



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Trinity Sunday*

June 15, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Meditation . . . . . Ken Yukl

### Introit

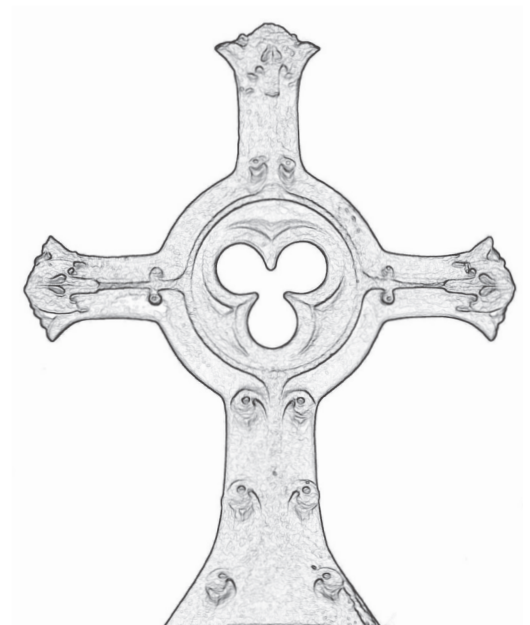
If You Believe and I Believe . . . . . John L. Bell

### \*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: *We come because our lives are blessed beyond measure,*  
All: and it is you, O Lord, we long to thank.  
One: *We come because we are weary*  
*and disappointed and afraid,*  
All: and it is you, O Christ, we need to save us.  
One: *We come because you will send us out,*  
*to live toward your Promised Day,*  
All: and we need strength for the journey.  
One: *We have come to you, O God;*  
All: meet us here.



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

**\*Hymn 32 . . . . . “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

God of all faithfulness,  
what a confusing mess we are:  
both beautiful and broken,  
blessed and burdened,  
trusting and doubting,  
filled with both love and fear.

As you have done before, from our fragmented lives  
shape us into moments of devotion, service, and love. 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.*

## The Sacrament of Baptism

### Solo

Pie Jesu . . . . . John Rutter

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter.** . . . . . Psalm 131

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.

**Scripture Reading** . . . . . Mark 1:9–15

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

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

### Sermon

Remember What Time It Is . . . . . 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 619** . . . . . “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker’s faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,  
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!

Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

### **Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

God of our yesterdays,  
were Abraham with us, he would tell us to follow you wherever you lead.  
Were Miriam with us, she would teach us to dance.  
Were Moses here, he would remind us you find a way out of no way.  
Were Amos here, he would insist that justice roll down.

Through the work of your Spirit, O God, they and others are here.  
We will follow.  
We will dance.  
We will pursue liberation.  
We will strive for justice.

We choose to live toward that promised day  
when swords are beaten into plowshares,  
and every tear is wiped away,  
and all of your children  
do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with our God.

## 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

"Awake, My Heart" . . . . . Jane Marshall

**\*Offertory Response.** . . . . . Hymn 652, v. 1

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

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

Giving God,  
it may not be so much, but we give what we have.  
With you these gifts can work miracles.  
So with grateful hearts, accept the offering of our lives.  
Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn 667** . . . . . “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

Amen . . . . . Peter Christian Lutkin

**Postlude**

Toccata . . . . . Theodore Dubois

**Baptized today**

Ingrid Madeline Dust, child of Emily and Andrew Dust

# Commemorating and Celebrating Juneteenth

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**Fourth Presbyterian Church's Racial Equity Committee invites the whole congregation to embrace and join in the commemoration and celebration of Juneteenth.**

**Juneteenth is a time for celebration.** Many people celebrate with family reunions and backyard parties. Many cities hold street fairs with music and dancing. Museums have special exhibits. The Racial Equity Committee invites everyone to mark this holiday in their own way, which could be by visiting the websites of museums to learn more about African American history or by shopping at Black-owned businesses. The DuSable Black History Museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the International African American Museum are three good places to start. Also consider exploring—

- Juneteenth Freedom Market, an all-ages celebration of Black creativity and entrepreneurship, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17. Free (\$10 donations appreciated) at The Salt Shed, 1357 Elston Ave. [bit.ly/freedommarket25](https://bit.ly/freedommarket25)
- To support minority-owned businesses, peruse the vendors on Refine Collective: [refinedctv.com](https://refinedctv.com)

**Juneteenth is also a time of reflection.** To widen and deepen the celebration of this day by all members of Fourth Church, the Racial Equity Committee presents this brief history and context:

