



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 18, 2026 • 9:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Andante from Sonatina Op. 36, No. 1 Muzio Celeменти
Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child Mitchell Eithun
La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin Claude Debussy

Introit

We Your People Praise You Franz Joseph Haydn
We, your people, praise you, God of every nation, Lord of hosts eternal! Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture, filled with light. Tell your goodness, tell your mercies, tell your glorious might.

*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: Brothers and sisters, rejoice: we live sustained by God's presence and love.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: As we work to build the beloved community,

All: God works with us.

One: As we offer our gifts to all,

All: God blesses us.

One: Sisters and brothers, rejoice:

All: sustained by God's presence and love, we worship God!

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

***Hymn #697 Take My Life (Verses 1-4)**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, convenience. We have served our own interests and not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. 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.

Anthem

Salmo 150 Ernani Aguiar

Praise the Lord in His sacred places, Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts, Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, Praise Him with the psaltery and the harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and the dance, Praise Him with strings and pipes. Praise Him with high-sounding cymbals, Praise Him with cymbals of joy. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 119: 97-105

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 Hebrews 11: 8-16

Sermon Camille Cook Howe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm**

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own: God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

***Affirmation of Faith 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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Set Me as a Seal René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm. For love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Katie Adams Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #738** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

***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

Suite of Eight Dances Carlos Salzedo

FAITHFUL STEPS
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER
2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN | Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights

Today, we are launching our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, Faithful Steps: Moving Forward Together.

Rooted in gratitude and guided by faith, this year's campaign invites each of us to reflect on God's generosity in our lives and consider how we are called to respond.

Through our collective generosity, we sustain the vibrant worship, meaningful fellowship, and transformative work of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, sharing God's love with our neighbors near and far.

As we look toward the year ahead, we invite you to prayerfully consider: "Where is God inviting me to take my next faithful step?"

Pledge forms have been mailed to member homes, and pledges can also be made online at FourthChurch.org/pledge or by scanning the QR code below.

Please join us in taking our next faithful steps together by making your pledge by Commitment Sunday, November 8! For more information or questions please contact giving@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.

WORSHIPING ONLINE

Livestream

Watch today’s 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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday with the City of Chicago Pipe Band

Join us next Sunday to celebrate Reformation Sunday with the stirring sound of the bagpipes as the City of Chicago Pipe Band joins us in worship for this special service.

Sunday, October 25 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

MEET FOCUS FAIRIES AT COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Join our Mission and Justice Grantee Partnership Team during coffee hour today to meet our community grant partner, Focus Fairies, and learn how this nonprofit empowers Black girls and young women of color, ages 7-21, on Chicago's West and South sides.

Then step outside to Chestnut Street to see the Focus Fairies' Fairy Bus! This repurposed 17-passenger mini-bus brings mentorship, mental health resources, and creative arts workshops directly to Chicago neighborhoods.

SANCTUARY TOUR TODAY

Join church member Ken Hazlett at 12:15 p.m. today to discover the rich history and architecture of Fourth Church's sanctuary. Ken will lead a 15-minute presentation followed by a guided tour.

To join, meet in the rear of the sanctuary following today's 11:00 a.m. service. Future tours will take place on Sunday, October 25 and November 1.

Sanctuary Tour
Sunday, October 18 | 12:15 p.m.
Sanctuary

CHICAGO LIGHTS STREET OUTREACH

Join Chicago Lights' Social Service Center staff to support our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Volunteers accompany Chicago Lights staff into the community to distribute food and essential supplies, build relationships, and connect neighbors with resources and support.

Outings take place Tuesdays through Fridays at noon and last approximately 40–60 minutes. Volunteers and staff walk with a small, wheeled suitcase of supplies.

Sign up to volunteer through VOMO, our volunteer management platform, or contact Program Manager La Rita Chatman at lchatman@chicagolights.org to arrange a day or time.

URBAN FARM FALL FESTIVAL - OCT. 24

Celebrate fall at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm!

Join us for an afternoon of family fun featuring pumpkin painting, a haunted house, a bouncy house, face painting, s'mores, seasonal treats, and candy bags for kids.

