



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration Sunday | Youth-Led Worship
February 15, 2026 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Arioso, from Cantata 156 Johann Sebastian Bach
- Concerto in G Major (Allegro) George Frideric Handel
- Hallelujah Leonard Cohen
- Siciliano John Stanley
- Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546 J. S. Bach

Introit

- Spread Love (9:30 a.m.) Pastor Fred Wilson
- Let Us Worship and Fall Down (11:00 a.m.) Healey Willan
- O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*
- For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*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: *Let the people praise you, O God:*
- All: **Let us sing for joy, for God has blessed us!**
- One: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's holy face to shine upon us.*
- All: **Let us sing for joy, for God has blessed us!**
- One: *May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere you, O God*
- All: **Let us sing for joy, for God has blessed us! Amen.**



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

***Hymn 307** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
We come into your presence.
We gather here today
to confess our sins.
Against others, creation, and you.
And the things we should have done
but left undone.
Forgive us, Lord.
Lead us in the direction of your path.
Reveal to us your light.
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.

(9:30) Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children (9:30)

Welcome and Announcements

(9:30) Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

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

“Yes” (UCAN Choir, 9:30) Valencia Lacy

Will your heart and soul say, yes? Will your Spirit still say, yes? There is more that I require of thee — will your heart and soul say, yes? Soul just say, Yes! Open up your heart and tell the Lord: Yes! Say, yes! Say I’ll obey Jesus, I won’t stray Jesus, but this time I’ve made up in my mind, I’ll say, Yes! I’ll do what you want me to do, I’ll say what you want me to say. I’ll go, if you lead me—if you lead me I’ll go, yes! Lift your hands and tell the Lord, yes! Come on open up your heart and say: Yes, yes, yes!

“Teach Me, O Lord” (11:00) William Byrd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken me in thy ways. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading 2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–12

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Scripture Reading Luke 9:28–36

Third Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:16–21

***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.

Homilies (9:30) Finley Siurek, Sarah Pierce, David Becker
(11:00) Laura Supinger, Kira Gallenbeck, Francesca Gustafson

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 444**. “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

”Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

***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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Hallelujah Amen” G. F. Handel
*Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen, Amen. Hallelujah,
Amen. O Judah, rejoice. Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine. With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join.
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen.*

*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)*

Gracious God, thank you for all that you provide.
We admire your love for us, your peace,
and your stunning promise to never leave us.
As we offer these gifts of our hands,
we are reminded of your gift to us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 463** “How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

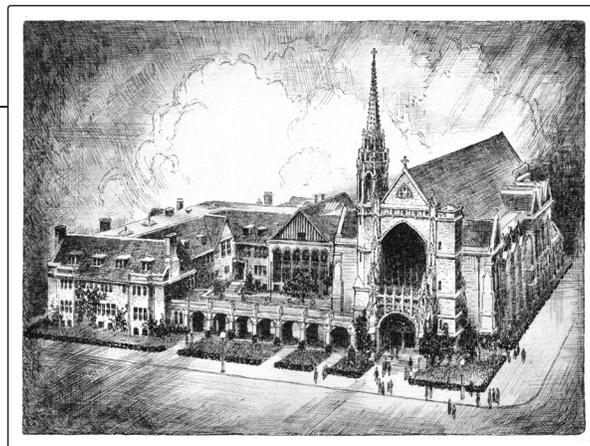
***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Day by Day Harold Friedell
*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray; to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

Postlude

Avsked (Farewell) Simon Zöchbauer



You belong here!

This may be your first time worshipping at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or you may worship here so often that 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.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, and whatever questions or burdens you bring, we take seriously that God loves everyone. **You belong here.**

Each Sunday we read the biblical stories and sing hymns, while also engaging the world we live in today through liturgy, prayer, and preaching. By connecting the story of our lives with the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and 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.

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that enable us to experience Beloved Community, where differences are recognized as assets, celebrated, and experienced as strengths.

