

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 9, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Jerusalem, My Happy Home. George Shearing
There is a Happy Land George Shearing

Introit

Psalm 150 John Harper
Alleluya, Alleluya. Praise God in his holy place. Praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his powerful deeds. Praise his surpassing greatness. O praise him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise him with lute and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance. Praise him with strings and pipe. O praise him with resounding cymbals. Praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to 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

One: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever!
All: We proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations!
One: God's steadfast love is established forever;
All: God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
One: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne;
All: Steadfast love and faithfulness go before our God.

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

***Hymn ##644. Give Thanks, O Christian People**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day
who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for leaders of our years
who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the faltering feet,
to lead the followers forward our living Lord to meet.**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,
who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:
to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,
to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship
with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip:
to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,
to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, too often we fail to be what you created us to be. We neglect your
gifts of imagination and freedom, intellect and reason. We focus on ourselves
and ignore those you call us to love. We forget your great love for us. In your
great mercy, call us back to your way. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: 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.*

Children age three through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Welcome

Please let us know if you are worshiping in person or online with us today. If you're in the Sanctuary, scan the QR code on page 7 of your bulletin or sign in using the pew pad. If you're worshiping online, scan the QR code displayed on your screen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

Thanks Be To Thee George Frideric Handel

Thanks be to Thee. Thy holy name be ever blest. Glory, honor and praise be Thine! Praise, adoration we sing unto Thee. Thy loving kindness doth forever prevail. Tenderly guiding all those who come unto Thee. Thanks be to Thee. Thou art the King o'er land and sea. Praise, adoration we sing unto Thee.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 95: 1-5

One: The Word of the Lord.

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.

Second Scripture Lesson Colossians 3: 15-17

Sermon

Holy Practices for Life in the Real World: Thank Nanette Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #643 Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Affirmation of Faith

We are all held in the hollow of God's hand, loved children of the universe,
born from the life which flows from God, freed to the fullness of God's creation
with all its beauty and variety. We are all worth dying for in Christ Jesus, all called to
risen life in Christ's rising. The way of Jesus gives us footprints for our following and
all our trials and longings are known in the frailty of Christ's birth among us and the
courage of Christ's walking with us. We are all called to new things in the Spirit, in
the hope that stirs in unlikely moments, the home we find in the wastelands of our
wanderings, the warmth that we touch in the coldness of our need and the opening of
our hearts to adventures in belonging or the gathering in of those without a home.

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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Grant us Thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

***Offertory Response Hymn #33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us, so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Go Now in Peace Robert Lau

Go now in peace, and may God's peace go with you. Believe, and trust God's holy word. Amen.

Postlude

Fanfare in D Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

When we baptize infants, we witness 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.

Mollie Darrah Coogan

child of Katie and Paul Coogan

Archie Mick Koukol

child of Elizabeth and Jeff Koukol

Samantha Marie Carmelita Sabine

child of Karen and John Sabine

Nathaniel Francis Williams

child of Carmen Sheils and Josh Williams

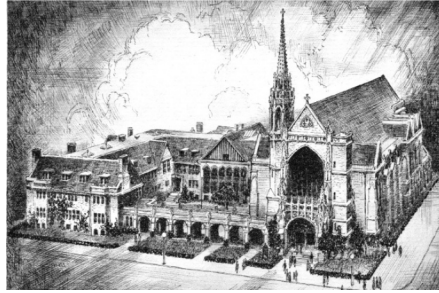
YOU BELONG HERE

Whether this is your first time worshipping at Fourth Presbyterian Church or you worship here regularly and call Fourth Church “home,” we are grateful you are here 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 carry, we affirm that God’s love is for everyone.

You belong here.

Each Sunday we gather to hear biblical stories, sing hymns of faith, and engage the world around us through prayer, worship, and preaching. As we connect 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 in our 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 help us experience **Beloved Community**, where

differences are recognized as assets, celebrated, and experienced as strengths.

WORSHIPING IN PERSON AT FOURTH CHURCH



Let Us Know You’re Here!

All worshipers are invited to check in through the Church Center app (our church’s app for staying connected, exploring events, and check-in).

Please check in through Church Center to let us know you’re worshipping with us today. It’s an easy way to stay connected with our faith community. If you’re checking in for the first time, you can download the Church Center app from the Apple or Android app store or access it through our website homepage at FourthChurch.org

Sound

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

FIRST-TIME VISITOR



If you’re a first-time visitor at Fourth Church, we want to get to know you. Scan this QR code to complete our first-time visitor form or add your name to one of the pew pads.

WORSHIPING ONLINE

Livestream

Watch the 10:00 a.m. service live or anytime on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpconline

Online Giving

Make an offering online at FourthChurch.org/giving

Phone Access (10:00 a.m.)

Listen to worship by phone for those without internet access: 888-916-9166.

