



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Sebastian Bach
 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing John Wyeth/arr. Larry Sue
 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Hubert Parry

Introit

“Speak to My Heart” Eric Brown

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

***Call to Worship**

One: *Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.*
 All: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.
 One: *You are our hiding place, O Lord;*
 All: you preserve us from trouble
 and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.
 Let us worship God.



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 687.** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command not to be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.

Welcome and Announcements

Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Anthem

“God’s Got the Whole World” Mark A. Miller
*God’s got the whole world in God’s hands.
God has you and me in those hands.
God’s got the whole world in God’s hands.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 132:1–9

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*
All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Sermon

The Welcome Mat Joseph L. Morrow

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) 1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess,
is the mystery of our religion:
Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Let the People Praise Thee, O God” (9:30) William Mathias

*Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously
and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us, and all the ends
of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us and bless us and show the light of his
countenance and be merciful unto us, that thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health
among all nations. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

“Now Thank We All Our God” (11:00) J. S. Bach

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his word rejoices;
who from our mother’s arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

***Offertory Response** Hymn 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of abundance, bless these offerings that demonstrate the good that is ours to do.
Through our faithful stewardship of these gifts,
may your children and all creation find health, nurture, dignity, and love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 643** “Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace Robert Lau

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat Major J. S. Bach



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, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or 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.”**

Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each Sunday 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.

Worshiping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the service

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service begins. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

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 fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshiping with us in person are asked to add their names 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.

Online

Those worshiping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Sunday Opportunities

Honoring Our Land Ancestors

A one-session class, “Theology of Place: Honoring Our Land Ancestors” takes place today 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 Zoom, register at bit.ly/ancestors112024

Cuba trip information session

If you are interested in joining us on a trip to Cuba in March 2025 (*see page 10*), please join us for an information session today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, a tour of our pipe organ begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

Afternoon worship service

We invite you to join us for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, a casual, intimate service. Beena David and the Gathering Ensemble lead our music; Joe Morrow will be preaching.

Giving Thanks

Interfaith Thanksgiving service

This Tuesday, November 26 we will again join with neighbors from various faith communities for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. As we gather here in the Fourth Church Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. to raise our voices in song and prayer, we will be joined in worship leadership by representatives from Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago Al-Bukhari Islamic Center, and LaSalle Street Church. A reception in Anderson Hall will follow.

Thanksgiving Day video

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). To receive it by email, subscribe at bit.ly/rhythmword

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Are you interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church? Please join us for an Inquirers’ Class next Sunday, December 1 at 12:15 p.m. in person (register at bit.ly/inquirers122024) or contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org). He would welcome opportunity to get to know you!

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

Do the Good That’s Yours to Do

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the 2025 Stewardship Campaign! We’re thrilled to share that 80 percent of our pledges are either new or increased, demonstrating an enthusiastic commitment and excitement to our community. Thank you for doing the good that’s yours to do!

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/fpcpledge.

Native American Heritage

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

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2025 Pledge Commitments as of November 19, 2024

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	581	\$2,651,601	\$3,000,000	88%
Chicago Lights:	349	\$812,675	\$750,000	108%
Total:	592	\$3,464,276	\$3,750,000	92%

Children and Youth

Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday school

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. During the 11:00 a.m. hour, families are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

Youth gatherings

Junior Highs gather at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets 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 gathers via Zoom twice a month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., does not meet this week but will next gather on Wednesday, December 11. 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.

Visiting Cuba

Join us in traveling to Cuba in March 2025, when we will visit the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, continuing our twenty-four-year partnership with our sister church. The deadline for registering for this March 10–17 trip is December 8. Register at bit.ly/cubatrip2025; for details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Pastor Nominating Committee

Last Sunday morning the The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) presented a Ministry Minute, sharing an update on their search and discernment process. If you missed it, you can view it at bit.ly/pncupdate112024

As part of the PNC's work, they have posted the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) with the Presbyterian Church (USA), providing prospective candidates for the position of Pastor an overview of Fourth Church and of what we are looking for in our next pastor. You can read those descriptions at fourthchurch.org/pnc/mdp.html

If you have names of individuals to recommend as possible candidates to serve as our next Pastor, comments about what you hope the PNC will consider in the search and discernment process, or questions for the PNC, please email those to pnc@fourthchurch.org

Mens' Clothing Needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of new or gently used men's clothing 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. **except on days the building is closed** (*see calendar on page 15*).

