FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Light in the City

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 • 9:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn
Beautiful Savior . . . . . Sandra Eithun

Introit

Praise Ye the Lord . . . . . .Donald Cashmore
Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of 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: *In every generation, the people of God have been blessed to find their home and resting place in God!*

All: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

One: *All creation since time began, has been blessed to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.*

All: We gather to worship the God of all creation.

One: *We gather to worship and praise our God, and to ask God to fill us with the joy of your unfailing love.*

All: May the favor and blessing of God be upon us this day. Amen.

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

***Hymn #612** . . . . . We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to serve as your witnesses in a hurting and broken world.
Yet we acknowledge that we are
more apathetic than active,
more isolated than involved,
more callous than compassionate,
more obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
We pray this in Jesus' 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.

Anthem

Locus Iste . . . . . Anton Bruckner

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson . . . . . Psalm 90: 1-8, 12

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 . . . . . Romans 12: 9-21

Sermon . . . . . Camille Cook Howe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #803** . . . . . My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

***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.

New Members (9:30)

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

Marching to Zion . . . . . Brandon Waddles

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God: But children of the heav'nly King, shall speak their joys abroad. The men of grace have found a glory started below. Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope grow. Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful, Zion: We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God. Marching up to see the face of God.

***Offertory Response** . . . . . Hymn #714, Verse 2

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.

***Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

Lord, we can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #372** . . . . . O for a World

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

God be with You Till we Meet Again . . . . . Jeremiah Eames Rankin

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again,

Postlude

Toccata from Suite Gothique . . . . . Léon Boëllmann

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Serving Our Wider Community

At Fourth Church, our ministry extends beyond worship through Mission and Justice, Meals Ministry, the Center for Life and Learning, and denominational support. Together, these ministries put faith into action through service, advocacy, learning, hospitality, and community partnerships.

Funding comes from three sources: 20% congregational giving, 38% invested funds, and 42% activity fees and designated gifts. These resources help us serve our neighbors, strengthen community connections, and extend our mission beyond the church walls.

Thank you for making this shared ministry possible.

FAITHFUL STEPS
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

With grateful hearts, we celebrate all who made a 2027 pledge on Commitment Sunday! Your generosity and commitment help sustain the worship, mission, and outreach of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Together, we are moving forward in faith, one faithful step at a time.

If you have not yet made your 2027 pledge, there is still time to take your next faithful step! **Make your pledge online at bit.ly/fpcclpledge.**

2027 Pledge Commitments as of November 10, 2026				
	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church	441	$ 2,535,509	$ 3,500,000	72%
Chicago Lights	261	$ 698,881	$ 900,000	78%
Total	449	$ 3,234,390	$ 4,400,000	74%

Scan the QR code to make your pledge

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.

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 for updates, stories, and ways to engage with our community.

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

Sunday School and Youth Groups meet today at 9:30 a.m. Children age three through 5th grade begin worship with their parents in the Sanctuary before departing for classrooms on the 4th floor. Junior and Senior High Youth Groups meet on the 5th floor of the Gratz Center.

CHILDREN & FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for these upcoming family events

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Time, Talents, Treasures, and Temples: Pillars of Stewardship in Our Spiritual Practices

In this class, Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol will explore how practices of generosity nurture and deepen our relationships with God and amplify the gospel.

Sunday, November 15 | 11:00 a.m.
Borwell Dining Room and livestreamed

To view all upcoming Adult Education classes visit FourthChurch.org/adult-education

Bible Top 10 Podcast: LIVE!

Join Associate Pastors Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms for a live taping of their Bible Top 10 Podcast. Enjoy behind-the-scenes stories from five years of podcasting, followed by a new episode exploring the "Top 10 Speeches in the Bible." New and longtime listeners are welcome!

Sunday, November 22 | 11:00 a.m.
Borwell Dining Room and livestreamed

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.

FOURTH CHURCH PODCASTS

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.

New Episode

November 24 | **Top Ten Speeches in the Bible**

Sunday Sermon Podcast

Listen to Sunday sermons each week on our sermon podcast.

You can access the podcasts above wherever you get your podcasts. Scan here to explore all Fourth Church podcasts.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving the loss of a loved one?

You don't have to walk through it alone. Circle of Support is a four-week grief support series offering community, encouragement, and hope. Whether your loss is recent or occurred some time ago, all are welcome. For more information please contact Nancy Benson-Nicol, nbenson-nicol@FourthChurch.org

Sundays, November 29–December 20
12:15–1:45 p.m.
Parish Manse
Please note, space in the support group is limited. Scan here to register.

WOW LGBTQIA+ LUNCH

Join us Sunday, November 22 for lunch, fellowship, and to make plans for the rest of the year.

Sunday, November 22 | 12:15 p.m.
Gratz Center, Room 4G

To register, please scan here

TWENTIES & THIRTIES

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

Advent Discussion

Join our Young Adults group, Twenties & Thirties, for a three-week Advent discussion using Possibility: Our Advent Journey with the Prophet, Priest, Pastor & Poet by Bruce Reyes-Chow.

Sundays, November 22, 29 and December 6 | 11:00 a.m.
Gratz Center, Room 5G

Holiday Night Out

Celebrate the season at JoJo's ShakeBAR! Enjoy a relaxed evening of painting ornaments, sipping sweet drinks, and connecting with friends. No artistic experience needed—just bring yourself and a friend!

