



Reformation Sunday

OCTOBER 25, 2026 • 9:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Tom Trenney

Processional

Highland Cathedral

*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 from Psalm 90

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth or the earth was formed from
everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

All: So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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

***Hymn #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost,
but we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We have been misled by our pride, seeing ourselves as blameless,
even when we are to blame, and seeing ourselves as great,
when instead we are small. We have failed to love more widely,
neglected justice for those who are oppressed, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin.
Return us to your paths, through Jesus 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.

Ministry Minute Gwen and Richard Knorr

Anthem

The Word Was God Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Joel 2: 23-32

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 Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon Camille Cook Howe

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** .from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries
in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work
with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by
the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful
lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord
Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in
death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the
Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

The Heavens Are Telling Franz Joseph Haydn
*The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of His work displays the firmament;
Today that is coming speaks it the day. The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.*

***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 (unison)**

**O God, who has so greatly loved us, and mercifully redeemed us; give us grace that
in everything we may yield ourselves, our will and our works, a continual thank
offering to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Recessional

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "Gelobet sei Gott" Healey Willan

FAITHFUL STEPS

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN | Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, Faithful Steps: Moving Forward Together, celebrates how our generosity fuels the transformative work of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, sharing God's love with our neighbors near and far.

As we take our next faithful steps, we invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge to support the people, programs, and ministries that bring our mission to life.

Pledge forms have been mailed to members' homes and are available at FourthChurch.org/pledge. Scan the QR code to make your pledge by Commitment Sunday, November 8.



Thank you to all who have already pledged!

2027 Pledge Commitments as of October 20, 2026				
	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church	128	\$ 816,286	\$ 3,500,000	23%
Chicago Lights	75	\$ 183,944	\$ 900,000	20%
Total	129	\$ 1,000,230	\$ 4,400,000	23%

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.

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.

Faith Formation

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

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTORAL RESIDENT

Welcome, Adriana Soto Acevedo!

We're delighted to welcome Adriana Soto Acevedo as Fourth Church's new pastoral resident. A recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Adriana joins us through a two-year partnership with the Presbytery of Chicago. Please join us in welcoming Adriana to our church community as she begins this new chapter in ministry with us! We invite you to stop by coffee hour today to say hello and greet Adriana in person.

Fourth Church's Pastoral Residency Program is made possible through the generosity of three endowed funds: the Shannon Johnson Kershner Fund for Theological Education, the Judith and Larry Braskamp Endowment, and the Eloise C. Foster and Larry A. Braskamp Endowment for Pastoral Leadership. Together, these funds provide enduring support for the formation of future pastoral leaders.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday with the City of Chicago Pipe Band

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, honoring the movement that helped shape the Presbyterian Church and its commitment to continually reform and renew the faith. The City of Chicago Pipe Band joins us in worship with the joyful sound of bagpipes at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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 meets 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 following Time with Children for their classrooms.

CHILDREN & FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for these upcoming family events next month!

Animal Family Night

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

Advent Wreath Decorating

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

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

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.

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

TWENTIES & THIRTIES

Join our Young Adults group, Twenties & Thirties, for these opportunities to connect today.

Bible Study

Sunday, October 25 | 11:00 a.m.

Gratz Center, Room 5G

Coffee with Questions

Sunday, October 25 | 12:15 p.m.

Gratz Center, Room 4E

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

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 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*

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

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.

Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

SHOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help Welcome Our Shower Ministry Guests

Male volunteers are needed Tuesdays from 1:00–4:00 p.m. to welcome male guests to our Shower Ministry and distribute hygiene items and clothing. Make a meaningful difference in someone's day!



To sign up to volunteer, visit our VOMO page or scan here.

For more information, contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@FourthChurch.org

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 FARM STAND

This coming Saturday is your last chance this fall to shop fresh, locally grown produce at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farm Stand! Every purchase supports the farm and its mission.

Saturday, October 31 | 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Chicago Lights Urban Farm
444 W Chicago Ave.

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 Sundays, November 1 and 15.

Sanctuary Tour

Sunday, October 25 | 12:15 p.m.

Sanctuary

CENTER FOR LIFE & LEARNING

Destigmatizing Dementia Revisited

Join us this Wednesday afternoon as we explore ways to better support people living with dementia, their care partners, and families while building a more dementia-friendly community.



Wednesday, October 28 | 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Free

To register, scan the QR code

The Risks of Isolation & the Benefits of Connection

Explore how isolation affects our body, brain, and spirit—and how meaningful relationships support our overall well-being. Presenter Dasha Kiper, MA in clinical psychology from Columbia University and MSW, is director of caregiver support at Renewal Memory Partners.

Wednesday, November 4 | 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Gratz Center, Room 5G

Free

For more information contact Annette Mileski, amileski@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

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

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 30 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary will feature the Renoir Trio.

Choral Society Concert

Robert Ray's Gospel Mass, a vibrant and spirited work that brings together the traditions of gospel music and the rich sound of the classical choir. Join us for a celebration of music that is sure to move you!

Sunday, November 15 | 3:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary

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

Today: 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

Worship Leaders

Camille Cook Howe, Joe Morrow, Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger, Adriana Soto Acevedo

Beadle: Larry Kerley (9:30), Akiko Ikeda (11:00)

Liturgist: Sam Reinhardt (9:30), Gretchen Wahl (11:00)

The Music Today

Andrew Herbruck, Organist and Director of Music

Errin Brooks, soloist

The Morning Choir

The Chancel Choir

City of Chicago Pipe Band

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

Adriana Soto Acevedo Pastoral Resident

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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.