We invite you to explore the News and Opportunities section of this bulletin to learn more about the many ways to connect, serve, and grow at Fourth Church.

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Let Us Know You’re Here!

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today. Please take a moment to fill out an information form. You are invited to add your name to the pads in the pews, passing them to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers may greet one another by name following worship.

Sound

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

In-Person Coffee Hour

All who are worshipping 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. Visit our Connection Corner to learn about the ways to get involved and get connected with Fourth Church.

Prayer with a Deacon after Worship

If you would like to meet with a Deacon for prayer, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Worshipping Online

Livestream

Our 9:30 a.m. service is livestreamed on our YouTube channel at bit.ly/fpconline and may be viewed anytime after the service has begun.

Let Us Know You're Here!

We are so grateful you are joining us to worship online. You will find a link to the online form at the bottom of your screen or scan the QR code. A QR code is also displayed during the "Welcome" that can be scanned with a phone camera to access the form.

Online Giving

If you would like to make an online offering visit fourthchurch.org/giving

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen by phone at 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Online Coffee Hour

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

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

Connecting Online

Whether you live out of state, are traveling, are unable to be with us in person, or find online opportunities to be a meaningful complement to your in-person experiences, we invite you to explore our online opportunities for deepening your connections with your faith and with others: fourthchurch.org/online/connections.html

Worship and Reception in Naples, Florida

Fourth Presbyterian Church warmly invites members and friends to worship with Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe, Fourth Church's newly called Senior Pastor, on Sunday, February 22, at First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a casual reception with light refreshments. This will be a relaxed opportunity to meet Camille, reconnect with Fourth Church friends, and hear about her hopes for the church's next chapter.

Please RSVP by this Tuesday, February 17. Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/3yyquh5>

Church Center Is Coming

Fourth Presbyterian Church is excited to introduce Church Center, a new online hub designed to help you stay connected to the life of our church. Church Center will be your central place for event registrations, the church calendar, groups, livestreams, and more. Beginning February 22, you'll be able to use the Church Center platform to check in for worship and check children into Sunday School.

Access Church Center through the link in the top navigation bar of our website (fourthchurch.org) or by downloading the Church Center app on your mobile device.

Lenten Series: *Unlikely Friends*

This Lent at Fourth Church, we are entering a new sermon series called *Unlikely Friends*. Each week we will journey through a different moment in Scripture where someone's life was forever changed by meeting Christ. From Nicodemus's late-night questions to the Samaritan woman's unexpected conversation at the well, these encounters reveal a Savior who sees us, knows us, and invites us into new life. Join us as we prepare our hearts for Easter by exploring the transforming presence of Jesus—then and now.

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.

Requests for Prayer

If you would like to submit a prayer request for our prayer ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

Praying Each Week for Our Members

Morning Prayer meets via Zoom on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to join us in praying for members by name, for all those who are in need, and for mission partners around the world.

Homebound Visitation

Deacons visit homebound members as extensions of the church's care, offering spiritual support and a sense of belonging. Deacons make caring connections with homebound members through phone calls and two to four home visits per year, encouraging faith connections. For more information on Caring and Deacon ministries, contact Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).



Connections and Belonging

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

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, you are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers' Class either via Zoom on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers031826) or in person March 22 (register at bit.ly/inquirers032226). For more information about membership, see fourthchurch.org/joining or contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

Barbara + Marco Concert

The February 20 free Friday Noonday Concert will feature Barbara + Marco playing electronic music at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream. They will be performing a second concert at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Adult Education Class: Henri Nouwen

Join us today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online as Fourth Church members Steven Stanley and Larry Braskamp for an honest and personal sharing of how the therapeutic effect of Henri Nouwen's books and teachings have helped them deal with personal suffering in their lives.

