



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- We Shall Overcome Charles Albert Tindley/arr. Kenneth Abeling
- There Is a Balm in Gilead. African American Spiritual/arr. Bob Walters
- Entrance of the Queen of Sheba George Frideric Handel

Introit

- “Eternal Light Shine” Leo Sowerby
- Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.*
- Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.*
- Eternal Power, be our support.*
- Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.*
- Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

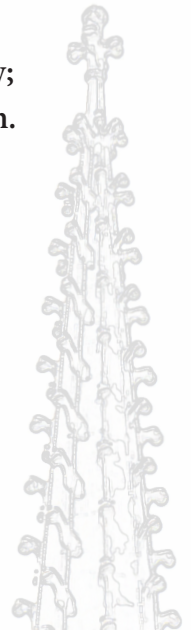
*Doxology

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

(based on “Paul’s Letter to American Christians” by Martin Luther King Jr.)

- One: *Come and worship the God of love.*
- All: **We have discovered that the highest good is love.**
- One: *Come and be challenged to follow the way of love.*
- All: **Unarmed love is the most powerful force in all the world.**
- One: *Come and discover the clue to the meaning of ultimate reality:*
- All: **in Jesus, God’s love breaking into time.**



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

***Hymn 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

(based on “Paul’s Letter to American Christians” by Martin Luther King Jr.)

Forgive us, Lord, we know not what we do.
Being good and respectable citizens, we look to war and threats of war
to solve the problems of the world.
Being decent and dedicated, we convince ourselves
that systems that are economically profitable must be morally justifiable.
Though sincere, we remain spiritually ignorant;
our hearts are right, but our heads are still wrong.
We know not what we do. Forgive us, Lord.
By the light of Christ, help us to bring our head and our heart together
and so rise to the fulfillment of our true nature. 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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Thomas A. Dorsey/arr. Arnold Sevier

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let 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, Lord, and lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, at the river, Lord, I stand,
guide my feet and hold my hand:
take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 2 Timothy 3:10–17

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.

Second Lesson Acts 7 (selected verses)

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

Sermon

Carry This Story with You Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 836** “Abide with Me”

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;

change and decay in all around I see.

O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;

what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;

ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

“The Lord Is My Light” Psalm 27/Fred Gramann
The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I fear? Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. May I dwell in the house of the Lord for all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord. The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I fear? I believe that I shall see the beauty of the Lord in the land of the living. Whom shall I fear?

***Offertory Response** Hymn 712, v. 3

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God,
that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 339.** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Amen” Peter Christian Lutkin

Postlude

O Freedom African American Spiritual/arr. Charles Schuchat

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Ninety-six years ago, on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta. Only thirty-five years later this pastor and civil rights leader became the youngest individual to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

On this weekend when we join citizens across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King, we read here again the words he wrote from the Birmingham Jail in April 1963, excerpted from his letter, which was first printed in the Christian Century:

“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be coworkers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. . . .

“If today’s church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. . . . Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true ekklesia and the hope of the world.

“But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. . . . They have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment.”



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 weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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 \$10 for 6 hours (*and \$20 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.

Worshipping 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 worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshipping 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 worshipping 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

Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshipping 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 with a Deacon today, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the services.

“Christian Mysticism: Roots to Today”

“Christian Mysticism: Roots to Today” concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Vicky Curtiss, Program Director for Siena Retreat Center, is leading our exploration. For the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/mysticism202501

“Resilience, Respect, and Resistance”

A new Sunday morning class taught by members of the pastoral staff—“Resilience, Respect, and Resistance: Being the Church in Uncertain Times”—begins next Sunday, January 26. For details, register at bit.ly/aeresilience

Reading ahead: *James*

Jeff Doane and John Clum invite you to read the novel *James* by Percival Everett over the next weeks and then join them on Sunday morning, February 16 for a discussion of this reimagining of Mark Twain’s *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as told from the perspective of Huckleberry’s friend, the formerly enslaved Jim.

Organ tour

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

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

Youth groups do not meet today, as the youth are away on their annual ski trip, but the weekly gatherings resume next Sunday, with Junior Highs gathering 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, which focuses on Sunday's scripture readings from the pulpit, 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 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., will next meet this Wednesday, January 22. 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).

Remembering Dr. King

This weekend we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born ninety-six years ago on January 15. Signs with Dr. King's image and words stand along Michigan Avenue, and a flag flies in the courtyard, as public witness for all who pass by. They are a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.

We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways. Our Racial Equity Council invites you to stop by their table in Coffee Hour to learn more.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee is at work searching for a candidate for pastor to recommend to the congregation. To suggest possible candidates, share what you hope the PNC will consider in the search and discernment process, or ask questions, email pnc@fourthchurch.org

Fourth Church in Florida

If you live in or travel to Florida in February, please join us for an opportunity to connect with one another! Tom Are will be hosting gatherings in Naples on Wednesday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. and in Miami on Thursday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. RSVP at bit.ly/floridarsvp25 or with Shawn Fiedler (sfiedler@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 please email Gloria if you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries.