Urban Farm Fall Festival
Saturday, October 24 | 12:00–3:00 p.m.
Chicago Lights Urban Farm, 444 W. Chicago Ave.
Free and open to all!

Visit the Chicago Lights table during coffee hour today to learn more about the Urban Farm and enter a raffle to win a custom made Chicago Lights tote, designed by teens in our Harvesting Futures program.

We hope you can join us!

Connections and Belonging

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

ANNOUNCING THE AMEN HOUR

The Amen Hour

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.



Wednesdays through 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

RACIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE FIELD TRIP

If Emmett Till Had Lived: Freedom on American Ground

Join the Racial Equity Committee for a visit to this powerful exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Photography at Columbia College, followed by lunch and a facilitated conversation about its themes and impact.



Saturday, November 7
9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
 Bus departs Fourth Church at 9:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$25 per person, space is limited
 To register, scan the QR code or contact Robert Crouch, rcrouch@FourthChurch.org

MUSIC AT FOURTH

Choral Society

Choral Society is back! Join us for a new season of singing, community, and great music as we explore Robert Ray's inspiring Gospel Mass. The season culminates in a concert on November 15 at 3:00 p.m.

New to Choral Society? Returning singer? All are welcome! To learn more or sign up, contact Andrew Herbruck at aherbruck@FourthChurch.org.

Rehearsals | Thursdays, 6:40–7:35 p.m.
 Buchanan Chapel

11th Anniversary Organ Concert featuring Nathaniel Gumbs

Join us to celebrate the 11th anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ with organist Nathaniel Gumbs.

Friday, October 30 | 7:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary

Friday Noonday Concert

This week's concert on October 23 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary will feature the Lumina Piano Duo.

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

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

What do we have to learn from one another? Men of all ages are invited to gather for an informal conversation about faith, life, and the experiences that connect us across generations.



Sunday, October 25 | 12:15 p.m.
 Gratz Center, Room 4G
 All are welcome
 To register, scan here

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.

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.

CHILDREN & FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Service project for Kindergarten/1st grade Today, Sunday, October 18 | 10:30 a.m. Gratz Center, 4th floor

We will be making Halloween candy bags to give to our Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper guests.

Animal Family Night

Friday, November 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Advent Wreath Decorating

Sunday, November 29 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor loved ones who have died. During worship, we will read the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. The Morning Choir will sing Bob Chilcott's Requiem as part of this special service of remembrance.

NEW FOURTH CHURCH PODCAST

New Podcast: Creating the Canon

Join Pastor Matt Helms for a six-episode series exploring how the New Testament was formed – looking at how 27 early church writings from the first century came to be viewed as scripture. This podcast coincides with our Bible in 100 Passages devotion series.

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 Biblical Pop Songs

Coming Up

October 27: Top 10 Most Gruesome Bible Passages



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

BIBLE IN 100 PASSAGES: BIBLE STUDY

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



Tuesday, November 3 | 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Anderson Hall
To register in advance, scan here

TWENTIES & THIRTIES

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

Jack's Pumpkin Patch Pop-Up

Fall fun awaits! Join us for a night at Jack's Pumpkin Patch Pop-Up featuring a corn maze, carnival games and rides, and of course, apple cider donuts!



Saturday, October 24 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

\$35 per person

1265 West Le Moyne St, Chicago, 60642

Bring a friend and your favorite fall sweater! To register, scan here

Coffee with Questions

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

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

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

Pope Francis and Pope Leo: A Different Kind of Pope

Something has changed in the Roman Catholic Church. What can we learn from it?

Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV have each signaled important shifts in how the papacy is understood and exercised in the modern world. In this three-week series, Professor Steven P. Millies will explore recent developments in the Catholic Church, the challenges and opportunities shaping its future, and why the papacy may never look quite the same again.

October 18, October 25, and November 1 | 11:00 a.m.

Borwell Dining Room and livestreamed

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*).

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*

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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, Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Joe Morrow, Katie Adams

Beadle: Cheri Lundin (9:30), David Wilson (11:00)

Liturgist: Greg Schwem (9:30), Katie Adams (11:00)

The Music Today

Andrew Herbruck, Organist and Director of Music

Handbell Choir

Molly Reatherford, harp

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.