

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Introit

*Doxology

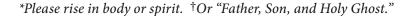
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.[†] Amen.

*Call to Worship (responsively)

One: I was glad when they said to me,

All: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

One: All are welcome to worship God in body, mind, and spirit.



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and perfect God,

you did not create the messes that surround us;

you call us to embrace the good—come what may.

Nevertheless, we choose to ignore your call.

We feed the fuel of contempt, arrogance, lovelessness, and greed that drives the engines of war, conflict, and injustice.

We can do better, Lord. Transform our words, actions, and priorities so that your truth, rooted in love, may overcome the deceitful nature of evil. 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

"O Lord, Your Word Be Always My Guide" Christopher Wordsworth/Richard Proulx

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination	
Psalter	
One: The Word of God for the peop	ple of God.
All: Thanks be to God.	
*Gloria Patri	
Glory be to the Father, and to the	e 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 13:10–17
One: Lord, your Word is a lamp u	nto my feet,
All: and a light unto our path.	
Sermon	
Res	ponding to the Word
Hymn 649	
Amazing grace, how sweet the s	ound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am	found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my hear	et to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace	appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils, an 'Tis grace has brought me sa	nd snares, I have already come. Ife thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to	· ·
He will my shield and portion	• •
When we've been there ten thou	isand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

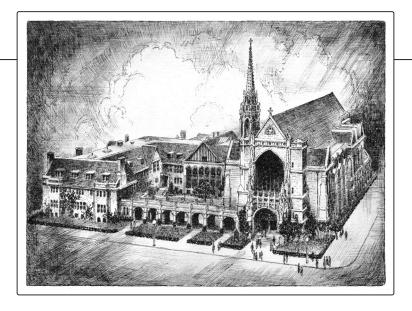
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

Ministry Minute			
Offertory			
Sonata #1 (Andante)			
*Offertory Response			
*Prayer of Dedication (unison)			
God of bright hope,			
it is for the good of your creation that we dedicate our treasures to you.			
May our gifts, in your name, be for a blessing to all. Amen.			
Bearing the Word into the World			
*Hymn 362 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers'			
Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;			
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.			
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.			
Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.			
See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;			
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;			
arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!			
Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;			
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!			
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see			
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!			
*Charge and Benediction			
Postlude			
Sonata #1 (Finale)			



You belong here!

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

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

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

Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each summer Sunday our worshiping body 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.

Parking

Information on discounted parking is on the back cover. Details about the new payment system at the 900 N. Michigan garage can be found on page 10.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Worshiping 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."

Bike the Drive Is Next Sunday

Bike the Drive along DuSable Lake Shore Drive takes place next Sunday morning, August 31. To plan your route to worship, see bikethedrive.org

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 (we will only have one worship service that day). 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 worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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 (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, consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. For information, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class this Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025).

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.

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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

All who are worshiping with us in person are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour 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

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

Cornerstones for Those Fifty and Over

The Cornerstones fellowship group for those fifty and over will gather for dinner and a program featuring Joe Ferguson, President of the Civic Federation, talking about "The Case for a City Charter" on Friday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2509

Purposeful Retirement

The "Purposeful Retirement" program invites you to join a new cohort of people who will collaborate and support each other in planning or retooling retirement to combine passions and service for greater impact. Learn more and register at bit.ly/purposeful2025

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.

Opportunities to Connect

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets Tuesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Books by Women

Books by Women, which invites readers into a monthly conversation about a selected work, will discuss *The Guns of August* by Barbara W. Tuchman on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, resumes meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B on September 10.

New Zoom Small Group: "The Wisdom Pattern"

A new Zoom Small Group will begin on Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting for six weeks, the group will discuss *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* by Richard Rohr, which describes the spiritual journey of embracing disruption as a necessary stage of growth as we move toward deeper wisdom, compassion, and a more integrated faith. For details, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

News, Views, and Updates!

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



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

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 Sunday worship services: 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!

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!

Prophetic Wisdom for a Hurting World

Sunday morning Adult Education classes will resume on Sunday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online.

The first class will be "Prophetic Wisdom for a Hurting World." Using Richard Rohr's book *The Tears of Things* as a guide, our discussions will be led by Dr. Maisha Handy, President, McCormick Theological Seminary (Sept. 7); Vicky Curtiss, Program Director, Siena Retreat Center (Sept. 14); and Amy Pagliarella, Parish Associate (Sept. 21). Register at bit.ly/prophetic2509

"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 or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

Reading the Bible Matters

On September 14 we will launch a new devotional series: "The Bible in 100 Passages," in which we will cover all thirty-nine books in the Old Testament through 100 key passages. If you do not already receive our daily devotions, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions to join our journey through the Bible, and watch for more details!

Bible Studies via Zoom

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies for summer meet one more time: Wednesday, August 27 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Beginning September 10, the fall Women's Bible Studies—with the theme "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"—will meet via Zoom on second and fourth Wednesdays at those same times.

For Zoom details, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@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 (gfleming@fourthchurch.org).

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Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Volunteer Training

Our Volunteer Ministry Team encourages anyone who volunteers with Fourth Church—or is interested in doing so in the coming year—to attend a one-hour emergency response training program on Sunday, September 14 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Register at bit.ly/training202509

Serving 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.

Important Notice about Parking Changes

To pay for parking at the 900 N. Michigan garage you will now need to use the garage's mobile-device payment system.

To begin using the system on an iPhone,

download from the App Store the Metropolis Parking app;

on an Android phone,

enter in your browser the link app.metropolis.io/sign-in

You will then need to enter your parked vehicle's license plate number and a credit card to which to charge the parking fee.

Once you are set up in the garage's system, you will not need to repeat this setup process.

To get the Fourth Church discounted parking rate, use the discount QR code on the back cover of this bulletin (or pick up a QR code card from an usher) and then scan it **no more than 10 minutes before exiting the garage.**

For help accessing the system on your phone, stop by the Connection Corner in Coffee Hour.

For details see fourthchurch.org/parking

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Calendar for August 24–30, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
August 24	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room Hospitality Suite
	10:00 a.m.	Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Committee Room 4E
	11:15 a.m.	Faith Formation Committee Room 4G
	11:30 a.m.	Mission and Justice Committee Room 5E
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service Borwell Dining Room
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Louise Howe Memorial Service Sanctuary / Online
August 25	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Zoom
August 26	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic Randolph Room
7 tagast 20	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry Showers
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study Offsite
August 27	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Horizons Bible Study Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease Room 4K
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Zoom
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Borwell Dining Room
August 28	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
August 29	12:00 p.m.	CLL: August Lunch Meetup Offsite
9431 27	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease
	-	are scheduled for Saturday, August 30.
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Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Eve Daniels, Nancy Benson-Nicol

The Music Today

The Summer Choir and Quartet Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, Guest Organist

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO PAMELA RUITER-FEENSTRA, our guest organist today, for sharing her musical gifts with us. Dr. Ruiter-Feenstra, who teaches at the University of Michigan, is Artistic Director, composer, and performer of Healing Bells.

THE PRELUDE, OFFERTORY, AND POSTLUDE were composed by Florence Price, who earned degrees in organ and piano from the New England Conservatory of Music before moving to Chicago in 1927. While in Chicago she studied with Leo Sowerby, who had been Associate Organist at Fourth Church. In 1933 she became the first African American woman to have her music played by a major orchestra when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra presented her *Symphony in E Minor*, one of her more than 300 compositions.

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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