



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata II (Peace) Paul Hindemith

The Lord Is My Shepherd Malcolm Archer

Introit

Praise Ye the Lord Donald Cashmore

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.[†] Amen.

***Call to Worship** *(responsively)*

One: *We come to appear before God in worship.
And what is it that the Lord desires of us here?
Sacrifice and offering and ceremony?*

All: **“Learn to do good,” says the Lord. “Seek justice, rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan, plead for the widow.”**

One: *Let us worship God together.*



**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*)

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ 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 person and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.

Sacrament of Baptism

Solo

Simple Song Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude.

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude.

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises while I live all of my days. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23

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 Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

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

All: *and a light unto our path.*

Sermon Rocky Supinger

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

Responding to the Word

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

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

“Canticle of the Turning”. Irish traditional/arr. John Ferguson
My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.

***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*)

Merciful God, we offer our gifts and our selves gladly,
that through them good may be done, justice sought, the oppressed rescued,
and the vulnerable defended. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 13** “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;
from dawn until the setting sun, God’s wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around from Zion’s height shines forth;
and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.

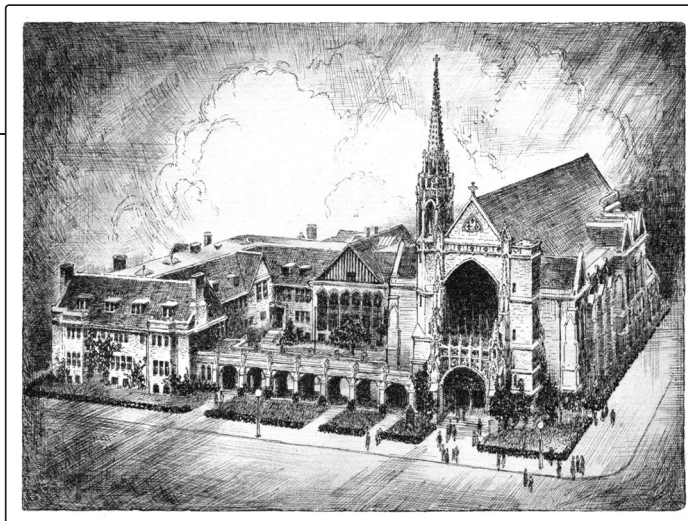
God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds;
before God’s face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.
All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless;
who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.

The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;
against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might;
refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach



You belong here!

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

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

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

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. (*Beginning September 7, we will have two services each Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 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. This Sunday and next, validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers. See page 11 for more details.

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 wraps up when August ends: on Sunday, September 7, we return to gathering for two worship services a Sunday: 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.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, August 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom (the link will be posted on the website that day).

At the meeting, the Manse Disposition Task Force will ask the congregation to approve putting the Walton Manse (located at 220 E. Walton, Unit 8W) on the market and authorizing the task force to complete the sale.

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.



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 Today!

We had such fun at our congregational picnic in July that we're having another one today!

Following worship, join us in Anderson Hall, Borwell Dining Room, and the Commons for a festive time of summer fellowship and connection over a shared meal. There will also be coloring sheets, games on the playground, and a bounce house for children.

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; passcode: 676359

August Is National Make-a-Will Month

Our Legacy Society encourages individuals with any assets to begin the process of writing or updating a will or trust. At fourthchurch.org/giving/will you will find useful links to estate planning guides and websites to help you get started.

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

The Racial Equity Committee welcomes hearing from those who have questions or comments about our recently adopted Antiracism Covenant, which can be found at bit.ly/covenantfpc; the REC also invites those who would like to join them in supporting this important work to email the committee at rec@fourthchurch.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



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

One More Peace Walk with St. Sabina

If you have not yet joined the Mission and Justice Committee in participating in the Friday evening St. Sabina Parish Peace Walks in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood, there is one more opportunity to do so this summer: this Friday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.

To take part, sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025

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.



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!

Volunteering with Junior Highs

We need more adult volunteers to work with our Junior High Youth Group. No experience is necessary, only a desire to see our youth grow and learn about God, the church, and loving others. For details or to volunteer, contact Nancy Bartell (nbartell@fourthchurch.org).

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 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/rhythmword 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 August 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025) or in person on September 21 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers92025) or contact Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

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 (gflaming@fourthchurch.org).

Bible Studies via Zoom

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 this 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).

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).

Calendar for August 10–16, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
August 10	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.	All-Church Picnic	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 5F
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
August 11	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Sit Down and Tap!	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Dance for Hunger	Anderson Hall
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4F / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
August 12	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
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Andrew Blanch Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
August 13	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong	Bones Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4F
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall

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12:00 p.m.	Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom
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
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Back to 1925	Room 4G
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Zoom

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
August 14	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.	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 15	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
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Ice Cream Social	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
	7:00 p.m.	St. Sabina Peace Walk	Auburn Gresham

No events are scheduled for Saturday, August 16.

Sunday, August 17 • 10:00 a.m. • Matt Helms 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 QR codes for discounted Sunday and weekday-evening parking.

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

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Benjamin Moy, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Summer Choir and Quartet; Brett Potts, soloist

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH INCLUDES THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM in worship on the second Sunday of the month. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

As we celebrate the baptism of these children, we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

BAPTIZED IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Charlotte Baldwin, child of Danielle and Michael Baldwin

Jane Rose Carroll-Adashek, child of Anne-Corinne Carroll and Mike Adashek

Naomi Annis Manon, child of Caroline and Grant Manon

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

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Amy Pagliarella Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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