



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Elegy Hubert Parry

Come Down, O Love Divine Charles Callahan

Introit

It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks Paul Bouman

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

*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: *Let those who are wise pay attention:*

All: the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

One: *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:*

All: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

One: *O give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.*

All: Give thanks to the Lord!



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

***Hymn 611** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, we give more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.
We eat without a thought for the hungry.
We speak without trying to understand.
We keep silence instead of telling the truth.
We judge others, forgetting that you alone are the Judge.
We act rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands.
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,”
and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews
for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 107:1–9, 43

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.

Scripture Reading Luke 12:13–21

One: *Lord, your Word is a lamp unto my feet,*

All: and a light unto our path.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 351** “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:
In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus, “You must work while it is day.”
For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary’s hill.
Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name “The Lord is there!”

Call to Offering

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

Offertory

Vocalise Sergei Rachmaninoff

***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.

Sealing the Word

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: . . . *Therefore, with all creation we sing 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.

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

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether". Harold Friedell
*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! Touch we now your garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup, alleluia, alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true. Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.*

***Prayer after Communion** *(unison)*

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

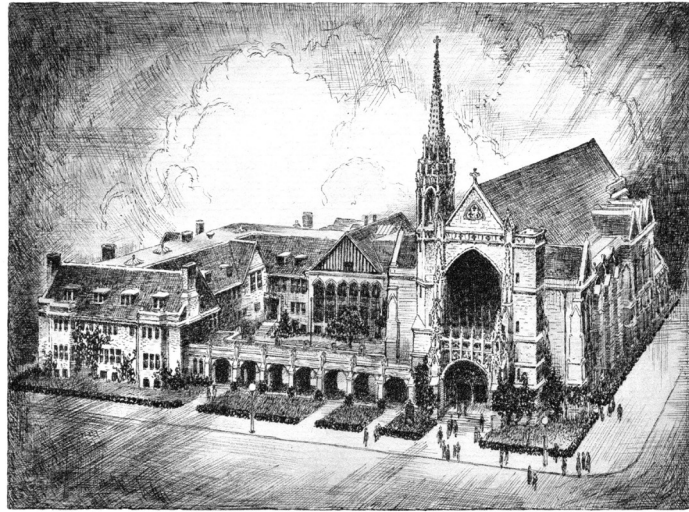
***Hymn 545** "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.
This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata Eugène Gigout



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 up to 6 hours between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: 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

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.

Podcast

Podcast offerings from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include the Sunday worship service and sermon; weekly “Rhythm and Word” reflections; and “Bible Top Ten.”

Two Worship Services on September 7

Our summer worship schedule ends on Sunday, September 7, when we return to gathering for two worship services each Sunday: at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

That Sunday will also be our annual Get Connected Sunday, when you will have opportunity to learn about the many groups and programs being offered this fall!

Welcoming Camille Cook Howe: Sept. 21

Be sure to mark Sunday, September 21 on your calendar, as that will be the day when the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe, our next Pastor, preaches and leads us in worship for the first time.

Sunday, October 19 will also be a special day in our relationship with Camille: she will be officially installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago during the 9:30 a.m. service that morning. Please plan to be with us to celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation!

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.

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

National Make-a-Will Month

August is National Make-a-Will Month, which encourages individuals with any assets to begin the process of writing a will or trust in order to ensure their wishes are honored, to protect their loved ones, and to leave a legacy that lives on with a meaningful gift, making a difference that lasts beyond their lifetime.

At fourthchurch.org/giving/will you will find useful links to estate planning guides and websites to help you start the process.



Connections and Belonging

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

We're Having a Picnic Next Sunday!

We had such fun at our congregational picnic earlier this summer that we're having another one!

Mark Sunday, August 10 on your calendar and plan to join us in Anderson Hall, Borwell Dining Room, and the Commons for a festive time of summer fellowship and connection over a shared meal.

In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping with us in person today, we invite you to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping 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; passcode: 676359

Knitting and Crocheting

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

Get Connected Sunday: September 7!

Mark Sunday, September 7 on your calendar and plan to be with us as we kick off a new program year with our annual Get Connected Sunday!