Volunteer Opportunity

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Share a warm Fourth Church welcome with both new and familiar faces as a Coffee Hour Host. Hosts greet people, serve and replenish cookies, and monitor the drinks table during Coffee Hour after both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. This is a great way to share the gift of hospitality. Sign up at <https://app.vomo.org/opportunity/coffeehour>

Music on My Mind

The exhibit on display in the loggia, "Music On My Mind," sponsored by the Racial Equity Committee in honor of Black History Month, is from native Chicago artist Arthur Wright. Join us in Borwell Dining Room or Zoom on February 22 at 12:30 p.m. for Zoom with the Artist.

Events with the Center for Life and Learning

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) program for adults sixty and over offers fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses. Registration for these online and in-person opportunities is available at fourthchurch.org/cll

"Love Your Brain" Lunch-and-Learn

This Friday, February 20, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association, this free lunch-and-learn is open to anyone interested in brain health. Registration for lunch is required by tomorrow, Monday, February 16, at bit.ly/loveyourbrain022026

Zoom Bible Studies

For details about the following Zoom Bible studies, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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—gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

Horizons Women's Bible Studies—"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"—meet on the second and fourth Wednesday via Zoom, with both a midday and evening study at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

More Opportunities to Connect

Knitting and Crocheting

The Knitting and Crocheting meeting takes place the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Those who are unable to attend but have completed projects to drop off can leave them—marked "Katie Patterson"—at reception.

This ministry supports partner organizations throughout the city by creating handcrafted items that provide warmth and comfort. For more information, contact Katie (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.



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 meets today with children three years old to fifth grade joining their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship before departing for their classrooms on the fourth floor.

Youth

Youth are leading us in worship today. Youth groups resume next Sunday, February 22, with Junior High gathering at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus and Senior High meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the fifth floor lounge.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday Worship

This Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday. We will gather for worship at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream. The service will include the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

Ashes on the Way

On Ash Wednesday, we also make the imposition of ashes available outside the Sanctuary throughout the day. This is offered for members and neighbors who find the ashes to be a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.

Path of Discipleship

Pastors Nancy Benson-Nicol and Matt Helms invite you to slow down and enter the season of Lent in thoughtful community.

Join us on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning February 24, from 6:00–7:15 p.m. on Zoom. Each session includes engaging teaching, small-group conversation, and meaningful spiritual practice. Registration is required, and all are welcome. Register at bit.ly/pathofdiscipleship2026

Resources for Your Personal Reflection

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe online at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them on our website at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook.

Weekly video and podcast reflections

Each Wednesday in Lent, Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol welcomes a Mosaic of Voices. Inspired by the vision and work of the Mosaic Project, initiated by member Richard Knorr and sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Team, we journey through Lent gifted with the inspiring and moving perspectives of members of our faith community—in their own words. Each respond to these two questions: “How did you first learn about or experience the season of Lent?” and, “As you enter the season this year, what truth about yourself is Lent asking you to face?” Pastor Nancy also highlights Lenten motifs rooted in the Gospel of Matthew and Jesus’ encounter in the wilderness to invite viewers into contemplation.

Sign up online at bit.ly/fpcrandw or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can listen to the reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Podcasts from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include

- the Sunday worship service
- the Sunday sermon
- *Bible Top Ten*, a lively, informative, and often lighthearted exploration of the Bible through a series of top ten lists, hosted by Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger. Join them as they run down a list of the “Top 10 Rulers in the Bible,” then on February 17, their most romantic episode ever: “The Top 10 Loves in the Bible.”
- *Out Now: Salt and Light*, a new podcast that offers inspiring and insightful conversations between Pastor Joe and Fourth Church community partners in Chicagoland and beyond. We talk with leaders who are salt and light in public life by making positive contributions to our city, country, and global community. We explore what inspires and challenges them, as well as what they are learning as we partner together for the common good.



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Sandwich Making on Sunday Morning

Looking for a joyful, hands-on way to serve? On the second Sunday of each month, a team of six volunteers gathers from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to make sandwiches for Sarah's Circle women's shelter, a longtime Mission partner of Fourth Church. New volunteers are always welcome. To join in, contact Mike Usiak, Meals Ministry Manager, (musiak@fourthchurch.org).