Thursday, December 10 | 6:30–8:00 p.m.
23 W Hubbard Street, Chicago

To sign up, scan here.

Coffee with Questions

Sunday, November 22 | 12:15 p.m.
Gratz Center, Room 4F

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

ART IN THE LOGGIA: THE FOUR VIRTUES

Explore The Four Virtues: Fatherhood, Work, Wonder, and Fellowship, an exhibition by eli williamson examining how Black men and boys can be supported, loved, and honored through photography and written reflections. The exhibition is on display in the Loggia from October 31 through January 28.

Join eli williamson for a discussion of his work.
Sunday, November 22 | 12:30 p.m.
Borwell Dining Room
To register, please scan here

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

Help us prepare the Sanctuary for Advent!

Join us to decorate the Sanctuary as we welcome the season of hope and anticipation.

Sunday, November 22 | 12:15 p.m.
Sanctuary
To sign up, scan here

For more information, contact Esther Cloyd, ecloyd@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

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. To join, meet in the rear of the sanctuary following today's 11:00 a.m. service. Future tours will take place on Sundays, December 6 and 13.

CORNERSTONES

A Merry Christmas Sing-A-Long

Join Andrew Herbruck, Fourth Church's Organist and Director of Music, for a festive launch of the holiday season with Christmas carols, dinner, and good cheer!

Friday, December 4 | 5:00 p.m.
Anderson Hall
Dinner and Carols: $30
Carols Only: $10
Registration closes November 30

For more information, contact Andrew Herbruck, aherbruck@FourthChurch.org

BENEVOLENT GUILD

Do you enjoy sewing or crafting? Join the Benevolent Guild, Fourth Church's longestrunning 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

MUSIC AT FOURTH

Friday Noonday Concert

This week's concert on November 20 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary will feature classical guitarist Kevin Loh.

To view all upcoming concerts at Fourth Church visit FourthChurch.org/concerts

Choral Society Concert

This afternoon, the Fourth Church Choral Society presents Robert Ray's Gospel Mass, a vibrant and spirited work blending the traditions of gospel music with the rich sound of a classical choir. Join us for this uplifting celebration of music!

Sunday, November 15 | 3:00 p.m.
Buchanan Chapel

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Join the Racial Equity Committee in recognizing Native American Heritage Month. Stop by the committee's table during coffee hour today to explore books and resources highlighting the cultures, traditions, and histories of Indigenous peoples.

2027 CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE

Join Pastor Joe Morrow and members of the Presbytery of Chicago for Seeking Awareness in an Age of Distraction, an eight-day pilgrimage along Spain's historic Camino de Santiago, June 10–18, 2027.

Interested in learning more? Attend one of two virtual information sessions:

Wednesday, November 18
7:45–8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24
7:30–8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago and Fourth Presbyterian Church. Learn more about the pilgrimage and information sessions.

Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

2027 GALA OF HOPE

Celebrate, Connect and Make an Impact!
Join us for an unforgettable evening in support of Chicago Lights! The 2027 Gala of Hope brings together friends and supporters for a night of celebration, connection, and community—all in support of programs that build brighter futures for youth and adults.
Early-bird tickets on sale through December 31!

Tickets: $375 each
Saturday, March 6, 2027
5:30–11:00 p.m.
The Geraghty
2520 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago

Scan the QR code or visit chicagolights.org/gala-of-hope to purchase tickets and explore individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities. Questions? Contact Rebecca Sandoval at rsandoval@chicagolights.org.

CAROLING ON THE MAG MILE

Help us ring in the holiday season with caroling on the Sanctuary steps during the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival! Join us in spreading holiday cheer before the Tree Lighting Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 21 | 5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary steps

For more information, contact Andrew Herbruck, aherbruck@FourthChurch.org

CUBA MISSION TRIP PRAYER PARTNERS

Pastor Joe Morrow and members of Fourth Church are concluding their annual mission trip to Havana, Cuba. Please keep the team and our Cuban partners in your prayers, especially for safe travels as the group returns home on November 16.

USHERS

We are in need of more ushers for our 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Ushers greet and seat worshipers each Sunday.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Robert Crouch, Director, Volunteer Ministry, at 312-981-3382 or rcrouch@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. Ready to help a student shine? Scan here to sign up.

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

PLANNING FOR END-OF-LIFE CARE

Join us today for Planning for End-of-Life Care and Remembrance, an educational presentation led by Pastor Amy Pagliarella and hosted by the Legacy Society Advisory Council. Learn more about preparing for end-of-life care and remembrance.

Today, Sunday, November 15 | 12:15 p.m.
The Manse (first floor)
Free to attend

For more information, contact Katie Adams at kadams@FourthChurch.org

CHRISTMAS WISHES

This season you can share Christmas joy through our annual Christmas Wishes project, organized by Women at Fourth, which provides gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring. We are in need of monetary contributions for the purchase of books and giftcards for the youth. Please note “Christmas Wishes” in the designation of an online gift at FourthChurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Worship Leaders

Camille Cook Howe, Adriana Soto Acevedo, Matt Helms, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

Beadle: Brenda Mauldin (9:30), Kathryn Burkhardt (11:00)

Liturgist: Greg Schwem (9:30), Janet Love (11:00)

The Music Today

Andrew Herbruck, Organist and Director of Music

The Morning Choir

The Handbell 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

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.