



At a joint meeting of Session and the Board of Trustees on Sunday, July 26, the boards voted to continue gathering online for **livestream-only worship** for the foreseeable future, until such a time as they deem it safe to once again gather in person. In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)); we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email** ([www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)).

An **online town hall gathering** will be held on Sunday, August 23 at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the boards' recent decisions about the ways in which we will be church in the days ahead, as we continue to serve those in need and to build connections with one another during this pandemic. There will be time for questions and comments as well as opportunity to hear more about the plans. We hope you will join us at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms)

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org))—

- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**
- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you want to talk about the grief, anger, and frustration you are feeling**
- ▶ **if you have a prayer request;** Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
- ▶ **If you would like to explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.
- ▶ **If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.
- ▶ **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff.

Watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) for resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([www.instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch)) for updates and glimpses of our life together while apart.

Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) or read them online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), or on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)). \* On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for details. \* A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

**The Officer Nominating Committee** is gathering recommendations of individuals to serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please take a moment to offer your leadership recommendations by completing the online form at [www.bit.ly/nominating2020](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2020)

**Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms), where they are also available later in the week. This week's concert features pianist Stu Mindeman; an annual favorite, the cabaret duo of Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael, will perform on August 14. \* Details about **online youth group gatherings** are available from Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties** offers opportunities for young adults, including a weekly Zoom Coffee Hour on Sundays following worship and a book study. Details are available from Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **Adults sixty and over** are invited to take part in online **Center for Life and Learning** summer exercise classes, virtual tours, and more. Details are available from Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)). \* The World Mission and Social Justice Committee is gathering names of those who might be interested in participating in a **future mission trip to India**. To express interest, please contact Parish Associate Maggie Shreve ([jailministry@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jailministry@fourthchurch.org)).

To purchase fresh produce and support the community, stop by the **Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Guests are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while at the Farm (*444 W. Chicago Ave.*).

As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing—via outdoor pickup—“to go” meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and “to go” lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. \* Tuesday through Friday mornings the Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** offers “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. \* For ways to **order and ship items needed for these ministries** see [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

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