

October 27, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Take My Life" (Hymnal 697, vv. 1 and 6)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

First Lesson Job 38:1–7, 34–41

**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** "Every Praise"

Every praise is to our God;
every word of worship, with one accord;
every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God;
glory hallelujah is due our God;
every praise, every praise is to our God.

Bridge:

God my Savior, God my Healer, God my Deliverer.
Yes, he is! Yes, he is!

Ending:

Every praise, every praise . . .
Every praise, every praise . . .
Every praise, every praise is to our God

***Peace**

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

Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Hymnal 465, vv. 1 and 2)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

We Hear.

Second Lesson Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Sermon Rocky Supinger

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 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Hymnal 607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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 “Mary’s Song” (Millie Rieth)

***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, marching, we are marching (ooh!)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching (ooh!)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Pete Tashjian, 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 worshippers 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., next Wednesday, November 13. 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.

Hidden Roots of White Supremacy

At next Sunday's "The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy" class, State Representative Kam Buckner will talk about the relationship between race and the Illinois state budget. The class meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/hiddenroots24

Stewardship 2025

"Do the Good That's Yours to Do" is the theme of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, which kicked off last Sunday. 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.

Thank you to all who have already completed a form! Of the 131 households who have submitted a pledge for 2025, 79 percent have increased their pledge over 2024.

If you have not yet made a 2025 pledge, please take a moment to do so 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

All Saints' Sunday

Next Sunday, November 3 is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we lift up those whose baptism is new and those whose baptism is now complete.

As part of our remembrance of the faithful who have gone before us and our honoring of departed loved ones, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year will be read during worship. During the morning services we will celebrate Communion, and the Morning Choir will sing Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*.

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.

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

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

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.

Snacks for Meals Ministry

Thank you to all who have donated snacks to Fourth Church Meals Ministry this month! While the October Snack Drive concludes today, the need continues year round and snack donations are always gratefully received: fourthchurch.org/meals

Domestic Violence Awareness

Our purple ribbons along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to Domestic Violence Awareness Month and all affected by domestic violence.

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

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/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; 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

Grief Groups

Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (reploglecenter.org) facilitates grief groups via Zoom. The next one begins Thursday, November 7. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org; 312.787.8425).

Blood Drive

The Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive Saturday, November 16 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) in Borwell Dining Room. For appointments call 800.786.4483; walk-ins welcome.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for an Inquirers' Class 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).

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.

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