

World Communion Sunday

OCTOBER 4, 2026 • 9:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Prélude Modal Jean Langlais

Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons Charles Villiers Stanford

Introit

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! trad. Cameroon

Praise, praise, praise the Lord. Praise God's Holy name. Alleluia!

*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: *What does the Holy One require of us?*

All: To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.

One: *Let us worship God.*

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

***Hymn #637 O Sing to the Lord**

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

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O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, you showed us in Jesus the importance of sitting at table with outcasts and sinners, but we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. 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 from age three through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children (9:30)

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.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 80: 7-15

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 Philippians 3: 4b-14

Sermon Camille Cook Howe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #494** Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

**Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright.
O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Total Praise Richard Smallwood
*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills. Knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace you
give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.*

***Offertory Response Hymn #712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share
your love with all along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ
your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: *The Lord be with you.*
All: And also with you.
One: *Lift up your hearts.*
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
One: ... *forever singing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (sung) The Hymnal, #565

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**
One: ... *Great is the mystery of faith.*

Memorial Acclamation (sung) The Hymnal, #566

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Communion

Communion Anthems

Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Ave Verum Edward Elgar

Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, On the cross thy sacred body for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side; Feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony! O Jesus, hear us Son of Mary.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #733** **We All are One in Mission**

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above

to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.

Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:

to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,

so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

***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

Postlude in D Minor Charles Villiers Stanford

SUSTAINABILITY MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEES

Investing in Church Office Operations

At Fourth Church, strong operations provide the foundation that allows our ministries to thrive. Church Office Operations includes Operations, Finance, Information Technology, Communications, and administration of space used by affiliated organizations. Together, these teams support the systems and services that keep our church active seven days a week.

In 2026, \$1,485,000 is budgeted for this work. Funding comes from congregational giving (53%), invested funds (38%), and activity fees and designated gifts (9%).

Thank you for helping sustain the people, systems, and resources that make the daily ministry of Fourth Church possible.

Each month, the Board of Trustees shares insights into the ministries and activities supported by Fourth Church. Questions? Email trustees@FourthChurch.org

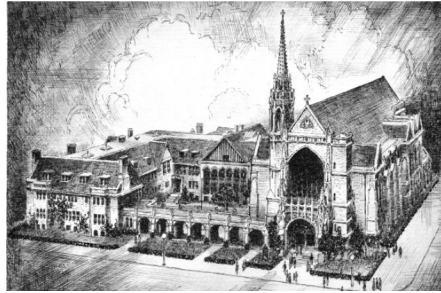
YOU BELONG HERE

Whether this is your first time worshiping 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 checking in).

Please check in through Church Center to let us know you’re worshiping 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.

CHICAGO MARATHON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Please note, due to the Chicago Marathon next Sunday, October 11, we will only have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. The service will be livestreamed.

WORSHIPING ONLINE

Livestream

Watch the 9:30 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 (9:30 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.

Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

WELCOME TO OUR CUBA PARTNERS

Today we welcome Rev. Alison Infante Zamora and his wife Sarahi Garcia Gomez. Rev. Alison is pastor of our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Havana in Cuba, where he ministers with Sarahi who serves as a Ruling Elder. Pastor Alison was the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba (IPRC) in 2022-23.

SUPPORT THE MEALS MINISTRY SNACK DRIVE

Since this summer, the number of people we serve with our Bag Lunch program has risen more than 10%.

In a time of increased need and fewer public resources, Meals Ministry is making a significant impact in combating hunger in our area.

Help us continue to meet the growing need by contributing to the Meals Ministry Snack Drive through October 11. These donations go directly to our Bag Lunch program.

To view our shopping lists, stop by the Meals Ministry table during Coffee Hour or visit our website FourthChurch.org/meals and look for "Food Donations".

OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us welcome visitors to Fourth Church during Open House Chicago

Each year, the Chicago Architecture Foundation invites Fourth Presbyterian Church to participate in Open House Chicago, welcoming visitors to explore our historic spaces.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts to greet visitors as they arrive at the sanctuary and direct them to Buchanan Chapel on the second floor of Gratz Center.

Saturday, October 17 | 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18 | 1:00–4:00 p.m.

To sign up, contact Esther Cloyd, ecloyd@FourthChurch.org

CHICAGO LIGHTS TUTORS NEEDED

Help a Student Shine: Become a Volunteer Tutor

Chicago Lights Tutoring is looking for caring volunteers to support students one night a week through one-to-one tutoring, mentoring, homework help, and academic skill-building. Choose between virtual tutoring on Monday evenings or join us in person on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, with opportunities to participate in enrichment activities before tutoring. Ready to help a student shine? Scan here to sign up.



