



October 13, 2024

The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Be Thou My Vision" (Hymnal 450, vv. 1 and 3)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

First Lesson Genesis 18:1–15

**Please rise in body or spirit.*



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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** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Hymnal 65)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***Peace**

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

Song "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Hymnal 775)

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson from Hebrews 11 and 12

Sermon "We Walk by Faith, Run by Doubt" Matt Helms

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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Hymnal 39, vv. 1 and 2)

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*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 "The Blessing of Abraham" (Donald Lawrence)

***Song** "Guide My Feet" (Hymnal 741)

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

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide my feet . . .

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Matt Helms

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 at 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 worshiping 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

The Zoom version of Tom Are's Bible study based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days*—which he calls “a preacher's read of Philippians”—continues on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. For details, register at 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).

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 23. The theme this year is “Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.” For details, email Simon Crow (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 and on multiple podcast platforms as they explore the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Recommendation Deadline Today

Today is the deadline for submitting your recommendations of Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

The Nominating Committee needs additional suggestions of individuals to serve in leadership positions opening in 2025 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board. So please take a moment today to offer recommendations online at bit.ly/nominating2025 (accessible by scanning the QR code on the brochure in the pew racks)

Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working to provide necessary resources to support the many communities affected by recent hurricanes. To support that relief work, you can make an online gift to PDA on the home page of our website or at bit.ly/pdahurricanes

Hidden Roots of White Supremacy

Next Sunday Joe Morrow will lead us in an examination of how remembrance and repentance, as key theological concepts, shape how we repair past wrongs. This will be the first session in the three-week class “The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy” meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/hiddenroots24

School Board Forum

A Chicago school board candidate forum moderated by WBEZ's Kate Grossman will take place on Monday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel and via Zoom. The nine candidates vying for seats in District 4 and 6 (which are adjacent to the church) have been invited. For details, RSVP at bit.ly/schoolboard24

Fellowship Opportunities

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth Halloween Gathering

Women are invited to take part in a fun evening of “Hallelujah Haunts and Group Trivia Taunts” when Women at Fourth hosts their October gathering on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Register at bit.ly/waf102024

Presbyterian Women of Chicago

Fourth Church is hosting this year’s fall gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Chicago. Patricia K. Tull—author of the *Horizons* Bible study being used by our women’s groups—will be the featured speaker for the event, which takes place on Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To participate, register with the Presbytery by contacting Nina Koelpin (ninakoelpin@att.net; 630.707.5174).

Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet on Friday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a presentation on Inspiration Corporation, a resource for exiting homelessness and poverty. To join us for the dinner and program, register (required) by October 28 at bit.ly/cornerstones112024

Deep Listening Dinner

On Saturday, November 9 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/deep112024

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 scripture, prayer, and music 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

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).

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/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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 (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

Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being facilitates four-week grief groups via Zoom. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org).

Hispanic Heritage Month

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 Heritage Month.

Can You Help?

Snacks needed for Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry Snack Drive begins today! This month we are collecting individually packaged, single-serving snacks to include in bag lunches distributed to our guests. Donations, labeled Meals Ministry, 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

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