Advent and Christmas

Advent Lessons and Music next Sunday

Advent begins next Sunday! Not only will we gather that day for our weekly Sunday morning and afternoon worship services, but we will also have opportunity to come together that evening—Sunday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.—for a favorite tradition of the season: the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music. Held in the Sanctuary, this special service will also be livestreamed.

Advent reflections

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning next Sunday as a resource for personal meditation and prayer.

We invite you to receive them in your inbox (subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions if you don't already receive our devotions), read them online (fourthchurch.org/devotions), or share them via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) or Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch)

Advent "Rhythm and Word" videos

On Wednesdays in Advent we will release a brief video of music, scripture, and prayer for your reflection in this season. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword to have them sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos) to receive notice of our new videos.

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.

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.

Advent and Christmas worship

In addition to next Sunday's Festival of Advent Lessons and Music (*see left*), we have some special services we hope you will put on your calendar!

The "Longest Night" Service, for those for whom Christmas celebrations are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness, will be held on Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Buchanan Chapel.

This year's Christmas Cantata, Bach's *Magnificat*, presented by the Morning Choir and members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, will be part of the Sunday morning services on December 22.

On Tuesday, December 24, we will gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services: the Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m.; Family Service at 6:00 p.m., and Lessons and Carols at 8:00 p.m. (also livestreamed) and 10:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 25, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. (in person only) for Christmas worship.

Christmas with Tower Brass

Join us Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. for a Christmas with Tower Brass concert! For holiday concert details, see fourthchurch.org/concerts

Caring for One Another

Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) or leave a confidential message for a Stephen Minister at 312.573.3365.

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 (gffleming@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.

Counseling, well-being, and grief groups

To explore options for counseling and well-being—and to learn more about four-week grief groups offered via Zoom—contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425 or visit reploglecenter.org

Fellowship Opportunities

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.

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets via Zoom this Tuesday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m. and in person on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. For details, email Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org)

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild does not meet this week but resumes Wednesday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. 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

Faces at the Manger

On Sunday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom, members of the Adult Education Council will read passages from the book *Faces at the Manger* by J. Barrie Shepherd, portraying characters present at Jesus' birth. We are delighted that poet, author, and pastor J. Barrie Shepherd will be joining us via Zoom! Register at bit.ly/faces122024

Women at Fourth holiday celebration

“La La Ladies: A Women at Fourth Holiday Celebration” will be held in the Manse on Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. For details and to RSVP, register at bit.ly/waf122024

Stay Connected!

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Calendar for November 24–30

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
November 24	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	10:15 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Room 4B
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Honoring Our Land Ancestors	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Cuba Trip Information Session	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Project Task Force	Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts	Room 5F
	2:00 p.m.	The Gathering: Communion at 2:00	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French	Zoom
November 25	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner’s French	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4G / Zoom
	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities

Calendar for November 24–30

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
November 26	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts	Room 4F / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Interfaith Service	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service Reception	Anderson Hall

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
November 27	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 5G
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities	Zoom
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond	Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Calendar for November 24–30

Thursday, November 28 • Thanksgiving Day • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day

Friday, November 29 • Thanksgiving Weekend • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day

Saturday, November 30 • Thanksgiving Weekend • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day
8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause (Online)

Preaching on Sunday, December 1

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Jenny Giblin (9:30), Clyde Yancy (11:00), Nancy Benson-Nicol, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

Handbell Choir

Voices of Light; Cicely Perry, Director

Morning Choir (9:30), Chancel Choir (11:00)

Michael Rees, Associate Organist

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: As our thoughts turn to holiday gatherings, images of home as a place where we gather in comfort with loved ones come to mind. 2 Samuel 7 offers a glimpse of how King David understood both God's home and his own. Reflecting on this passage, we also learn something about how Jesus desires us to be at home with God and one another. There are possibilities and perils, but the journey to home is worth it.

LOOKING FOR A TABLE PRAYER to use on Thanksgiving? The first two verses of today's closing hymn were written as a table prayer in the seventeenth century by Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor in Germany. Rinkart was the only pastor in the city of Eilenburg who survived the deadly plague of 1637, performing more than 4,000 funerals that year, including that of his wife.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at fourthchurch.org/give

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

Associate Pastors

Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

Matt Helms Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

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