News and Opportunities



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.



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 via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ****** On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue *(through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors);* at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. **** Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan *(access from Rush or Walton)* at the rate of \$9 for 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. ****** In the Sanctuary **worship can be heard** through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ****** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.

Children are always welcome in worship! **If you need to step out to comfort your child,** the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** for infants through two-year-olds is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **** Sunday School** does not meet in August; we look forward to it resuming on Sunday, September 10.

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**

We ask all who are worshiping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form.** Those worshiping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form**—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the "Welcome and Announcements" that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshiping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews,** passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. ***** Following the service, those worshiping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour,** which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service and sermon available via podcast on multiple podcast platforms and at www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts ***** You can also receive the previous Sunday's sermon text by email by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



Following worship a pipe organ tour begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ** Also following the service
Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) to pray with those who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern. ** We 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). ** Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a Sacred Pause time of meditation at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.). ** Buchanan Chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday.

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 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. To talk with a Stephen Minister, 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. Next Sunday, August 13 we will welcome as guest preacher Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, president and CEO of Interfaith Alliance. An ordained Baptist minister, he is a longtime leader in the interfaith movement working to protect an inclusive vision of religious freedom for people of all faiths and none. He has also served as senior vice president of the Auburn Seminary, the founding and executive editor of HuffPost Religion, associate dean of religious life and the chapel at Princeton University, and a founding editor of Beliefnet.com. We hope you will be with us to hear Paul Raushenbush preach and extend to him a warm Fourth Church welcome!



Also next Sunday, August 13 please plan to enjoy a festive picnic with us following worship. We will gather in the Michigan Avenue courtyard *(weather permitting)* for BBQ and optional simple yard games. We'll also have popsicles, bubbles, and hula hoops for the kids, with grown-ups with playful spirits also welcome to join in those activities as well!



Come enjoy the outdoor concerts of our Music by the Fountain series on August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. This Friday, August 11 **an annual favorite, the cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michaels,** will be in concert; on August 18 Kathleen Monson and Riko Higuma will be performing Gershwin tunes. A full concert listing is available on our website at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



Our annual School Supply Drive, organized by Women at Fourth, is in need of monetary gifts to help the team purchase the remaining supplies needed for children taking part in the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring** programs. Contributions can be made by designating either a check (*payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church*) or an online gift (*www.fourthchurch.org/give*) to "School Supply Drive." For more information, contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshiping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. **** Save the date for our Neighborhood** Block Party / Get Connected Sunday, which will take place on Sunday, September 10 as well. It will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Watch for details in the weeks ahead! For more information, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). Opportunities to engage in Bible study via Zoom include **Men's Bible Study**, which meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and *Horizons Women's Bible Study*, which meets this Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details for these studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

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LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) gathers for brunch on Sunday, August 20; those joining in this time of fellowship will meet at the reception desk following worship to walk together to a nearby restaurant. **** Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Knitting and Crocheting, WOW, Bible studies, and the picnic are but some of the many ways in which to **build community with others** through Fourth Church. For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our **website** (*www.fourthchurch.org*). ***** Events are posted online on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar ***** We invite you to follow us on **Facebook** (*facebook.com/fourthchurch*) for news, updates, photos, and favorite quotes from recent devotions, sermons, and prayers. You can also find us on **Instagram** (*instagram.com/fourthchurch*) and **Threads** (*www.threads.net/@fourthchurch*).



Would you be interested in contributing to worship by **serving as a beadle, usher, liturgist, or member of the Chancel Guild.** Beadles lead our procession into worship each Sunday, while ushers welcome worshipers with warm hospitality. Liturgists read scripture or lead prayers in the service, and the Chancel Guild **prepares elements for Communion.** You can volunteer to be a **beadle** in September and October by signing up at www.bit.ly/beadle91023; to sign up as an **usher**, visit the Usher table at Coffee Hour after worship today or sign up at www.bit.ly/usherinterest; and to volunteer as a **liturgist,** email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). To join the **Chancel Guild** for a Communion Sunday, sign up at www.bit.ly/chancelguildfpc

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Our **daily devotions** (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*) are available by email as a resource for your **personal reflection and prayer:** subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions **#** Also available by email (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail*) is our weekly **"Rhythm and Word" video series**, which offers **ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer.** New and previous videos can be viewed on our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/fpcvideos