Online Coffee Hour (following worship)

Join us via Zoom for conversation and connection: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

CONNECT WITH US

Discover more opportunities to connect with us online at FourthChurch.org/online/connections

News at Fourth

Stay up to date on the latest news, events, and opportunities at Fourth Church. Subscribe to the News at Fourth weekly newsletter, delivered to your inbox every Friday. bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Follow Fourth Church

Connect with Fourth Church on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn at [@FourthChurch](https://www.facebook.com/FourthChurch) for updates, stories, and ways to engage with our community.

CELEBRATE PASTOR NANETTE SAWYER

Celebrate Pastor Nanette Sawyer's Ministry and New Call

Today we give thanks for Pastor Nanette Sawyer's faithful ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church as she begins a new call at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville. We invite you to join us following worship for a reception to celebrate Nanette's many contributions to our congregation and wishing her God's abundant blessings in this next chapter of ministry.

Immediately following worship, the Session has called a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary to formally dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Nanette Sawyer and Fourth Presbyterian Church.



The meeting will also be available via Zoom.

Scan the QR code to join the Congregational Meeting via Zoom.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Series at Fourth Church

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to walk through it alone. Circle of Support is a compassionate, grief support group offering community, encouragement, and hope.

The four-week series meets on Sundays, September 13–October 4, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Parish Manse at the church. Whether your loss is recent or occurred some time ago, all are welcome. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol at nbenson-nicol@FourthChurch.org

GET CONNECTED WEEKEND

Get Connected Weekend Deadline to Register Extended to August 17

On Sunday, September 13, Fourth Church will celebrate Get Connected Sunday, our annual celebration of community and connection. This year, we're adding special activities to invite our Online Community, those who primarily worship online, to gather with us for the weekend. If you worship with us online from another



city or state, please scan the QR code to register for Get Connected Weekend by **Monday, August 17.**

We hope you'll join us as we gather, serve, learn, and grow together.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Pastoral Care

If you have a prayer request or would like to alert the pastoral staff to a care need, illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 312.787.4570 or email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@FourthChurch.org). For emergencies, please call the church to be connected with the Minister on Call.

Fourth Church maintains a practice of praying for each member's household throughout the year. On Wednesday mornings, you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@FourthChurch.org)

Morning Prayer

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom as we pray for members of our congregation, those in need, and mission partners around the world. If you are interested in joining, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@FourthChurch.org) to receive the link.

Connections and Belonging

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

MUSIC AT FOURTH

Join us for live music each Friday in August in our courtyard. This week's concert on August 14 will feature jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis.

For a full list of concerts this summer, please visit FourthChurch.org/concerts

Summer Noonday Concerts by the Fountain Each Friday through August 28 | 12:10 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather, outdoor concerts will be moved indoors to the Sanctuary.

EUROPEAN CHOIR TOUR 2027

Register for Choir Trip

Registration is open for the Fourth Church Choir Tour, taking place February 24–March 9, 2027. The tour is open to both singers and non-singers for a musical and cultural journey through Slovenia, Hungary, and Croatia. Choir members will perform in historic churches and cathedrals from the Slovenian mountains to the Dalmatian Coast, while all participants will enjoy the rich history, culture, and scenic beauty of the region.

Registration is open through September 13, 2026.



To learn more and register, scan this QR code or contact Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music, Andrew Herbruck, at aherbruck@FourthChurch.org

CORNERSTONES

Join Cornerstones for a presentation by Dr. Emily Hoyler O'Hare, associate professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and historian for the Musicians' Club of Women. Dr. O'Hare will share the history and mission of this remarkable organization, which has supported women musicians through scholarships and performance opportunities since 1875.



Friday, Sept. 4 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Borwell Dining Room

Please register in advance using this QR code.

DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM

Creating a Dementia-Friendly Neighborhood

Join the Center for Life & Learning and Skyline Village Chicago for the Destigmatizing Dementia Symposium on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Learn practical ways to better support and communicate with people living with dementia through a keynote presentation, expert panel discussion, and community resources.



The event is free and includes lunch. Registration is required due to limited seating. The event will also be livestreamed. To register, scan this QR code.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES

Coffee with Questions

Join our Young Adults group, Twenties & Thirties for coffee, conversation, and connection on Sunday, August 23. Whether you're new or already part of the group, this relaxed gathering is a great opportunity to meet others, build friendships, and get to know our young adult community.

August 23 | 11:15 a.m.

Meet in Gignilliat Commons following worship, then we walk together to Aster Hall, 900 N. Michigan.

For more information, please email Nance Bartell, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, nbartell@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 a quieter space, the Hospitality Suite (2nd floor, Gratz Center) offers a place where the service is livestreamed.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available during morning worship for infants through age two on the 4th floor of the Gratz Center.

Summer Sunday School

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School following Children's Time in the Sanctuary during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Classes meet on the 4th floor of the Gratz Center.

Please note: Today is our final Summer Sunday School class. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13.

