## October 30–November 5, 2022



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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a mask-welcoming campus, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.
\*\* In the Sanctuary, the front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. **\*\* 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.

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During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (*www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast*). **\*\*** You can also receive the previous Sunday's **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons **\*\*** During the week, we invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a **resource for reflection**. These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions **\*\*** For additional biblical exploration, listen in as Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger discuss the **"Bible Top Ten"** in their **podcast** by that title (*fourthchurch.org/podcast*), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

**Ensure you receive the latest updates** from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at **www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc** 

If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service (*with Communion*) in Buchanan Chapel. **\*\*** On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. 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 to the Gratz Center. **\*\*** Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) 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. **\*\*** During the morning service nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **\*\*** Worship can be heard in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. **\*\*** Please silence electronic devices during worship.

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Following worship, a pipe organ tour begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary \*\* Also following worship, 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. \*\* We also gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom and at 10:00 a.m. for in-person Morning Prayer in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). \*\* The Chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). \*\* A Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

We ask that those of you worshiping with us in person please take a moment to sign the pew information pads so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service. \*\* Those worshiping in person this morning are also invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service.
\*\* For additional ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various resources, watch our website (*www.fourthchurch.org*) and Facebook (*facebook.com/fourthchurch*) \*\* Events are posted on our church calendar, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

**Today is Commitment Sunday,** the day we lift up our pledges to our 2023 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Following the sermon we will bring forward our pledges and dedicate them to the work of God's kingdom, as we each answer the invitation to join in God's recreating and reconciling work in this world through our financial support. If you have not already made your pledge for 2023 indicating your support for and investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, we encourage you to take this opportunity to do so by filling out the form at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge cards found in the pew racks. (*If you have already submitted your pledge, in the pew racks there are "I pledged" cards to bring forward.*)

Today is also Reformation Sunday, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. **\*\* Next Sunday, November 6 is All Saints' Sunday,** a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2022 will be read during worship. During the 10:00 a.m. service that day the Morning Choir will sing the thirty-minute *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé.



On Friday evening, November 11, the Fourth Church Choral Society will join organist David Briggs in presenting Briggs' organ transcription of **Mahler's Second Symphony "Resurrection"** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary *(in person and livestreamed)*. This concert celebrates the Dedication Anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ. **\*** Our **Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature pianist Susan Merdinger this Friday, November 4. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*).

The First Tuesday Book Club invites you to join the Zoom discussion of *Interfaith Leadership* by Eboo Patel this Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1122 for Zoom details. **\*\* Cornerstones,** a group for those fifty and over, will gather on Friday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship, dinner, and a panel presentation on **\*Voices of Young Adults: Issues our Generation Faces.\*** Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1122 **\*\* Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room and via Zoom to discuss *Having and Being Had* by Eula Biss. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome gathers for brunch today following worship, with all who would like to join meeting at the church reception desk to walk together to a nearby restaurant. \* The Knitting and Crocheting group meets this Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. \* The Benevolent Guild—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets this Wednesday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.



Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at Fourth Church) and online mentors to connect one-to-one with a student (grades 1–12) one evening a week. There are volunteer openings for Permanent Tutors, who meet with the same student weekly, building relationships, trust, and self-esteem through academics, advising, and social and communication skills, as well as Substitute Tutors, who volunteer on a more flexible schedule to fill in when a Permanent Tutor is unavailable. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the life of a child (and in yours!) through Tutoring, please contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org) or visit chicagolights.org/volunteer/#tutoring **\*\*** If you would like to read Scripture and lead prayers in an upcoming worship service, please email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Worship), to express your interest. **\*\*** Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church include rehearsals today for Cherub and Children's Choir (9:30 a.m. in Room 4G); Youth Choir (10:45 a.m. in Room 4G); Handbell Choir (11:15 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft); and the Gospel Choir (1:30 p.m. in Room 4G).



The **purple bows** on the fence along Michigan Avenue are our public witness to all those affected by domestic violence. A **Prayer Service for Domestic Violence Awareness Month** will take place outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard this Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m.

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To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. **\*** To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org **\*** For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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 or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

## Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday; be sure to set your clocks back an hour!

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Those interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5F. Register at www.bit.ly/inquirers1122

The adult education class **"Ezekiel: Where Is Home in Exile?"** concludes today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (*www.bit.ly/ezekiel1022*). Taught by Jina Kang of McCormick Theological Seminary, this class explores the biblical book of Ezekiel through the lens of migration. **\*\*** A new class, **"Housing Insecurity: Advocacy Design Team,"** begins next Sunday, November 6 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The Fourth Church Community Engagement Working Group, the Chicago Lights Board Strategy Committee, and the World Mission and Social Justice Advocacy Committee have collaborated to design this November series, which builds on our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Register for the class at www.bit.ly/aehousing1122



Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—next meets Wednesday, November 9. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). **# "Journey to the Center: A Spiritual Formation Workshop"** will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*with a Zoom option also available*). This opportunity to explore and learn more about what it means to live an embodied spirituality as inspired by Christ's example will include discussion of various types of prayer, meditation, contemplation, and reflection as well as opportunity to walk the labyrinth. The workshop will be led by Nancy Benson-Nicol, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation; for details, contact her at nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org



Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **\*\*** All youth in grades 6–12 are encouraged to join their families in worship this morning. Afterwards, Senior High will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. **\*\*** Next Sunday morning, November 6, parents and youth will gather to learn about 2023 summer youth trip opportunities, with Confirmation (*eighth grade*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G; Junior High at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room; and Senior High at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.