



Fourth Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Praeludium in A MinorDietrich Buxtehude

Vater unser im Himmelreich (The Lord’s Prayer)Georg Bohm

Introit

“Bwana Asifiwe” (9:30) traditional Swahili/arr. Mark Burrows

Bwana Bwana Bwana Asifiwe, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord in the heavens.

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good. Praise the Lord. Praise God’s name.

“Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join Christ” (11:00) Morgan Simmons

*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: *A love that never ceases.*

All: *A hope that is never quenched.*

One: *A Creator who calls us.*

All: *A redeemer who heals us.*

One: *A Spirit that equips us.*

All: *These are the gifts of God, whom we worship with gladness.*



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

***Hymn 167** “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.
Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of living water, we confess that our wells are empty.
Our reservoirs of hope have run dry.
We feel their absence in the careless words we have thought and spoken.
We feel their loss in wounded relationships and unjust circumstances.
Forgive what we have done and left undone, O Lord.
Then let the rain of your mercy replenish the parched places
in ourselves and in our world. Amen.

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie Hymn 577

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” African American spiritual/arr. Christopher Aspaas

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Micah 6:8

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(9:30) Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

***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.

(9:30) Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Second Lesson Mark 10:46–52

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: **but the word of our God shall stand forever.**

Sermon

Required Reading Tom Are Jr.

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 301** “Let Us Build a House”

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *(Refrain)*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from an affirmation by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

We believe in God,
creator of all things, heavenly father and mother,
of infinite love, wisdom, and power,
ruler of all that is and all that is to come,
who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God’s chosen one,
who loved and served humbly,
who gave his life for our redemption,
and who was raised by God to new life.

We trust that he accompanies us
and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit guides us, empowers us,
and sustains us as servants of God’s grace.

We live as the body of Christ,
in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection,
and the light of eternal life. 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

“The Road Home” Stephen Paulus

***Offertory Response** Hymn 224, v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we thank you for all the ways that you give yourself to us.
Our ways of worship and service are always imperfect.
But you speak to us in our hearts.
May we listen always for your word,
to lead us, correct us, guide us, and set us free for loving service,
for the sake of the healing of the world,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 720** “Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, “Christian, follow me.”
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Go Now in Peace” Robert Lau

Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Baptized today at 9:30
Sophia Louise Hilmert, child of James and Lori Hilmert
Eleanor Jane Maras, child of Jason and Maria Maras



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. There is an entrance without steps leading to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: 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.

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.

Survey: Connecting Online

To help us enhance not only our online worship offerings but also other resources and programs, we would appreciate your taking a moment to complete the Online Church Family Survey. Your input is valuable to us whether you connect with Fourth Church online only rarely or all the time. You can find the survey on our website home page (fourthchurch.org) or by scanning this QR code.



Thank you for helping us shape our various online opportunities and ways of building community and connections!

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.

Organ Tour

Following the 11:00 service this morning, a tour of our Andrew Pipe Organ will begin at the front of the Sanctuary; see an usher for details.

Restoring the 1914 Murals

The scaffolding in the Sanctuary is to facilitate the restoration work in progress on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is meeting weekly to continue to narrow a field of excellent candidates. In this season of discernment please hold the PNC and candidates in prayer.



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

Children, Youth, and Family

Children in worship

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

Today—and on the second Sunday of each month—Sunday school children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship. They then depart to their classrooms with their teachers. At 11:00 a.m., families are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

Youth gatherings

Youth groups resume next Sunday, with Junior Highs gathering at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Today eighth-grade Confirmation also meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Meditation

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open this week for a time of meditative walking on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Adult Education

“Comparing the Gospels”

Our new three-week adult education class, “Comparing the Gospels,” begins this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Join Associate Pastor Matt Helms as he leads us in an exploration of each of the four Gospels, looking at the unique lenses each writer brings to the life and teachings of Jesus. In doing so we will expand our understanding of Jesus’ ministry. For the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/gospels32025

Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, March 12. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Reading Sermons

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon to receive the sermon by email.

Our Lenten Journey

Extinguishing the Lenten candles

Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

Path of Discipleship

Path of Discipleship is an invitation to six weeks of spiritual growth in Lent as we read together *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels* by Heidi Haverkamp.

We will gather on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 11, with our discussions led by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Matt Helms. This week we will come together both in person and on Zoom. (We will meet only via Zoom the middle four weeks.) Register (required) at bit.ly/pod2025

“Classics of Lenten Music”

On Sunday morning, March 30, Oliver Comacho, Musical Director of Classical WFMT, will speak about masterpieces of Lenten music as our adult education class at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/lentenmusic

Daily Lenten devotions

We invite you to use our daily Lenten devotions—written by Fourth Church members and staff—for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them at fourthchurch.org/devotions as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

Lenten “Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast

During Lent our weekly five-minute video and podcast reflections explore the book of Psalms and are offered by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

Podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our “Rhythm and Word” reflections (see above) are available on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts. During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are available via podcast on those platforms as well.