A new season of Sunday School classes and youth groups will begin that day, and a festive Coffee Hour will offer opportunity to reconnect with one another and with Fourth Church, as our ministries highlight programs and events for you to explore this fall.

Fourth Church's Antiracism Covenant

Our Antiracism Covenant—which you can find at bit.ly/covenantfpc—lifts up the ways in which we live into our antiracism call as individuals, as committees, and as a church.

If you have questions or comments about the covenant or would like to join the Racial Equity Committee in supporting this important work, the REC welcomes hearing from you at rec@fourthchurch.org



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Volunteering with Meals Ministry

Fourth Church Meals Ministry has openings for volunteers to serve between now and September 30. You can sign up for them at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

For more information about how you can support this program, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org), Meals Ministry Manager.

Peace Walks with St. Sabina

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them in walking in the Friday evening St. Sabina Parish Peace Walk in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood at 7:00 p.m. on August 15.

To take part, sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025 or, for details, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).



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 is taking a break during August and will resume on Get Connected Sunday on September 7!

Daily Devotions

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

“Rhythm and Word” Videos and Podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by one of the pastors. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword to or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

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 either Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025) or in person on Sunday, September 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers92025).

For more information, contact Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Senior Associate Pastor, who would welcome hearing from you!

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) for details.

Prayer requests

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

Bible Studies via Zoom

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study—which focuses on recent or upcoming scripture readings from the pulpit—welcomes new participants to join them for their weekly gathering via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Women’s Summer Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the next study on Wednesday, August 13, 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 studying the Sunday lectionary readings, including Old Testament and New Testament texts.

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

Calendar for August 3–9, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	.Sanctuary / Online
August 3	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	10:00 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall

Monday	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	.Zoom
August 4	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Sit Down and Tap! . . . . .	.Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga . . . . .	.Room 4F / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study . . . . .	.Zoom
August 5	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic. . . . .	.Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	.Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Tuesdays . . . . .	.Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting. . . . .	.Room 5B
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. . . . .	.Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv . . . . .	.Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease . . . . .	.Room 4K
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	.Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry . . . . .	.Showers
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	.Anderson Hall /Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Deacon Executive Committee. . . . .	.Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study . . . . .	.Offsite Location
August 6	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	.Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	.Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Osteoporosis . . . . .	.Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: ZingZoom
	11:00 a.m.	Benevolent GuildRoom 5B
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation.Room 4F

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11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. Anderson Hall
 12:00 p.m. CLL: Current Events Room 4G
 1:00 p.m. CLL: Walk with Ease Room 4K
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
 2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series. Room 4G

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Borwell Dining Room
 August 7 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Program. Morse Lounge
 9:30 a.m. CLL: Chair-Based Ballet Zoom
 10:00 a.m. CLL: Supreme Court Decisions Room 4D
 10:30 a.m. CLL: Golden Grooves. Zoom
 11:00 a.m. CLL: The Art of Conversation. Room 4K
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. Anderson Hall
 12:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F
 1:00 p.m. CLL: Beyond the Headlines Room 4G / Zoom
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
 2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. Anderson Hall / Zoom
 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F

Friday 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Program. Morse Lounge
 August 8 10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia Zoom
 12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain Michigan Avenue Courtyard
 1:00 p.m. CLL: Walk with Ease Room 4K

No events are scheduled for Saturday, August 9.

Sunday, August 10 • 10:00 a.m. • Rocky Supinger preaching

Important Notice about Upcoming Parking Changes

As of Monday, August 18, the 900 N. Michigan garage will no longer have pay stations to receive parking payment. Instead the garage will use a mobile-device payment system, and they will issue a QR code for discounted Sunday parking.

See **fourthchurch.org/parking** for details.

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Gordon Addington, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Summer Choir and Quartet

Phil Pierick, saxophone

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, in which we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through the sacrament, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace.

Those who are worshiping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so that we might share in this meal together, wherever we are.

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

Rocky Supinger Senior Associate Pastor

Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor

Matt Helms Associate Pastor

Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor

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Amy Pagliarella Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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