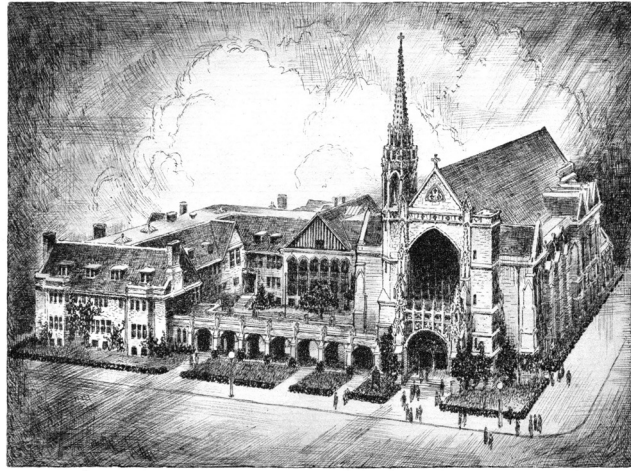
**Though the Emancipation Proclamation was issued January 1, 1863,** it was not until more than two years later that the people of Texas, the most remote state of the former Confederacy, first learned of freedom for enslaved people, which they did when Union soldiers, following the end of the Civil War, traveled to Galveston where the pronouncement was publicly read on June 19, 1865. Celebrations of Juneteenth started in Texas, which declared Juneteenth a state holiday starting in 1980. By 2019, forty-seven states recognized Juneteenth, and it became a federal holiday in 2021.

**In the immediate post-Civil War era, there was much hope** that the formerly enslaved people would finally have peaceful and free lives. Families tried to reunite. The granting of land by the federal government promised to provide a means to live, and African American men were given the right to vote. During Reconstruction, 16 African Americans were elected to the U.S. Congress, 600 to state legislatures, and hundreds more to local offices. However, the backlash against these changes was swift, widespread, and ruthless. The land grants were taken back within a year. African Americans were depicted as little more than savages while Ku Klux Klansmen were depicted as saviors, as famously portrayed in the 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation*. Lynchings, Black Codes, and Jim Crow laws that only applied or were only enforced against Black people kept the formerly enslaved people subservient.

**Fourth Presbyterian Church is committed to racial equity, the purposeful inclusion of all people, the striving for radical hospitality, and the modeling of anti-racism.** As we strive to be an anti-racist church, our observance of Juneteenth comes with the sobering recognition that racism is still a powerful force in our country. Persistent and pervasive racist practices have created social injustices that have enduring repercussions in our society. Extensive racial property covenants in existence during the lifetimes of many of our members have left a legacy of profound segregation in our city that is visible to all today. Throughout our nation there is an increase of voter suppression laws, disproportionate incarceration and more severe sentencing of Black people, violent policing in Black and Brown neighborhoods, and unequal application of medical support and health care for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). In the face of all these things, Fourth Church remains committed to anti-racism.

**Anti-racism goes beyond diversity; it is a spiritual practice of self-reflection that examines how we individually live out the truth that God created humanity in God's own image.** This Juneteenth, let us redouble our efforts at building unity, mutual care and compassion, honoring our shared identity as children of God, and celebrating the gift of our exuberant diversity.

**Next Sunday, June 22 we will commemorate and observe Juneteenth in worship.** We hope you will be with us!



## 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 summer Sunday our worshipping body—which is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews—gathers at 10:00 a.m.

#### Entering the building

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. There is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*next to the courtyard*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: one at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and one 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 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.



## Worshipping Online

### Livestream

We livestream the worship 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)

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service has begun. 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.

## 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.

## Thank You, Tom and Carol!

In October 2023, Tom Are joined us as Interim Pastor to guide Fourth Church during the period between Shannon Kershner’s ministry and that of our next Pastor. Immediately Tom and Carol immersed themselves in the life of this congregation, and ever since we have benefited immeasurably from their ministry and friendship.

Today their time with us comes to a close, as Tom leads us in worship one last time and he and Carol begin their retirement. We are profoundly grateful for the gifts they have shared and their decision to spend these past twenty months with us. Thank you, Tom and Carol!

### Coffee Hour reception today

Please join us following worship for a special Coffee Hour reception to honor Tom and Carol, express our deep gratitude for their ministry and friendship, and wish them Godspeed in retirement.

### Messages for Tom and Carol

We are continuing to collect—through June 30—messages of gratitude and well-wishes to Tom and Carol. You can add to the collection by emailing your note to [amacdonna@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amacdonna@fourthchurch.org) and putting “Tom Are” in the subject line. You can also mail an envelope to Allison MacDonna at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Please send any messages by Monday, June 30 so we can compile them and present them to Tom and Carol.

