



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

April 6, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Two Preludes for Lent. . . . . Charles Callahan

1. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

2. Cross of Jesus

Ubi Caritas . . . . . Marilyn Biery

### Introit

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join Christ . . . . . Morgan Simmons

*Come, and let us sweetly join Christ to praise in hymns divine.*

*Give we all, with one accord, glory to our common Lord.*

### \*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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

One: *Calling, urging, whispering, pleading God,*  
*it is your Word that makes us human.*

All: Give us ears to hear, hearts to trust,  
and most of all a will to follow.

One: *For it is your Word alone that makes us human.*

All: With all that we are, we worship you.



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*\*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 unending grace,  
sometimes your ways confuse us,  
and we yearn for wisdom.  
Sometimes your ways are clear,  
and we know exactly what you want from us.  
Yet knowing your ways does not mean we will be faithful.  
To follow you is not just a matter of the mind;  
it is more a matter of the heart.  
Mend our broken hearts, that knowing your will leads us to do your will.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**Extinguishing the Fifth 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.*

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Listening for the Word

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** . . . . . Deuteronomy 7:1–6

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:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Second Lesson** . . . . . Acts 10 (selected verses)

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

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

**Sermon**

Who Knew You Were Important? . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn 529** . . . . . “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

### Call to Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine . . . . . Gabriel Fauré

*O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration. O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye. Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming, whose wondrous night dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with thy radiance, that they may waken thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant to thine eternal glory and these thy gifts we return unto thee.*

**\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We will lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Prayer

Leader: *It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .*

*. . . We join with angels in singing your praise:*

**Sanctus** (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

*Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Memorial Acclamation** (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

#### 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.

# The Communion

## Communion Anthem

“Ubi Caritas” . . . . . Maurice Duruflé  
*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ’s love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

### \*Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of grace,  
with these gifts of bread and cup  
we are renewed by your grace.  
Confident in your love as the source of our lives,  
we go from this table to live toward your promised day. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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### \*Hymn 766 . . . . . “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

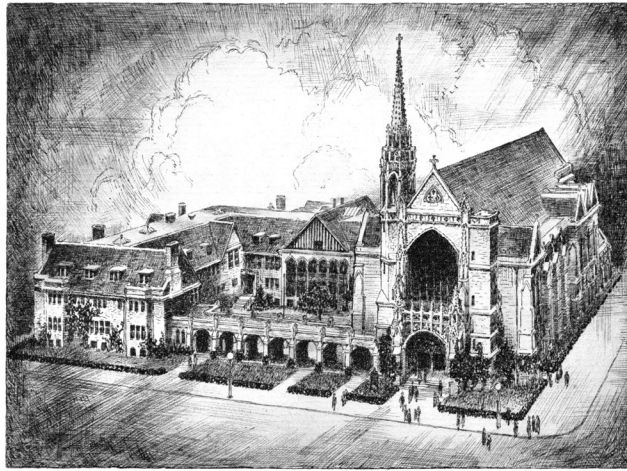
The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.  
True faith will open up the door and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.  
If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need,  
then we extend the Spirit’s care through every selfless deed.  
The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

### \*Charge and Benediction

Amen . . . . . Peter Christian Lutkin

## Postlude

Prelude in C Minor . . . . . Johann Sebastian 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 **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

**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.



## Worshipping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel—[bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: [fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org)

### 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](https://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.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS), which supports 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.

Your gifts to this offering touch the lives of those in need, respond to injustice, provide shelter, and feed the hungry, here in our city and around the world.

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](https://fourthchurch.org/give)

## Holy Week and Easter Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers to welcome and assist worshipers at our Holy Week and Easter services:

- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae: April 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday Noonday: April 18, 12:10 p.m.
- Good Friday Choral Service: April 18, 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise Service: April 20, 6:30 a.m.
- Easter 9:30 Service: April 20, 9:30 a.m.
- Easter 11:30 Service: April 20, 11:30 a.m.

If you are available to usher at one or more of these services, please sign up at [bit.ly/holyweekushers25](https://bit.ly/holyweekushers25)

## 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.

## New Survey: Long-Range Plan Progress

When Fourth Church adopted its long-range plan in 2024, leadership committed to regularly survey the congregation to discern your sense of the alignment of Fourth Church’s ministry with the plan.

Thus we would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete the Long-Range Plan Progress Pulse Survey at [bit.ly/fpclrpsurvey25](https://bit.ly/fpclrpsurvey25) or by scanning this QR code; the link is also on the home page of our website.