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast, a lively and informative exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

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.

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



Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks. You can also designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or when giving online at fourthchurch.org/give

Cuba Prayer Partners

Tomorrow Fourth Church members and friends will travel to Cuba, where they will spend a week with our partner church, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. We invite you to support this relationship by becoming a prayer partner, praying for a chosen day of the visit, including lifting up someone in our delegation as well as our Cuban partners with prayer for safety, health, and the fruitfulness of our common ministry. To sign up, go to bit.ly/cubaprayers25

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F. Register at bit.ly/inquirers42025

Blood Drive

In partnership with city’s 42nd Ward office, our Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, March 22 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Walk-ins are welcome; advance appointments are appreciated at bit.ly/springblood32025

Purposeful Retirement

Beginning this Wednesday, March 12, the Center for Life and Learning and the Volunteer Ministry Council will be cosponsoring a “Purposeful Retirement” workshop series facilitated by Alan Bath. To learn more about the series and fees, see bit.ly/purposeful32025

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!



Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us online today, we would be delighted if you would join us for our first Online Coffee Hour of 2025. We will be gathering via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. today (and each Sunday throughout Lent), immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of online fellowship. Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourzoom

In-Person Coffee Hour

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.

Final Wishes Workshop

Making arrangements for your time of death can support those who will carry out your intentions. Stop by the Manse next Sunday, March 16 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to complete “My Final Wishes for Being Cared for and Remembered.” Register at bit.ly/mywishes202503

Caring for One Another

Counseling, well-being, and grief groups

To explore options for counseling and well-being, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425) or visit repluglecenter.org

Prayer requests and pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, email Gloria (gflaming@fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Get Connected

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah this Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Cornerstones

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall on Friday, April 4 for dinner and the program “When Welcoming the Stranger Is Uncomfortable,” by Beth Brown, Pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, who will talk about loving and understanding our trans relatives and friends and what it means to be a sanctuary church. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones202504

Connect with us online

We also invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church: see the story at fourthchurch.org

Calendar for March 9–15, 2025

Sunday March 9	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G	
	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	
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel	
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall	
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom	
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary	
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Gathering.	Room 5G	
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room	
	11:00 a.m.	Comparing the Gospels	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.	Pastor Nominating Committee 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.	New Officer Training.	Room 4G	
	12:15 p.m.	Racial Equity Council Meeting	Room 5D	
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall	
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room	
	Monday March 10	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip	Cuba
		9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
		9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
		9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French	Zoom
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 French	Zoom	
1:00 p.m.		CLL: Art History	Zoom	
1:00 p.m.		CLL: Bridge	Room 5B	
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4G / Zoom		
Tuesday March 11	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip	Cuba	
	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom	
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online	
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B	

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)

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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 Tuesdays	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: Watercolor and Art Concepts.	Room 4F / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness and Meditation	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness, Meditation, and More	Room 4E
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	Zoom
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
4:30 p.m.	Gala Committee Meeting	Room 4G
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship.	Anderson Hall / Zoom

Wednesday

March 12

All day	Cuba Partnership Trip	Cuba
7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
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.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
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.	Women's Noon Bible Study	Zoom
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: Destination: 1965.	Room 5G / Zoom
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series.	Room 4G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	CLL: Purposeful Retirement Workshop	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+.	Room 4F
6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study.	Zoom

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Thursday March 13	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip Cuba
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Borwell Dining Room
	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
	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.	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
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel
Friday March 14	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip Cuba
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool. Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Understanding, Managing Anxiety Room 4F
	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
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks Fourth-Floor Lounge
	2:00 p.m.	SSC: Art Hour Room 4E
Saturday March 15	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip Cuba
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer Ministry Retreat Borwell Dining Room
	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause Online
	<i>(There are no other events scheduled for Saturday)</i>	

Preaching on Sunday, March 16: Tom Are Jr.

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Caroline and Julia Manske (9:30), Eve Daniels (11:00), Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Children's Choir (9:30); Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Morning Choir

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: In Mark 8:22–10:52 we find a literary section of the Gospel that focuses on discipleship. It begins with Jesus healing the blind man at Bethsaida and concludes with the healing of blind Bartimaeus. This suggests that Mark understands discipleship, at least in part, as seeing the world rightly. All disciples need to have their eyes opened. Another detail: of all the people in Mark's Gospel who are healed, Bartimaeus is the only one whose name we are given. And the name is really important.

THE INTROIT "Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join Christ," sung as part of today's 11:00 service, was composed by Morgan Simmons, who served as Organist and Choirmaster of Fourth Church from 1968 to 1996. We give thanks to God for the life of Morgan, who died last week on February 28, and for the many gifts he generously shared. A memorial service is being planned.

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