



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Easter Overture. Robert Nagel
Christ Lag in Todesbanden (*Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison*). Johann Sebastian Bach
O Gott du Frommer Gott (*O God, Thou Faithful God*). J. S. Bach/arr. Harry Herford
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Sigfried Karg-Elert/arr. Thomas Brantigan
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Benedetto Marcello

Introit

An Easter Alleluia Melchior Vulpus
Christ is arisen from the dead, hallelujah!
Christ of the church the living head, hallelujah!

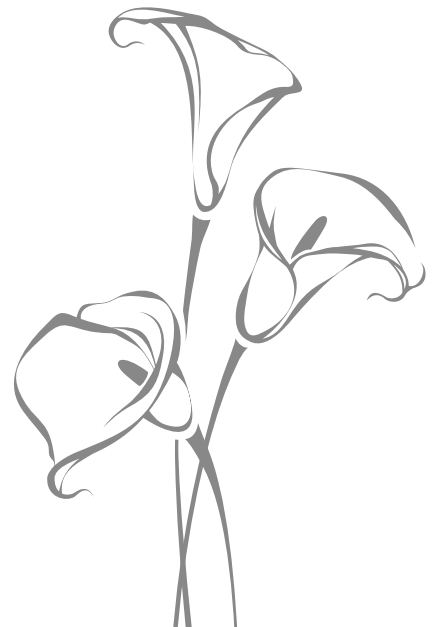
*Doxology

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: *Somewhere in the dark,*
God did what God does best.
And death lost its hold on life.

All: So there is joy today.
And there is love today.
For hope lives, no more to die.



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

***Hymn 232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Forgive us, O God,
if in the perplexity of this day
the musing of the church should become too simple.

Let the sound of our song echo the wonder of women who saw the empty tomb
and remembered what they had been taught.

In the mystery of this day,
let the voice of the church not succumb to timidity.

Let the sound of our proclamation
echo the testimony of disciples
who spoke good news.

After the pageantry of this day,
let our memory of your love not fade or grow weary.

May our lives reflect the character of saints and martyrs
who worshiped before us.

In the name of the risen Christ we pray. 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 person and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Anthem

“Alleluias”. Robert Lau
*Christ the Lord is ris’n again! Christ has broken every chain! Now through all the world it rings:
the Lord is King of kings! The strife is o’er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of
triumph has begun. Alleluia! Christ, our paschal lamb indeed, today your people freed. Alleluia!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson. Isaiah 25:6–8

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. Luke 24:1–12

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

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

Sermon

When the Resurrection Comes to You Tom Are Jr.

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

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 238** “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (*Refrain*)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (*Refrain*)

Affirmation of Faith. from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

We trust that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden. But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord.
He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is 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.

Offertory Anthem

"Easter Rejoicing" Jonathan Willcocks

*Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world
glad news we bring: Alleluia! The Lord of life is risen this day; bring flowers of song, bedeck the way.
Let all the world rejoice and say Alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which
cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high, Alleluia! Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored; Alleluia!*

***Offertory Response** Hymn 239, v. 1

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

God of grace,

for life and all its promise we respond in gratitude with these gifts. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 248** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Response** *(please remain standing for the closing response)*

Hallelujah from *Messiah* George Frederic Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Hallelujah!

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*. Charles-Marie Widor

***Gifts supporting Easter Sanctuary adornments have been made
in memory and in honor of family, friends, and loved ones.***

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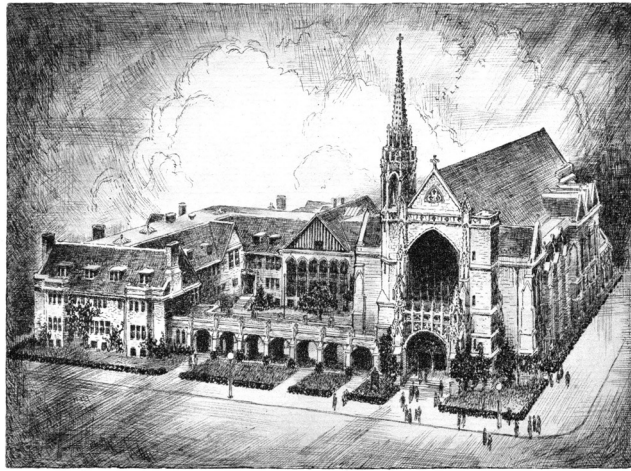
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All of the pastors
and all the staff
at Fourth Church
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You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone — without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy**, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city **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.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping 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. (except today, when the second service starts at 11:30 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 (*next to the courtyard*). 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—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: 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

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

Today 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 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs.