Your input will help shape how we continue to live out our calling to

love God and one another as we recommit ourselves to

- faith formation
- connections and belonging
- community engagement and partnerships
- church sustainability.

(Note that this collection of responses is separate from the Online Church Family Survey for which we asked your input in previous weeks. If you completed that survey, please complete this one also.)





## 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

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center and includes a Children's Chapel worship time.

#### Youth gatherings

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

#### Children and Youth Choirs

Rehearsing on Sundays are the Children's Choir (kindergarten–grade 5) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; Cherub Choir (ages 3 and 4) at 10:15 a.m. in 4B; and Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:30 a.m. in 4G.

#### Meet Nancy Bartell!

Parents of youth are invited to stop by and meet Nancy Bartell, our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, today and next Sunday between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. outside the Bumpus Room.

### Meditation

#### Walking the labyrinth

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

#### Sacred Pause

Sacred Pause meditation, hosted by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

### Adult Education

#### "Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy"

This morning Shawn Fiedler will lead a class on "Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy." Joined by Will Nifong and Colin Collete, owners of Mangel Florist, he will talk about the symbolism of particular flowers in scripture and theology and what meaning we draw from floral displays during holiday periods and Ordinary Time. The class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at [bit.ly/flowers42025](https://bit.ly/flowers42025)).

### 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. to remember in prayer members of the congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)) for details.

#### Prayer requests

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@fourthchurch.org)).

### Podcasts

#### Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our weekly five-minute "Rhythm and Word" reflections (*see page 10*) are available on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are also available via podcast on those platforms.

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.

## Reading Sermons

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

## Bible Studies

### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday—meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study—which includes time each month discussing the *Horizons* study “Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”—meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, April 9. For details, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

## Lenten Resources

### Daily Lenten devotions

We invite you to use our daily Lenten devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them online at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions), 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](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to have the newest videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos)). You can also listen to these reflections in podcast format at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)

## 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.



## Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

## Today: Meals Ministry Pop-Up!

Through the Bag Lunch program on Tuesdays through Thursdays as well as Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, Fourth Church Meals Ministry provides nutritious meals and welcoming hospitality to neighbors who are hungry.

Today you are invited to stop by and sample a Meals Ministry Bag Lunch and learn more about this program during 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall.

## Benevolent Guild

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

## Micah 6:8 Circle

Micah 6:8 calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God both as a gathered church community and in our everyday lives. Grounded in that calling, we are forming a small group to support each other in everyday acts of justice seeking and doing good in the world.

This Zoom group will be a place to process and discern for those wanting to make a difference in their neighborhood, workplace, or networks on social issues ranging from hunger and housing to racial equity, climate change, and good governance.

To sign up or for details, email Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Lenten Commitment to Justice Seeking

As we prepare to celebrate Easter with its promise of new life, the forty days of Lent offer a time to take on practices that draw us closer to God and God's vision for our world. Part of that vision includes doing justice for and with our neighbors.

Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn about upcoming opportunities to take part in justice-seeking and join in signing a commitment to do so.

### Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The flag in the courtyard bears public witness to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated on April 4 fifty-seven years ago.

### Loggia Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Join us this Thursday for an opening reception for the exhibition "Exploration to Expansion," featuring work by artists ages fifteen to twenty-four who participate in the Firehouse Community Arts Center. One of our community partners, the Firehouse is a West Side organization engaged in youth development and transformation.

The reception will take place in the Loggia on Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with the artists speaking at 6:00. RSVP at [bit.ly/artopening41025](https://bit.ly/artopening41025)

### Mission and Advocacy Newsletter

Subscribe to our World Mission and Social Justice email newsletter at [bit.ly/missionenews](https://bit.ly/missionenews)



## 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 worshiping with us online today, we would be delighted if you would join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Online Coffee Hour. 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](https://bit.ly/coffeehourzoom)

### Connecting Online

We invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church, whether through Zoom Coffee Hour (see above), Bible studies, or Morning Prayer or as part of in-person classes with a Zoom component. Browse [fourthchurch.org/online/connections](https://fourthchurch.org/online/connections) to learn more!

### In-Person Coffee Hour

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. During the 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour today there is also opportunity to take part in Bag Lunch (*see page 10*).

### 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 today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F or via Zoom on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers52025](https://bit.ly/inquirers52025)).

For additional information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

## 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](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](https://fourthchurch.org/news)

## Easter Flowers

You are invited to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Today (April 6) is the last day to make a contribution for names to be listed in the bulletin. Gifts can be made at [bit.ly/fpcgift](http://bit.ly/fpcgift); for details, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).

