

# News and Resources

November 14–20, 2021



We are glad to be worshiping with you today and hope you will explore the many

opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

⌘ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ⌘ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. ⌘ For those worshiping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and a 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel.** ⌘ In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing.** The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ⌘ **The congregation is invited to sing while masked.** We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ⌘ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ⌘ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ⌘ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. ⌘ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors. ⌘ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.

You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities at [www.fourthchurch.org/reopening](http://www.fourthchurch.org/reopening)

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern.** ☀️ On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. For details, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)). ☀️ A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Repogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/repoglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/repoglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) ☀️ Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)), and email (*sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)*).



**For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. ☀️ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. ☀️ During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).



Each Wednesday we release a new video in our "**Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer**" series, a fifteen-minute worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. This month Matt Helms and Joe Morrow are guiding these times of reflection. You can **subscribe to our YouTube channel** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) and watch the videos there on Wednesday evenings or during the week or **receive them by email** (*sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail)*).



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ☀️ To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Repogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ☀️ If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). ☀️ **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.

**This Friday, November 19 Aaron David Miller will present an organ concert** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Sherer serving as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church. This in-person concert will also be livestreamed and will include Aaron David Miller premiering his composition **“Sonata for a Sacred Space,”** commissioned by the congregation in honor of John Sherer’s twenty-five years at Fourth Church. ☀ Also this Friday the **Roosevelt Choirs** will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance.* Our concerts are livestreamed as well as available later on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms), and on Facebook Live.



This Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. we will be **singing carols** (*while masked*) on the steps of the Sanctuary as part of the **Magnificent Mile Lights Festival**. All who want to share holiday cheer with those gathering for the Michigan Avenue festivities are invited to join us in the singing in the season. ☀ Also this season, Women at Fourth is coordinating our annual **Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students**. To support this project we are collecting gift cards to Target, Amazon, and Walmart. If you are dropping off **gift cards** at the church, please mark them as to the attention of Simon Crow and designate the amount on the card(s). (*We are giving \$30 worth of gift cards to each student.*) We are also purchasing a book to give to each student and appreciate **monetary contributions to support the book purchases**. Monetary gifts can be made to Fourth Church, noting “Christmas Wishes” in the comments/memo line. For more details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ☀ As we look ahead to Advent and Christmas, again this year we invite you to honor a loved one with a **contribution toward the Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those **individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin**. **Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgift](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift)** and must be received by Sunday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).



**On Thanksgiving Day 2021** we will not be gathering in person for worship. Instead we will be sharing a **Thanksgiving-themed “Rhythm and Word” video** on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Thursday, November 25. When you or those with whom you may be gathering are looking for fifteen minutes of spiritual reflection during which to pause to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, we invite you to view the music-and-word worship experience released that day.

Today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room Lois Snavely will lead us in looking at **how to discern vocational calling** in a secular workplace. This “Discerning Vocation” class is cohosted by the Adult Education Committee and the TwentiesThirties fellowship group. ✶ One of our most popular adult education classes has been “God in the Modern Wing,” exploring spiritual and artistic expression in the work of modern abstract artists. On Sunday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m., Walter Hansen will return to lead a one-session class, **“God in the Modern Wing: The Book,”** looking at the book that grew out of those presentations and following it with an optional walk to the Art Institute of Chicago to view some of the works. You can register for the class, which will meet in Borwell Dining Room, at [www.bit.ly/modernwing1205](http://www.bit.ly/modernwing1205) ✶ **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✶ **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. to begin reading through the New Testament. Email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)) for details.



On Tuesday, December 7 the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss *IRL: Finding Realness, Meaning, and Belonging in Our Digital Lives* by Chris Stedman at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Lewis Hamer ([lhamer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lhamer@fourthchurch.org)). ✶ On Tuesday, December 14 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss people’s favorite **Agatha Christie books**. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



On Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., the **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets via Zoom ✶ **Knitting and Crocheting** will gather via Zoom on Tuesday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation ✶ **Cornerstones**, a group for adults fifty and over who share in a monthly time of fellowship and a program, will gather online on Friday evening, December 3. For Zoom details about any of these opportunities, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✶ Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning’s online weekday classes, lectures, and exercise opportunities**. For details, email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)) or see [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll)



Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✶ For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)). ✶ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)

**Sunday School** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)).  **Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor.  **Junior High Youth** meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High Youth** meet at 11:15 a.m. For details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).  **Youth parents** gather for fellowship at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor.  **Cherub and Children's Music Time** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, where **Youth Music Time** (grades 6–12) meets at 10:45 a.m.



**Chicago Lights Social Service Center** is in need of donations of clean, gently used adult clothing and men's shoes. (*We are not accepting children's clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.*) Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please do not leave donations on the church steps. Ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in. *Masks are required while on the campus.*  **Volunteers are needed to serve Sunday Night Supper** in upcoming weeks. You can sign up to help with Meals Ministry by using VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry platform ([www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)). *All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to [vaxproof@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vaxproof@fourthchurch.org)*



**Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial!** During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page [www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://www.fourthchurch.org/150) to read **historical accounts** and letters from Chicago's faith leaders. There you can also hear greetings from Fourth Church friends from across the globe and **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically.  Commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial are new **Ordinary Time banners**. Designed by Ellie Cotey, with additional sewing done by members of the Benevolent Guild, these banners, paraments, and stoles depict Chicago and its landscape and, with rays of radiating light, evoke this congregation's call to be a light in the city. The pulpit parament, which incorporates a map of Chicago, is created from 150 pieces—one for each year of our history. The lectern paraments and stoles bring together the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of the prairie that surrounds the city, while the hanging banners offer images of local wildflowers.

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