Your gifts to this offering will 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

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 via Zoom on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers52025) or in person on Sunday, June 1 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers62025).

For additional information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries, who would be delighted to get to know you.

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.

Survey Input Due Monday, April 21

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 if you have not already done so, we would appreciate it if you would take a few moments before the end of this Monday, April 21 to complete the Long-Range Plan Progress Pulse Survey, which you can find at bit.ly/fpcldrpsurvey25; by scanning this QR code; or on the home page of our website.

Your input is important in helping 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.

Thank you for your feedback!

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.

Easter experience for children

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders, which today features an Easter program, meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth gatherings

Youth groups, which are taking a break today, resume their weekly gatherings next Sunday with Junior Highs at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs at 11:00 a.m.

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).

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study—which includes time each month for discussion of 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 23. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@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, to receive the sermon by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

Adult Education

“Holy Hip Hop”

Next Sunday, April 27 Kevin Coval, of InterFaith America, will lead our one-session “Holy Hip Hop” class, investigating the origins of the cultural art form of Hip Hop, its various practices and associated lineages which are united by principles of interfaith understanding and black and LatinX culture and religious heritage. The class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/holyhiphop25).

More Sunday morning classes

Following “Holy Hip Hop,” we will have two more spring one-session classes: “Reflections on the Fourth Church Camino Pilgrimage of 2024” on Sunday, May 4 and “Bridge of Hope: Japanese American Christians and Fourth Church” on Sunday, May 11, each at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

Podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our weekly five-minute “Rhythm and Word” reflections (*see facing page*) are available on multiple podcast platforms and at 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, an exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Meditation

Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for a time of meditative walking this Tuesday, 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

Resources for Your Personal Reflection

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 online at fourthchurch.org/devotions, Facebook, and Instagram.

Weekly “Rhythm and Word” video and podcast

Each Wednesday a Fourth Church pastor shares a five-minute reflection via video and podcast. Sign up online at bit.ly/rhythmword to have the newest videos sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Join Our Community of Volunteers

Each of us has gifts and talents to share with our community. Perhaps it is lending a listening ear, serving meals, or ushering. As you think about your vision for ways you might contribute and connect with one another as well as new things you might explore, we invite you to browse the various volunteer opportunities matching your interests at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

An “Equipping Volunteers” workshop takes place this Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and will cover how to use VOMO, our volunteer sign-up platform; basic first aid; and more. Registration is required at bit.ly/volunteerworkshop20254

Annual Day School Family Party

The Fourth Church Day School—which offers weekday programming for children from ages two to five—is holding its Annual Day School Family Party and Benefit this Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Families with young children are invited to join us for a morning of bouncing, snacking, and a bubble show! For details, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Prayer

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) for details.

Prayer requests

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

Community Partners Bus Tour

Are you interested in learning more about our community partners on Chicago’s South Side—organizations that are doing life-changing work in the areas of mental health, community development, and violence prevention? Join us for a bus tour to the Englewood and Chatham neighborhoods on Thursday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We’ll visit two of our partners—Imagine Englewood If and Sista Afiya—and also stop for lunch along the way. RSVP (required) online at bit.ly/partnertour202505

Firehouse Art Exhibition

On exhibit in our Loggia through Thursday, April 24 is “Exploration to Expansion,” featuring works by artists ages fifteen to twenty-four who participate in the Firehouse Community Arts Center. One of our community partners, the Firehouse is engaged in youth development and transformation on the West Side, with a focus on the prevention and interruption of violence.

Mission and Advocacy Newsletter

Subscribe to our World Mission and Social Justice email newsletter at 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

Get Connected

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.

TwentiesThirties

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

Cornerstones

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall on Friday, May 2 for dinner and the program “Understanding the Cycle of Violence in Inner Cities.” Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Rich, the author of *Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men* and the director of the Rush Institute for Health Equity. Register (*required*) at bit.ly/cornerstones202505

Women at Fourth: Screening *Bad Faith*

All are invited to Women at Fourth’s screening of the documentary *Bad Faith*, which delves into the rise of Christian Nationalism in the US and its implications for democracy. This screening with lunch will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Space is limited, so registration is required at bit.ly/waf20255

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets on Tuesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men* by Caroline Criado Perez.

