m.	CLL: Starved Rock Trip . . . . .	Starved Rock
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
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga . . . . .	Room 4G / Zoom
4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper . . . . .	Catholic Charities

### Tuesday, October 1

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic . . . . .	Randolph Room
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting . . . . .	Room 5B
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen . . . . .	Room 5G / Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish . . . . .	Room 4E
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginning Watercolor . . . . .	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives . . . . .	Zoom
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
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room . . . . .	Room 5E
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Tom Are . . . . .	Anderson Hall

## Calendar for September 29–October 5

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### Wednesday, October 2

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild .....	Room 5B
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap .....	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program .....	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer .....	Zoom
10:00 a.m.	In-Person Morning Prayer .....	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Explorations .....	Room 4G / Zoom
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
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language .....	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) .....	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC Mindfulness and Meditation .....	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room .....	Room 5E
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities .....	Zoom
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Colonial Art of Latin America .....	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond .....	Zoom
3:30 p.m.	Purple Ribbon Tying .....	Michigan Avenue
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring .....	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ .....	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos/Justice .....	Zoom

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### Thursday, October 3

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 .....	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
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing .....	Room 5A

## Calendar for September 29–October 5

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) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room . . . . .	Room 5E
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Zoom Small Group: <i>Ragamuffin Gospel</i> . . . . .	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel

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### Friday, October 4

9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	SSC Living Room . . . . .	Room 4E
12:00 p.m.	CLL: October Lunch Out . . . . .	Offsite
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Progressive Strength Training . . . . .	Room 4G
5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: The Shame of Chicago . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Night Out . . . . .	Offsite

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### Saturday, October 5

8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
9:00 a.m.	Liturgy Cohort Training . . . . .	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals . . . . .	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	LGBTQIA+ W.O.W. Deep Listening Dinner . . . . .	Anderson Hall

### Preaching on Sunday, October 6

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger

## Worship Leaders

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Joseph L. Morrow, Akiko Ikeda (9:30), Justin Epps (11:00), Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir (9:30), Chancel Choir (11:00)

Bill McMurray, Soloist

Michael Rees, Acting Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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WE SING TODAY'S OPENING HYMN as but one expression of our celebration of National Hispanic American Heritage Month. The words and music of "This Is the Day," a paraphrase of Psalm 118, were written by Argentinian-born composer Pablo Sosa (1933–2020). As our hymnal describes it, "the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (gauchos) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning."

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: In reflecting on the next sermon in the series "What Being Presbyterian Teaches Us about Good Governance," Tom Are writes, "Here are some things that are true: light travels at 186,000 miles per second. Abraham Lincoln was a great president. 'Abide with Me' is a beautiful hymn, and Jesus is Lord. All of these statements are true, or so it seems to me. But how we know they are true varies, and the different ways we know truth should not be confused."

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**Matt Helms** Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

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**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**Amy Pagliarella** Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus

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