Children of all ages are always welcome to worship with their families in the Sanctuary. We are grateful to have them as part of our worshipping community.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Holy Practices for Life in the Real World

Sundays through August 30

Life is busy. The demands on our time, attention, and energy can leave us feeling disconnected from ourselves, one another, and God.

This summer, we are exploring **Holy Practices for Life in the Real World**—a sermon series focused on simple, meaningful Christian practices that help us live with greater purpose, peace, connection, and faith. Together, we will reflect on Jesus' invitation to slow down, reconnect, and grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Join us each Sunday as we discover practical ways to cultivate a deeper and more abundant life.

DAILY DEVOTIONS



Start your day with reflections written by our pastors and church members. Subscribe to receive daily devotions by email by visiting: bit.ly/fpcdevotions or scan this QR code.

YOUTH TRIP TO SIX FLAGS

Join the Fourth Church Youth Group (6th–12th graders) at Six Flags Great America on August 12. Spend the day at the “Thrill Capital of the Midwest” riding roller coasters, seeing spectacular shows, and more fun.



Wednesday, August 12

10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

1 Great American Pkwy, Gurnee

\$65 or free with season pass

To register, scan this QR code.

Getting there: To ride in the church van to and from Six Flags, please contact Nance Bartell, nbartell@FourthChurch.org

ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES

To receive the Zoom link to join the Bible studies below, email Katie Patterson, kpatterson@FourthChurch.org

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Summer Women's Bible Study

Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings

August 12 and 26 | 12:00 p.m.

Climate Justice Climate Hope: Building a Moral Economy

August 12 and 26 | 6:00 p.m.

2026-27 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 Confirmation class. Confirmation prepares young people to become members of Fourth Church through exploration of faith and Christianity, learning what it means to be an active part of a faith community, and discovering what it means to love your neighbor through service.



Youth entering 8th grade and older are invited to register for the 2026–2027 Confirmation class.

To register, scan this QR code.

Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Ministry

Meals Ministry continues to seek more volunteers to help serve meals on Sundays and Mondays to our neighbors in need this summer. Volunteers assist with setting up the dining room, serving meals and beverages, and helping with cleanup.

Sundays: Volunteers are needed from 3:00–6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.



Mondays: Volunteers are needed from 3:30–6:00 p.m. to help serve a meal at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle St.). To sign up, via VOMO, please scan this QR code.

Coffee Hour Hosts (Anderson Hall)

Following Sunday worship, Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall offers a time for connection and community. Hosts help prepare and serve refreshments, welcome guests, and assist with light setup and cleanup. We are especially in need of additional volunteers this summer.

You do not need to be a member of Fourth Church to volunteer and serve — all are welcome.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Robert Crouch, Director, Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@FourthChurch.org or 312-981-3382.

MALCOLM GLADWELL AT FOURTH CHURCH

Join us on Saturday, October 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special conversation with New York Times bestselling author Malcolm Gladwell about his new book, *The American Way of Killing: The Invention of an Epidemic*, which examines the roots of America's gun violence epidemic.

Fourth Church members and friends receive 20% off tickets with the promotional code below. Your ticket also includes the audiobook edition of the new book.



Discount Code: FPC20

To purchase tickets using the Discount Code, scan this QR code.

CHICAGO LIGHTS SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in urgent need of new or gently used men's clothing and shoes in all sizes to stock the Social Service Center's Share Shop. Donations may be dropped off at the church daily. You can also help by purchasing clothing and everyday essentials through the SSC Amazon Wishlist. To view the wishlist and donate, please scan the QR code.



Your gifts go directly to the Share Shop, where neighbors in need can choose the clothing they need with dignity. Thank you for supporting Chicago Lights.

2026 CUBA TRIP

Cuba Partnership Trip

Join us November 9–16, 2026 for a meaningful opportunity to visit our ministry partners at First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba.

Participants will stay with our partners, serve alongside them in ministry, and, as circumstances allow, experience daily life in Havana and beyond.

Applications for the trip are due Monday, September 7, and require a \$750 nonrefundable deposit.

To learn more, email Pastor Joe Morrow at jmorrow@FourthChurch.org



or attend a hybrid informational meeting on Sunday, August 16, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 5E of the Gratz Center. To register for the trip please scan this QR code.

URBAN FARM COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Chicago Lights invites you to join us for the Urban Farm's annual Community Cookout next weekend, August 15. All are welcome.

Saturday, August 15 | 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Urban Farm, 444 West Chicago Avenue

For more information please email Urban Farm Program Director Deja Stout, dstout@chicagolights.org

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Matt Helms, Camille Cook Howe, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

Beadle: Carole Bekken

Liturgist: Greg Schwem

The Music Today

Andrew Herbruck, Organist and Director of Music

Summer Choir

Fourth Church Calendar



Stay up to date with worship services, programs, and special events by visiting the full Fourth Church online calendar. Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view upcoming events.

FourthChurch.org/calendar

Giving to Support the Ministry of Fourth Church



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 can also be given online (FourthChurch.org/give), or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).

Camille Cook Howe Pastor

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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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.