### Gifts honoring Tom’s ministry

To recognize his ministry among us, gifts honoring Tom will be used to support expanding opportunities for our digital ministry. They can be given online ([fourthchurch.org/give](https://fourthchurch.org/give)) or by check (payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, noting “Digital Ministry” in the memo line).

## Remembering Georgetown Presbyterian

As we look forward to the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe joining us as our Pastor in September, we also remember in prayer Georgetown Presbyterian Church, in these days for them of leave-taking and in the Spirit-led future that lies ahead—especially today, on Camille’s final Sunday there, as they say goodbye to her and her family and celebrate fifteen years of shared ministry.

Read our letter to Georgetown at [bit.ly/fpcgeorgetown](https://bit.ly/fpcgeorgetown)



## Connections and Belonging

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

### In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us in person, each Sunday we invite 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.

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Ed Miller and Dale Singleton in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary.

During our Coffee Hour time we also encourage you to browse the Pride Month and Juneteenth resources and information available at the various tables in the Gratz Center Commons.

### Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom at 11:00 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: [bit.ly/coffeehourfpc](https://bit.ly/coffeehourfpc); passcode: 676359

### Connecting Online

Whether you are traveling this summer, live out of town, or have difficulty getting to Fourth Church, we invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church.

### Upcoming Opportunities



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

### You're Invited to a Picnic!

Mark Sundays, July 13 and August 10 on your calendar and plan to join us in the courtyard and Anderson Hall for a congregational picnic following worship.

### 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 Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at [bit.ly/inquirers82025](https://bit.ly/inquirers82025)) or in person on Sunday, September 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at [bit.ly/inquirers92025](https://bit.ly/inquirers92025)). For more information, contact Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)), Senior Associate Pastor, who would welcome hearing from you!

### 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 ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@fourthchurch.org)). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

#### 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 Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)), or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.



## Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

### Celebrating Pride Month and Juneteenth

#### About the Covenant Network of Presbyterians

Since 1997 the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (CNP)—of which Fourth Church is a founding member—has sought to strengthen the church by working for the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in its life and leadership. As part of its work the CNP advocates for the full acceptance and inclusion of transgender and gender non-binary individuals within the church.

The CNP provides resources for congregations to learn about and better serve transgender and gender non-binary members, including resources for Transgender Day of Visibility and Transgender Awareness Week. You can find them at [covnetpres.org](http://covnetpres.org), where you can also read CNP's mission statement, which emphasizes creating a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone, including transgender and gender non-binary people, is celebrated.

#### Bearing public witness

The front of the church is decorated with ribbons to bear public witness to two important June celebrations: Pride Month and Juneteenth. These decorations will remain up throughout the month, boldly proclaiming to all passersby our Christian values and God's inclusive love of all.

Juneteenth is represented by the red and blue ribbons and flags. The front steps of the Sanctuary are flanked by the traditional rainbow colors of Pride, and in between, the pink, blue, and white ribbons are tied in the style of the Transgender Pride flag.

### Art Exhibition in the Loggia

The summer art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery features works by Charlene Moy, a Chicago-based Chinese American artist who assembles and weaves artificial materials with artist media to draw attention to the impact plastics have on our environment.

### Blessing of the Animals This Saturday

During the Michigan Avenue Arts Festival this Saturday, June 21 we will host a Blessing of the Animals service in our courtyard between 10:00 and 10:45 a.m. We will also host a morning open house in the Sanctuary.

### Urban Farm Farmstand Next Sunday

Also in conjunction with next weekend's Michigan Avenue Arts Festival, the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will have a farmstand outdoors in the Cloisters following the June 22 worship service.

### 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](http://bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or contact Robert Crouch ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).

### Peace Walks in Auburn Gresham

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them in letting your feet do the praying this summer: come be part of the Peace Walks of the St. Sabina Parish in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. We'll be taking part in these walks on Fridays, July 11 and August 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at [bit.ly/peacewalks2025](http://bit.ly/peacewalks2025), or for details, contact Nancy ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

### Summer Blood Drive

The next Center for Life and Learning–hosted blood drive will be Saturday, July 12 in Borwell Dining Room between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For appointments register at [bit.ly/blooddrive20257](http://bit.ly/blooddrive20257)



## 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.

#### Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School takes place in June and July at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

#### Vacation Bible School This Week!

Children three years old through fifth grade are invited to join us for this year's Vacation Bible School adventure as we spend time learning about Paul and his travels, making crafts, and playing games. This year VBS will be held June 16–18 and 20 (no session on Juneteenth) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; a half-day option is also available for preschoolers. Register at [bit.ly/fpcvbs2025](http://bit.ly/fpcvbs2025)

#### Junior High Mission Trip

Following worship our junior high youth and their leaders will travel to St. Louis for the fourth consecutive summer of learning and growing together in faith and service as they take part in urban ministry there.

### Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our weekly five-minute “Rhythm and Word” reflections (see facing page) by the pastors are available on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) as well as via video at [bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

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.

### “Jesus’ Parables” Continues Next Sunday

Associate Pastor Matt Helms is leading a Sunday morning class on Jesus’ parables that continues on Sundays June 22 and 29 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

Each week we will look at some of Jesus’ most beloved parables — from unpacking the historical context behind them, to exploring various interpretations of these texts and why they still resonate with us today.

Each class will be a stand-alone session; we hope you’ll join us for as many as you are able! For details register at [bit.ly/parables2025](http://bit.ly/parables2025)

### Bible Studies via Zoom

#### 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 Summer Bible Study

Women’s Summer Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (gathering next on June 25) at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The noon gathering is studying the *Horizons Bible Study* “Dispatches to God’s Household: The General Epistles” by Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol.

The evening gathering is study the Sunday lectionary readings, including a passage from the Old Testament, Psalms, a non-Gospel New Testament book, and a Gospel.

For Zoom details for either group, contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

### Walking the Labyrinth

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

### **“Final Wishes” Workshop on Wednesday**

Our Caring Ministries Council invites you to connect with them online to complete “My Final Wishes for Being Cared for and Remembered.” This documentation of your arrangements and memorial plans can support those who will carry out your intentions at the time of your death.

The workshop will be offered this Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. and will include access to resources, such as hymns and scripture, and time to support each other as we envision how our loved ones will memorialize us.

For the Zoom link, register at [bit.ly/finalwishes20256](https://bit.ly/finalwishes20256)

### **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)).

### **Resources for reflection**

#### **Daily devotions**

We invite you to use our daily devotions written by members and staff for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](https://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them online at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](https://fourthchurch.org/devotions) as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

#### **“Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast**

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by a member of our pastoral staff. Sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmword](https://bit.ly/rhythmword) to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast ([fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)).

#### **Sermon Transcripts**

In addition to listening to sermons from Fourth Church via podcast (see p. 12), you can read the text of the previous Sunday’s sermon (or past sermons in our archives). See [fourthchurch.org/sermons](https://fourthchurch.org/sermons) or, to receive the sermons by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcsermon](https://bit.ly/fpcsermon)

### **News, Updates, and Snapshots**

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter.

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## Calendar for June 15–22, 2025

<b>Trinity Sunday</b> June 15	10:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room. . . . .	Hospitality Suite
	10:00 a.m.	Nursery. . . . .	Room 4A
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Sunday School . . . . .	Room 4D
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Reception for Tom and Carol Are . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour. . . . .	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	12:15 p.m.	Mission and Justice Committee. . . . .	Room 5E
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30). . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday</b> June 16	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	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
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: “In the Beginning” . . . . .	Room 4F / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga . . . . .	Room 5G
<b>Tuesday</b> June 17	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause. . . . .	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic. . . . .	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Together We Play . . . . .	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	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: 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
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth. . . . .	Zoom

## Calendar for June 15–22, 2025

<b>Wednesday</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
June 18	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study . . . . .	Offsite
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Parish House Kitchen
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap Too . . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	10:00 a.m.	"My Final Wishes" Workshop. . . . .	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
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: CSO Rehearsal . . . . .	Offsite
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Joint Finance Council . . . . .	Zoom

### Thursday, June 19 • Juneteenth • Church Offices and Campus Closed

All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
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<b>Friday</b>	All day	Junior High Mission Trip . . . . .	St. Louis
June 20	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online

<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause. . . . .	Online
June 21	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Open House (until 12:00 p.m.) . . . . .	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Pet Blessing . . . . .	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
<i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>			

### Sunday, June 22

One worship service at **10:00 a.m.**

**Preaching: Rocky Supinger**

## Worship Leaders

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Nancy Benson-Nicol, Ed Miller, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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The Summer Choir; Emily Mwila, soloist

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the Sunday that each year follows the Day of Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is on this day that the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. The cross on the front page of the bulletin is at the peak of the roof over the main Michigan Avenue entrance to Fourth Church and has at its center a trefoil, the three overlapping rings that symbolize the Trinity.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: Jesus began his ministry proclaiming that the kingdom of God has drawn near. Some called it the kingdom of heaven. Others, God's promised day.

How do you imagine these ultimate promises of God? When we can trust that God will be faithful to such promises, it is impossible to lose hope!

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**Rocky Supinger** Senior Associate Pastor

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**Matt Helms** Associate Pastor

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**Amy Pagliarella** Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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