Beginning September 28, 2026
Mondays: Virtual, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays: In person,
6:00–7:30 p.m.
Fourth Presbyterian Church
126 East Chestnut Street

For more information, contact Mark Dennison, tutor@chicagolights.org

MAKE SANDWICHES FOR SARAH'S CIRCLE

Looking for a hands-on way to serve? On the second Sunday of each month, volunteers gather at Fourth Church from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to make sandwiches for Sarah's Circle women's shelter, one of our longtime Mission community partners. New volunteers are welcome!



Sandwiches for Sarah's Circle
Second Sunday of the month, October 11
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Parish House Kitchen
To register, scan here

HELP STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed every Monday, 9:00–11:00 a.m., to unload food deliveries from the Greater Chicago Food Depository and restock pantry shelves. Help us keep the pantry stocked for our neighbors!



Stock the Food Pantry
Mondays | 9:00–11:00 a.m.
To sign up to volunteer, scan the QR code
For more information, contact
Theresa Thornburg, tthornburg@chicagolights.org

Connections and Belonging

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

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

Join our Knitting and Crocheting Group, a community using needle arts to support others. We meet in person on the first Tuesday of each month to knit, crochet, and drop off donations.

Using personal and donated materials, we create hats, scarves, and other items for the Chicago Lights Social Services Center, Hello Baby, and Spry Community School.

Can't attend? Leave knitted or crocheted donations at reception for Esther Cloyd.

Knitting and Crocheting

October 6 | 10:00 a.m.

Gratz Center, Room 5B

ANNOUNCING THE AMEN HOUR

The Amen Hour Begins October 7

Discussion of the most recent Sunday's sermon and the Scripture it was based on to strengthen the connection of faith and life in community.



The Amen Hour

Wednesdays, October 7–November 11

5:30–7:00 p.m.

100 East Huron

Registration required

To register, scan the QR code

CORNERSTONES

Towns Along the Q: The Evolution of Towns Along the Metra BNSF Train Line

Join Cornerstones for a presentation by David Wilson, author of *Towns Along the Q*. Wilson will share colorful facts and stories about the communities along the Metra BNSF Train line, tracing their evolution from geological formations through the pandemic.



Friday, November 6 | 5:00 p.m.

Borwell Dining Room

Dinner and Speaker: \$30

Speaker Only: \$10

Registration closes November 2

CONCERTS AT FOURTH

Join us for live music each Friday in our sanctuary. This week's concert on October 9 at 12:10 p.m. will feature Amy Wurtz, piano.

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

BENEVOLENT GUILD

Do you enjoy sewing or crafting?

Join the Benevolent Guild, Fourth Church's longest-running group, as they create handmade gifts for people in need. Each week, members make baby and child care items for hospitals and social service organizations, along with sensory and activity mats for people living with dementia.

Wednesdays | 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Gratz Center, Room 5B

AN EVENING WITH KATE BOWLER

Spend an evening with New York Times bestselling author and Duke University professor Kate Bowler (*Joyful, Anyway*), in conversation with bestselling Chicago author Shelby Van Pelt (*Remarkably Bright Creatures*).

Together, they'll explore joy that doesn't require us to pretend everything is fine. Expect laughter, honesty, and a refreshing reminder that we can't always be happy—but we can be joyful, anyway.

Thursday, November 5 | 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Fourth Church Sanctuary | 126 East Chestnut Street



Tickets: \$25 includes one ticket + signed copy of *Joyful, Anyway*

\$35 includes two tickets + signed copy of *Joyful, Anyway*

Hosted by Fourth Presbyterian Church with support from The Presbyterian Outlook.

Faith Formation

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

THANK YOU, JILL KEISER

After 25 years of caring for children and leading the Fourth Church Nursery, Jill Keiser is retiring today. We are grateful for her many years of dedicated service and leadership.

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.

Sunday School and Youth Groups meet today at 9:30 a.m.

Children age three through 5th grade begin in the Sanctuary with their parents at the 9:30 a.m. service and then depart for their classrooms on the 4th floor. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 5th floor of the Gratz Center.

PUMPKIN DECORATING FAMILY NIGHT

Kick off our first Family Night of the fall with an evening of pumpkin decorating, fun, and fellowship!

Friday, October 16 | 5:30 p.m.

Borwell Dining Room

No registration necessary

BIBLE TOP 10 PODCAST

Bible Top 10 Podcast

Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger are back with a new season of Bible Top 10, bringing curiosity, humor, and thoughtful conversation to the Bible.