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), Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, or leave a confidential message for a Stephen Minister at 312.573.3365.

Counseling, well-being, and grief groups

To explore options for counseling and well-being, including grief groups, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425 or visit reploglecenter.org

Gala of Hope 2025

The 2025 Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, March 7 at the Old Post Office. See chicagolights.org/events for tickets and ways to contribute, or email Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts

The Spiritual Formation and Volunteer Ministry Councils invite you to a “You and Your Spiritual Gifts” workshop on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will include sessions on “Spiritual Gifts and the Body of Christ,” “Discovering Your Gifts,” and “A Pathway to Service.” To join in this exploration of spiritual gifts, register at bit.ly/spiritualgifts202501

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

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 brief video reflection, led this month by Rocky Supinger. 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 new videos.

Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for walking between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

News, Updates, and Snapshots

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

Get Connected

Center for Life and Learning Winter Term

Fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses for adults sixty and over are included in the winter term of the Center for Life and Learning. See fourthchurch.org/cll for details.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesday, January 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Deep Listening Dinner

Come join us for a Deep Listening Dinner on Saturday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as we get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. Registration required at bit.ly/deeplistening202501; to learn more, contact Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets on Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Cornerstones

“A Day in the Life of Fourth Church Outreach Services: Hear What It Takes to Make It Happen” will be the program at the Friday evening, February 7 Cornerstones gathering in Anderson Hall. Theresa Thornburg, Director of the Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Michael Usiak, Fourth Church Meals Ministry Manager, will be our speakers. RSVP (required) for this monthly dinner gathering at bit.ly/cornerstonesfeb25

Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Milkman* by Anna Burns.

Concerts

Friday Noonday Concerts

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary (and also livestreamed) features flutist Christina Ballatori and pianist Kevin T. Chance.

Organ concert by Doug Cleveland

On Friday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. our Interim Organist and Director of Music, Doug Cleveland, will present a delightful evening of organ music featuring our Andrew Pipe Organ.

St. Olaf College Choir in concert

The St. Olaf College Choir is returning to Fourth Church on Friday evening, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. as part of its 2025 Winter Tour. Tickets are available from St. Olaf at stolaf.edu/tickets/choir

Stay Connected

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person on Sunday, February 2 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers22025) or via Zoom on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers32025) or contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Check out our Events page!



Looking to explore upcoming events and opportunities at Fourth Church? Visit our Events page—fourthchurch.org/events—and bookmark it for future reference!

Calendar for January 19–25, 2025

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
January 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	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.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Christian Mysticism: Roots to Today	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	PNC Meeting	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Project Task Force	Room 4E
	12:15 p.m.	World Mission Social Justice	Room 5E
	12:30 p.m.	Volunteer Ministry Council	Room 4K
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
January 21	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	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
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts	Room 4F / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room

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1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Stroke Education and Prevention.	Room 5E
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth.	Zoom

Wednesday		7:30 a.m. Joint Finance Council	Zoom
January 22		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
		9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
		9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
		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: Men’s Great Ideas.	Room 5A
		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 4G
		12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study	Zoom
		1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language.	Morse Conference Room
		1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
		1:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
		1:30 p.m. CLL: “Around the World” Art History.	Zoom
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series.	Room 4G
		3:00 p.m. CLL: Drawing	Zoom
		5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
		6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+.	Room 4F

Thursday		9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
January 23		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
		9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
		9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
		9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
		10:00 a.m. CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A / Zoom

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	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language.	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

	Friday	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
January 24		9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
		10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia	Zoom
		11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
		12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
		12:30 p.m. CLL: January Lunch Meet-Up.	Offsite
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Fourth-Floor Lounge
		2:00 p.m. Howard Morgan Memorial	Sanctuary
		3:30 p.m. Strategic Communications Task Force.	Room 4F
		4:30 p.m. Session	Room 4G
		5:00 p.m. Doug Cleveland Concert Reception	Anderson Hall
		7:00 p.m. Doug Cleveland Organ Concert.	Sanctuary

	Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause	Online
January 25		5:00 p.m. Deep Listening Dinner.	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 26: Tom Are Jr.

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Annette Bacon (9:30), Kashane Morgan (11:00), Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00); Bill McMurray, Soloist
Tower Brass; Charlie Schuchat, Artistic Director
Michael Rees, Associate Organist
Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: We don't know much about Stephen, but we know his hardest moment. Facing his hardest moment, he tells the story of his faith. When the hardest moments come, the story of the faith is the story we will want to tell.

TODAY'S CLOSING HYMN, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," began as a poem written by James Weldon Johnson for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. Five years later Johnson's brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, wrote the stirring music to go with the powerful words. Recognized as the Black National Anthem, this text and tune have gained widespread devotion, not only within the African American community but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

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