Encore 2025: Sixty Years of the CLL!

This year our Center for Life and Learning program for adults sixty and over is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary! You are invited to join in the celebratory festivities by attending Encore on Saturday, May 10.

This year the annual CLL Encore fundraiser will include an art show of works by CLL artists, a time of refreshments and fellowship, and a performance by cabaret singers (who are also among our talented CLL instructors!).

For tickets, see fourthchurch.org/cll/encore

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). 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 (nbenson-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 repluglecenter.org

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

Celebrating the Replogle Center

After forty-nine years of healing, care, and connection, the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will be closing on June 30, 2025.

All who have been part of this journey over the years—as supporters, clients, trainees, or staff—are invited to a Legacy Celebration on Friday, June 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Travel to Vietnam and Cambodia

Singers and non-singers alike are invited to join the Fourth Church choir tour to Vietnam and Cambodia in February 2027. For details, including cost and itinerary, contact Emma Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).

Friday Noonday Concerts

Our free Friday Noonday Concert series will feature a program by our former Organist, John Sherer, this Friday, April 25 at 12:10 p.m. (also livestreamed).

Fun Gatherings Supporting Chicago Lights

Are you looking for a fun way to connect with new people or enjoy time with a friend? Consider taking part in one or more of these gatherings:

- Painting for Relaxation and Healing with Nanette Sawyer on May 10
- Enneagram Leadership and Collaboration Workshop on May 11
- Decades of Fun with Trivia Master Stew Jamesson on May 16
- Chicago Uncorked: Chicago Neighborhood Bus Tour and Wine Experience on June 7
- Tablescape Magic: Holiday Design Workshop with Kathi Rose on November 1

Not only do these gatherings offer great fellowship occasions, but they also further our commitment to community engagement and partnership: proceeds from the registration fees will support the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

Learn more about these events and sign up at bit.ly/signupparties2025

Online Coffee Hour

While we are not gathering for Online Coffee Hour today, if you are worshipping with us via livestream on future Sundays, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Coffee Hour time online. Resuming next Sunday, April 27 we will gather via Zoom at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of fellowship. Zoom link: 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 to learn more!

We also invite you to follow us on various platforms, from podcasts to—

- YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos
- Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch
- Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

Upcoming Opportunities

There are multiple ways to view a calendar of Fourth Church events:

- See pages 14–15 for this week's opportunities
- Scroll to the bottom of fourthchurch.org
- Tap on the website menu option for calendar: fourthchurch.org/calendar, where you can add events to your digital calendar



If you are looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church, visit our Events page—**fourthchurch.org/events**—and bookmark it for future reference!

For even more resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, visit our website at fourthchurch.org and read our weekly newsletter at fourthchurch.org/news

Calendar for April 20–26, 2025

Easter Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service	Oak Street Beach
April 20	9:00 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Easter Program.	Fourth Floor
	11:30 a.m.	Easter Worship	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30 p.m.).	Anderson Hall

Monday, April 21 • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
April 22	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 / 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
	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
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
April 23	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: "The Great Ideas" Men's Group	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.	Women's Noon Bible Study	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: Film Series.	Room 4G
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Zumba Gold.	Room 5G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Deacons	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+.	Room 4F

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
April 24	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
	10:00 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
	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
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
	2:45 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.	Buchanan Chapel

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
April 25	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
	4:30 p.m.	Session	Room 4G

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
April 26	9:00 a.m.	Equipping Volunteer Workshop	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Benefit	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, April 27: Nanette Sawyer

Worship Leaders

9:30: Joseph L. Morrow, Reb Banker, Nanette Sawyer, Tom Are Jr.

11:30: Matt Helms, Judith Schwartz, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

The Chancel and Morning Choirs

Tower Brass; Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: We know from our own lives that love never wishes to let go of one who is loved. That is why we grieve. God is love. So we trust that God refuses to grant death the power to pull us from God. For God, as love itself, will never let us go.

THE TEXT OF OUR CLOSING HYMN, "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" lifts up the social implications of living an Easter faith. As the hymn's author, Brian Wren, writes, "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring not in moral zeal or guilty conscience but in the resurrection."

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