New podcast episodes are released every other Tuesday.

Now Available:

Top 10 Hymns in the Bible

Coming Up

October 13: Top 10 Biblical Pop Songs



You can listen to the Bible Top 10 podcast wherever you get your podcasts. Scan here to explore all Fourth Church podcasts.

OBAMA CENTER PARK MEDITATION WALK

Prayerful Practices in the Obama Center Park

Finding God in Stillness, Creation, and Community

Join Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol and the Spiritual Formation Team for a guided walking meditation in the beauty of the new Obama Center Park.



Saturday, October 17 | Meet at 9:30 a.m.

Program begins at 10:00 a.m.

Obama Center Gardens

6001 S. Stony Island Ave.

To register, scan here.

For more information, contact Nancy Benson Nicol, nbenson-nicol@FourthChurch.org

NOMINATE A CHURCH LEADER

Know a member at Fourth Church who would make a meaningful contribution by serving as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee? Learn how to nominate a fellow church



member by scanning this QR code.

Nominations are due by October 5.

Questions? Email nominate@FourthChurch.org

TWENTIES & THIRTIES

Join our Young Adults group, Twenties & Thirties, for these events:

Bible Study

Sundays 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Gratz Center, Room 5F

Coffee with Questions

Sunday, October 25 | 12:15 p.m. | Gratz Center, Room 4F

For more information, contact Nance Bartell,
nbartell@FourthChurch.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS

This fall, our Daily Devotions return to the “Bible in 100 Passages” series – covering the 27 books of the New Testament. Featuring weekly overviews and written reflections by members and pastors, this series is an excellent way to learn more about the Bible and how it continues to speak to us today.

Subscribe to receive Daily Devotions by email at
bit.ly/fpcdevotions

BIBLE IN 100 PASSAGES: BIBLE STUDY

As part of our Bible in 100 Passages devotion series, Pastor Matt Helms will lead a monthly Bible study.

**Tuesdays, October 6, November 3, and December 1
6:00–7:00 p.m.**

Anderson Hall

No registration necessary

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY RETREAT

The Ministry of Presence: The Transforming Power of Christian Service

Join the Volunteer Ministry on October 24 for a half-day retreat to explore how seeing, listening and serving transform our relationships and lives. Speakers will include Antonio (Tony) Daniels, Associate Director of Volunteer & Church Engagement at Breakthrough Urban Ministries, and Amy Pagliarella, Parish Associate for Caring Ministries, Fourth Church.



Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Borwell Dining Room

Refreshments served at 8:30 a.m.

Please register in advance using
the QR code

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

From Havana to Chicago: A Conversation with our Cuban Partners

Join us as we welcome Rev. Alison Infante, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, and his wife, Sarahi, for a conversation about the ministry, challenges, and opportunities facing Christian communities in Cuba today. This class will reflect on Fourth Church's 25-year relationship with First Presbyterian Havana and the blessing this partnership has been to our church, as well as the wider Chicago Presbytery.

From Havana to Chicago: A Conversation with
our Cuban Partners

Today: Sunday, October 4 | 11:00 a.m.

Borwell Dining Room & livestreamed

Visit FourthChurch.org/adult-education to view the full
list of fall classes.

Election: The Frozen Chosen?

What does it mean to understand ourselves as God's “elect” in a religiously diverse world? Led by Associate Pastor Rocky Supinger, this class will explore the Reformed tradition's foundational—and often misunderstood—doctrine of election, sometimes called “predestination.”

Sunday, October 11 | 11:15 a.m.

Borwell Dining Room & livestreamed

Please note: This class begins at 11:15 a.m. due to the single
10:00 a.m. service on Marathon Sunday.

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.

Women's Horizons Bible Study

**2026–2027 Series: United Through Christ, Bound
to Each Other**

Join us on Zoom at noon or 6:00 p.m. on the second
and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Worship Leaders

Camille Cook Howe, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Joe Morrow, Amy Pagliarella, Alison Infante Zamora, Matt Helms

Beadle: Christiane Knapp-Andrews (9:30), Jill Fenstermaker (11:00)

Liturgist: Katie Adams (9:30), Kevin Williams (11:00)

The Music Today

Andrew Herbruck, Organist and Director of Music

The Morning 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 afterward 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

Amy Pagliarella Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton; online payment only) for \$11 for up to 6 hours between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. when using the Metropolis Parking app (iPhone) or metropolis.io/join (Android). Scan the discount QR code at left no more than 10 minutes before leaving the garage. The code is also available on cards from the ushers; you might leave a card in your car for future Sunday use.

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.