

September 29, 2024



# The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

**We Gather.**

## Gathering Music

### Song "Open My Eyes, Lord"

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O love.

I live within you; rest now in me.

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 124

*\*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** "I've Got Peace Like a River" (Hymnal 623)

I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain ...  
I've got love like an ocean ...

**\*Peace**

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

**Song** "Here I Am, Lord" (Hymnal 69, refrain only)

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**We Hear.**

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . Jeremiah 29:11–13

**Sermon** . . . . . The Reverend Dora Arce-Valentin

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

### Song "To God Be the Glory" (Hymnal 634, v. 1 and refrain)

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

### 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 "Take Me to the King" (Kirk Franklin)

**\*Song** "Soon and Very Soon" (Hymnal 384)

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King.

No more crying there: we are going to see the King.

No more crying there: we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

we're going to see the King!

**\*Blessing**

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**Worship Leaders**

Rocky Supinger; Dora Arce-Valentín, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Havana

**The Music Today**

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, 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 the 9:30 a.m. service, which can be viewed at [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://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](https://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

### 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. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@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](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)).

## 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)

## Hispanic American Heritage

The flag flying in our courtyard and the sign at Michigan and Chestnut bear public witness to September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic American Heritage Month. Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

## Blessing of the Animals

We’re having our annual Blessing of the Animals service 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.

## Welcome, Reverend Dora Arce!

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. We are grateful she is with us this afternoon, and we give thanks for our longtime and continuing partnership in ministry with our Cuban siblings in Christ,

## 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](http://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

### History of American Presbyterianism

On Sunday mornings Ken Sawyer is teaching “History of American Presbyterianism.” This three-week class meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at [bit.ly/presbyterianism92024](http://bit.ly/presbyterianism92024)

## 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](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions) and on Facebook and Instagram.

### Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos

On Wednesdays we release a ten-minute video of scripture, prayer, and music the Gathering musicians. To receive notice of new videos, subscribe to our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them in your inbox, sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmword](http://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)).

### Walking the labyrinth

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.

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

### 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](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts); you can also receive the previous Sunday morning’s sermon in text form via email by subscribing at [bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://bit.ly/fpcsermons) or read it online at [fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons)

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast as well for an engaging exploration of the Bible.

## 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.

## 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).

## Can You Help?

### 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) for details.

### 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

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