

November 17, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Spirit of the Living God" (Hymnal 288)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson Daniel 12:1-3

**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** "To God Be the Glory" (Hymnal 634)

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!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

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

Song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Hymnal 834)

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

We Hear.

Second Lesson Psalm 16

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Hymnal 475, v. 1)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

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 “We Remember” (Marty Haugen)

***Song** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (837)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

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., next meets Wednesday, November 27. 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.

Honoring Our Land Ancestors

In the class "Theology of Place: Honoring Our Land Ancestors," Robert Wapahi, a local indigenous artist of Dakota Santee heritage whose art is on exhibit in the Loggia, will discuss autobiographical aspects of his life in a historical context and the intersection of identity, life, and art. Join him next Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/ancestors112024

Do the Good That's Yours to Do

We are deeply grateful to all made a 2025 pledge on Commitment Sunday as we answered the invitation—through our financial support—to join in doing the good that is ours to do. Thank you for your investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights!

If you have not yet had opportunity to make your pledge for 2025, there is still time to do so. You will find in the pew racks a pledge card to complete, or you can fill out the online form at bit.ly/fpcclpledge.

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.

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.

Fourth Church: A Place of ...

Have you seen the videos highlighting Fourth Church as a place of spiritual formation, mission, and friendship? If not, we encourage you to take a few minutes to watch them at bit.ly/fpcplaceof

Caroling for Saturday's Parade

Come join us in spreading holiday cheer to those gathered for the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival this Saturday, November 23! We will gather at 5:00 p.m. on the Sanctuary steps to sing carols prior to the 5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Parade.

Pipe Organ Concert on Friday

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.

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. 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.

Cornerstones Sing-Along

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather for its Christmas sing-along and dinner on Friday evening, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Registration—for dinner and singing or just for the sing-along—is required by Monday, December 2 at bit.ly/cornerstones122024

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Almond* by Won-Pyung Sohn on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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.

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/repleglecenterforcounseling and wellbeing

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

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.

Advent and Christmas

Advent Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 1 will be the first day of Advent. Not only will we gather that day for our weekly afternoon worship service, but we will also have opportunity to come together that evening—Sunday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.—for the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music, held in the Sanctuary and livestreamed.

Christmas Wishes for Tutoring Students

Our Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students is underway! We are collecting gift cards (up to \$25) to Target, Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, and McDonald’s. They can be dropped off at the church (attention: Simon Crow) by Wednesday, December 4, with the amount designated on the card(s). We are also collecting monetary contributions for the purchase of books. Please note “Christmas Wishes” in the designation of an online gift at fourthchurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Flowers

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward this year’s Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin.

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? Join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person on Sunday, December 1 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers122024) or 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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