

October 20, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place" (Hymnal 408)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (*Refrain*)

First Lesson Isaiah 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** "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer;
it's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song "Just as I Am" (Hymnal 442, vv. 2 and 4)

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

We Hear.

Scripture Lesson Nehemiah 8:1–8

Sermon “The Good Work of Spiritual Formation” Tom Are Jr.

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 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Hymnal 14, vv. 1 and 2)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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 “Christ, Be Our Light” (Bernadette Farrell)

***Song** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (Hymnal 591)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Tom Are Jr.

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 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

The Zoom version of Tom Are's Bible study based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days* concludes on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. For details, register at bit.ly/zoomstudy102024

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 meets via Zoom twice a month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., meets Wednesday, October 23. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Presbyterian Women of Chicago

This Saturday, October 26 Fourth Church is hosting the fall gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Chicago. Patricia K. Tull—author of the *Horizons* Bible study—will be the featured speaker for the event, which takes place at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To participate, contact Nina Koelpin of the Presbytery (ninakoelpin@att.net; 630.707.5174).

"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.

Stewardship 2025

"Do the Good That's Yours to Do" is the theme of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, which we begin today. In this season we are each called to pledge our support of the mission and ministry of Fourth Church for the year ahead. Pledge forms have been mailed to member homes and are also available online at bit.ly/fpcpledging and in the pew racks.

We are grateful that nearly 60 percent of the seventy-eight households that have made a 2025 pledge have increased their pledge 15 percent or more over last year!

In the days ahead, please take a moment to also make your pledge by or on November 10, when we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, a day when we lift up all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings.

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 Justin Myers and Regan Burke will discuss the history of race relations at Fourth Church. This will be the second session of "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

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

We hold in prayer members of Fourth Church and the Chicago Presbytery who, as part of their Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage, are worshipping today at New Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans.

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

Women at Fourth Halloween Gathering

“Hallelujah Haunts and Group Trivia Taunts” is the October gathering of Women at Fourth, this Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Register at bit.ly/waf102024

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. 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

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Snack Drive

Each week Meals Ministry uses 1,250 individually packaged, single-serving snacks in the bag lunches prepared and distributed to guests. To assist with that, during October we are collecting snacks to fill those bags. For details, visit fourthchurch.org/meals

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/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).

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/reproglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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

School Board Forum

This Monday, October 21 a Chicago school board candidate forum will be held 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 to participate; WBEZ's Kate Grossman will moderate. RSVP at bit.ly/schoolboard24 for details, including Zoom information.

The Collaborators

In an event cosponsored by Fourth Church, First Presbyterian Church (1600 S. Kimbark) is hosting "The Collaborators: The Secret History of South Side Gangs and Chicago's Presbyterians" next Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. Natalie Moore and Maira Khwaja will speak; Jeff Doane will moderate. RSVP to Nancy (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

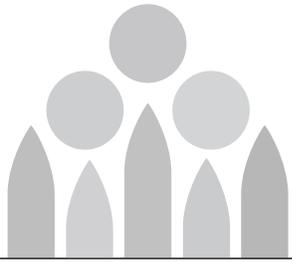
Also email Gloria if you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries.

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 reproglecenter.org.



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