



November 10, 2024

The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment, and live each moment, in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Psalter Psalm 146

**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 on the Promises" (Hymnal 838, vv. 1 and 4)

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

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

Song "We Are One in the Spirit " (Hymnal 300, vv. 1 and 4)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (*Refrain*)

We Hear.

Second Lesson 1 Kings 17:8–16

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 “Seek Ye First” (Hymnal 175, vv. 1 and 2)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

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 “Bread of Life, Hope of the World” (Bernadette Farrell)

***Song** "Do Lord, Remember Me"

Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me,
do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,
do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,
way beyond the blue.

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun . . .
(way beyond the blue)

God blessed me with peace and joy, and I'll share some with you . . .
(way beyond the blue)

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Rocky Supinger

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 worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship. Please also indicate if your contact information has changed.

Bible Study

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 this Wednesday, November 13. 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).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study, which focuses on scripture readings from either the past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. 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.

Foundations of Judaism

"Foundations of Judaism," a two-week class led by Rabbis Amanda Greene and David Chapman and Associate Pastor Nanette Sawyer, concludes on Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details about this exploration of the basic beliefs of Judaism and different perspectives within Judaism, register at bit.ly/judaism112024

Stewardship 2025

Today is Commitment Sunday, the day we lift up our pledges to our 2025 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. We dedicate them to the work of God's kingdom, as we each answer the invitation — through our financial support — to join in doing the good that is ours to do.

If you have not yet made your pledge for 2025 indicating your support for and investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, we invite you to do so by completing a pledge card found in the pew racks or by filling out the online form at bit.ly/fpcclpledge.

Native American Heritage

The flag flying in our courtyard bears public witness to Native American Heritage Month. Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

Honoring Our Land Ancestors

A one-session class, "Theology of Place: Honoring Our Land Ancestors" will take place on Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

Robert Wapahi, a local indigenous artist of Dakota Santee heritage—whose "Before Straight Lines" exhibition can be seen in the Loggia—will discuss autobiographical aspects of his life in a historical context and the intersection of identity, life, and art. For details, register at bit.ly/ancestors112024

Men's Clothing Needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of new or gently used men's clothing, of all types and all sizes, as well as men's shoes. 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.

Blood Drive This Saturday

This coming Saturday, November 16 the Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive in Borwell Dining Room from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For appointments call 800.786.4483; walk-ins are also welcome.

Caroling on the Sanctuary Steps

Mark Saturday, November 23 on your calendar and plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. when we will be singing carols on the steps of the Sanctuary prior to the 5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Parade that is part of the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival. Come join us in spreading holiday cheer to those gathered for the Michigan Avenue festivities!

Fellowship Opportunities

Books by Women

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

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. Their work includes baby and child care items, which are donated to hospitals and social service organizations, as well as sensory/activity mats for individuals with dementia. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Knitting and Crocheting

Both a fellowship group and a ministry of caring, Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort. The group meets in Room 5B next Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Pipe Organ Concert

On Friday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. organist Daryl Robinson will present the 2024 concert marking the 2015 dedication anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ.

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

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m., lifting up mission partners and those in need. Over an eighteen-month cycle, we also pray for each Fourth Church member by name. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Walking the labyrinth

Buchanan Chapel is open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for opportunity to walk the labyrinth.

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

Giving Thanks

Again this year we will join with neighbors from various faith communities, including Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral, for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, this year hosted by Fourth Church on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day we will continue our tradition of sharing a Thanksgiving-themed “Rhythm and Word” video via our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Are you interested in learning more about Fourth Church or becoming a member of this congregation? Please contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Families, and Welcoming Ministries, who would be grateful for the opportunity to be in touch with you.

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 and to learn more about our four-week grief groups meeting via Zoom, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org.

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