## Caring for One Another

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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 ([nbenison-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenison-nicol@fourthchurch.org)), Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

### Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling and well-being, groups, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425) or visit [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.org)

## Get Connected

### Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets this Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Clouds of Witness* (A Lord Peter Wimsey Mystery) by Dorothy L. Sayers.

### TwentiesThirties

The TwentiesThirties fellowship group for young adults will meet for brunch on Sunday, April 27 at 12:15 p.m. at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) for a time of fellowship.

## LGBTQIA+ Task Force

The Session of Fourth Church is forming a task force to improve our welcome to and inclusion of transgender and gender nonbinary persons of all ages. You can learn more at [bit.ly/taskforce42025](http://bit.ly/taskforce42025)

If you or someone you know is interested in helping this group make its recommendations, please use the above link to submit your name by Friday, April 11. The task force will be appointed by Interim Pastor Tom Are and the co-clerks of Session, Jared Light and Allison Youngblood.

## Music

### Making music

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. See page 9 for Children and Youth Choirs.

### Free Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary (and also livestreamed) will feature the Richard Sladek Trio with guest violinist James Martin.

## Upcoming Opportunities



Looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church? Visit our Events page—**[fourthchurch.org/events](http://fourthchurch.org/events)**—and bookmark it for future reference!

## Calendar for April 6–12, 2025

<b>Sunday</b> April 6	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
	10:00 a.m.	Family Donut Gathering. . . . .	Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Gignilliat Commons
	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.	Senior High Gathering . . . . .	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Gignilliat Commons
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Bag Lunch . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Steering Committee . . . . .	Room 4K
	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee . . . . .	Room 5A
	12:00 p.m.	Stewardship and Giving Council . . . . .	Room 4F
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	Inquirers' Class . . . . .	Room 5F
	12:30 p.m.	Racial Equity Council . . . . .	Room 5G
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30). . . . .	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room

<b>Monday</b> April 7	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
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga . . . . .	Room 5G

<b>Tuesday</b> April 8	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
	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: Foreign Affairs Perspective . . . . .	Zoom

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1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv . . . . .	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts. . . . .	Room 4E / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry . . . . .	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club . . . . .	Zoom
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
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 . . . . .	Zoom

### Wednesday April 9

7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study . . . . .	Offsite Location
9:00 a.m.	Day School Parents . . . . .	Fourth-Floor Lounge
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 Too . . . . .	Zoom
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Great Ideas Men's Group . . . . .	Room 5A
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing . . . . .	Zoom
11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation. . . . .	Room 4D
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
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series. . . . .	Room 4G
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Zumba Gold. . . . .	Room 5G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4F
6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study. . . . .	Zoom

### Thursday April 10

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: Supreme Court Decisions . . . . .	Room 4D
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves. . . . .	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health. . . . .	Room 4E / Zoom
12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History. . . . .	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel



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1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Art Opening: Firehouse Exhibition . . . . .	Loggia / Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Day School Parents . . . . .	Randolph Room

<b>Friday</b> April 11	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool. . . . .	Classroom B
	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
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks . . . . .	Room 4C

<b>Saturday</b> April 12	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
		<i>(There are no other events on the calendar on Saturday)</i>	

**Preaching on Palm Sunday, April 13: Tom Are Jr.**

### *Join Us for the Journey to Easter*

#### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship with palm processional  
*(the 9:30 service will also be livestreamed)*

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service  
*(also livestreamed)*

#### **Good Friday, April 18**

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service  
5:30 p.m. Children's Program in Buchanan Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Choral Service *(also livestreamed)*

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach  
9:30 a.m. Children's Program in the Gratz Center  
9:30 a.m. Easter Service *(also livestreamed)*  
11:30 a.m. Easter Service

More details at [fourthchurch.org/lent-easter](https://fourthchurch.org/lent-easter)



## Worship Leaders

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Joseph L. Morrow, Anita Balodis (9:30), Carl Lingenfelter (11:00), Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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The Chancel and Morning Choirs

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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WE ARE EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE at the front of the Sanctuary each Sunday during Lent. 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: Peter experiences a vision from God. Cornelius also has a first-rate spiritual experience: he had a visit from an angel. Even with both Peter and Cornelius having remarkable spiritual experiences, they have no clue what God is up to until they talk with one another.

THE HYMN "DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER" lifts up, points out our hymnal, not only "the inherent sacramental nature of all meals" but also "the communal dimensions of all human interaction."

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](http://fourthchurch.org/give)

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