Voter Registration at Coffee Hour

Participating in the electoral process is a way that Christians civically engage and support the common good. The Mission and Justice Committee is sponsoring a voter registration opportunity today during Coffee Hour. Congregant Mary Smith, along with representatives from the League of Women Voters, will be available to register voters and supply information on the upcoming primary and general elections and offices up for vote.

Souper Thank You

A big thank you to all who supported the youth in their annual Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser. So far, they have raised \$4,637 in contributions—as well as dozens of donated cans of soup—to support the work of Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Food Pantry. Thank you to all who helped the youth score a victory against hunger!

UCAN at Fourth Church

UCAN Chicago, a Fourth Church community grantee partner, will be present during Coffee Hour today. Come learn about their historic work in education, violence prevention, and family development with young people and parents Chicago's South and West Sides. Their staff choir is singing during the 9:30 a.m. service.

Chicago Lights Board of Directors Applications

Chicago Lights, Fourth Presbyterian Church's youth development and adult social services nonprofit organization, is accepting applications for upcoming Board of Directors openings. Details and application are available at bit.ly/chicagolightsboard

Chicago Lights Gala of Hope 2026

New Night, New Location!

Mark your calendars for the Gala of Hope 2026, happening on a new night—Saturday, March 7—at a new location, The Geraghty! This signature evening brings our community together for dinner, dancing, and exciting live and silent auctions in support of Chicago Lights and its life-changing programs.

Tickets, Sponsorships, and Golden Tickets Are On Sale

Visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2026 to purchase tickets, enter the Golden Ticket drawing, or learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Enter to Win THE Golden Ticket

Pick your perfect escape. One Golden Ticket winner will receive:

- A 3-night getaway for four in a 2-bedroom suite
- Your choice of destination—including Miami, Las Vegas, Montreal, and more
- A \$200 dining card to enjoy the local scene
- The flexibility to upgrade, extend your stay, or add guests
\$100 per ticket | 3 for \$250

Drawing will be held at the Gala of Hope—attendance is not required.

Call for Auction Donations

We are now collecting items for the Gala of Hope auctions and welcome contributions such as:

- Sports tickets and experiences
- Rounds of golf
- Getaways and travel packages
- Restaurant gift cards
- One-of-a-kind or behind-the-scenes experiences

Auction donations can also be submitted online at one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2026.

Questions or to donate directly, please contact Rebecca Sandoval (rsandoval@chicagolights.org).

Thank you for helping make this special night a success!

Frederic Clay Bartlett Mural

Scaffolding has been installed in the east balcony as work has begun on restoring the Frederic Clay Bartlett Mural. The work will take about four weeks to complete.



Sustainability

Come strengthen Fourth Church with us as we build shared purpose and values, develop staff and leadership, and ensure the resources and systems needed to sustain our ministry's long-term impact.

A Report from the Board of Trustees

At the February 8 Annual Congregational Meeting, Treasurer Mark Hurley shared encouraging news about Fourth Church's finances, reviewing 2025 results, the 2026 budget, and key decisions by the Boards of Trustees and Session. The church is in a significantly stronger financial position.

Two years ago, the Trustees and Session adopted a plan to eliminate a \$2 million annual operating deficit by the end of 2027. In 2025, the deficit was reduced from a budgeted (\$661 thousand) to an actual (\$128 thousand)—an 81% improvement. Pledged contributions increased 21%, the Draw from Invested Funds rose, and overall disbursements declined.

Invested Funds grew 15% in 2025. The Draw now provides over one-third of total revenue, up from 25% five years ago, underscoring the importance of sustaining and growing our endowment, as encouraged by the Legacy Society. Larger gifts and estates may be donor-restricted or unrestricted, and their use is governed by the Trustees' Gift Acceptance Policy. The church continues its long-standing practice of drawing 5% of the three-year average invested balance.

Expenses in 2025 were nearly 5% below budget due to careful management and staffing vacancies. Any remaining shortfalls through 2027 will be covered by the \$1.8 million Transformation Fund established in 2023.

Chicago Lights covered its direct costs and ended the year with a 10% surplus. All other affiliates and capital projects were fully funded. Consolidated 2025 revenues exceeded total disbursements by 1%.

The 2026 budget assumes more modest contribution growth and a higher return on the draw on invested funds. Expenses are budgeted to increase 7% as we continue investing in digital ministry, communications, and technology.

An additional \$1.1 million is allocated for facility improvements. The former Replogle Center space will be repurposed for offices. Planned work includes tuckpointing and masonry repairs, HVAC repairs, restoration of an additional Frederic Clay Bartlett panel in the Sanctuary, and repairs near the Delaware entrance.

Following last summer's pastoral search, the church transitioned from owning a pastoral residence to providing a housing allowance. The Walton Street apartment was sold for net proceeds of \$920,000, which have been returned to the investment portfolio.

We are grateful for the congregation's generosity and the faithful stewardship of staff and volunteers. Fourth Church has made meaningful progress toward financial sustainability and is well positioned for continued growth.

**For a report with greater detail, please visit bit.ly/trusteesreport2026*

Calendar for February 15–22, 2026

Youth-Led Worship Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship • Youth preaching	Sanctuary / Online
February 15	9:30 a.m. Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	10:15 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish House Kitchen
	10:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m. Online Coffee Hour	Zoom
	10:30 a.m. Family Donut Sunday Gathering	Room 4C
	11:00 a.m. Worship • Youth preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m. The Enduring Influence of Henri Nouwen.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Anderson Hall Balcony
	12:15 p.m. New Member Session Meeting	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m. Women at Fourth Neighborhood Tour	Offsite
	3:00 p.m. Medical Ministry	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool.	Classroom
February 16	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 / Room 4K
	2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
February 17	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom
	9:00 a.m. Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m. CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G Zoom
	11:30 a.m. CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	1:00 p.m. CLL: Improv	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m. CLL: Let’s Play Mahjong	Room 5C
	1:00 p.m. CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4F / Zoom
	1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk.	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry.	Showers
	2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)
 SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center (chicagolights.org)

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Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom
February 18	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: CSO Rehearsal	Offsite Location
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: The Great Ideas Men’s Group	Room 5A Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk.	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Eastern Religions w/Susan Quaintance	Room 5G Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom
February 19	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Yoga	Room 5F
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A / Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Art and Conversation	Room 4K
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4G
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 5E
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk.	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Canasta	Room 5B
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

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Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom
February 20	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:15 a.m.	CLL: Art Institute Tour	Offsite Location
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Alzheimer’s Love Your Brain	Room 4G
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Fiber Friends	Room 4C
	5:30 p.m.	Family Night.	Borwell Dining Room

Saturday *No public events are scheduled for today*
February 21

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Sanctuary / Online
February 22	9:30 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Fifth Floor Lounge
	11:00 a.m.	Sermon on the Mount	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Anderson Hall Balcony
	12:30 p.m.	A Path of Practice.	Buchanan Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Zoom with the Artist	Borwell / Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Ministry	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

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Worship Leaders

(9:30) Finley Siurek, Sarah Pierce, David Becker (11:00), Laura Supinger, Kira Gallenbeck, Francesca Gustafson

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; UCAN Choir; Tower Brass; Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR YOUTH for planning and leading this morning's worship service.

PLEASE JOIN US IN EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE for the faith-filled dedication of our volunteer leaders of Junior High, Confirmation, and Senior High Youth Groups: Kim Grady, Nicholette Andrews-Maggio, Judy Kerch, Michael Tax, and Jill Fenstermaker. Thank you!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH YOUTH MINISTRY, please contact Nance Bartell (nbartell@fourthchurch.org).

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Sunday parking is available at the Hancock garage (enter from Delaware or Chestnut) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by using a validation ticket from the ushers.