

# News and Opportunities

September 3–9, 2023



**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 are livestreaming today's 10:00 a.m. service on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. Beginning next Sunday, we will be livestreaming the 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services. ⌘ **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**, beginning next Sunday we will gather each Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. ⌘ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each 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. ⌘ **Worship can be heard** through "T" or "T-coil" settings 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.

**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](http://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 Sunday morning **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at [www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ☀ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://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](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ☀ Our Repogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** at [facebook.com/repolglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/repolglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Repogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

**Beginning next Sunday, September 10 we will be worshiping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings, with the Morning Choir singing at 9:30 and the Chancel Choir singing at 11:00. **The 9:30 service will be livestreamed** and available for viewing at 9:30 and any time afterwards. Also beginning next Sunday **our afternoon service will resume at a new time with a new name.** **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00** will be a more casual, intimate service than worship in the morning and will also take place in the Sanctuary. The **afternoon service will also be livestreamed.** We hope you will come experience it!



#### **Also next Sunday we are hosting our annual Neighborhood Block Party / Get Connected Sunday!**

The festivities will take in the Michigan Avenue courtyard from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include games, music, ice cream treats, a pet blessing, and more! For additional information or to **help set up on Saturday, September 9**, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ☀ Next Sunday we will also **kick off a new year of Sunday School** (9:30 and 11:00 a.m.), **Youth gatherings, and Sunday morning Adult Education classes** (11:00 a.m.). The first of those classes will be **“Celtic Spirituality” taught by Vicky Curtiss** on Sundays, September 10–24 at 11:00 a.m., both in person and via Zoom; for details, register at [www.bit.ly/aeceltic923](http://www.bit.ly/aeceltic923)



The **Fourth Church Day School is enrolling children** ages 1–4 years old for the 2023–2024 school year. More information about our part-time preschool programs can be found at [www.bit.ly/fpcdayschoolprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdayschoolprograms) ☀ **If you have an eighth grader interested in participating in Confirmation** this year, please register at [www.bit.ly/confirmation2324](http://www.bit.ly/confirmation2324) by next Sunday, September 10, when we will have a kickoff gathering of students and parents at 9:30 a.m. ☀ **Registration for the Autumn Session** with the Center for Life and Learning is underway. Learn more about the classes and register for membership at [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) ☀ Those who would like to **learn more about this congregation or become a member** of Fourth Church are invited to a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom this Wednesday, September 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (*register at [www.bit.ly/inquirers923](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers923)*). For more details about the class or membership, email [member@fourthchurch.org](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org)



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

The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center** is in **need of men's casual clothing** (*gently worn or new*) in all sizes. ● **Fourth Church Shower Ministry** is in **need of unused, hotel-sized toiletries**. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk seven days a week (*except Labor Day*) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please mark them "Attn. Shower Ministry" or "Attn. Social Service Center." ● **Food items for Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, which has seen an increase in guests, is also needed and can be ordered and shipped to the church using the links on [www.fourthchurch.org/meals](http://www.fourthchurch.org/meals)

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**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ● This week's **free Friday Noonday Concert**, which takes place in the Sanctuary and is also livestreamed, will feature pianist Amy Wurtz. See [fourthchurch.org/concerts](http://fourthchurch.org/concerts) for details. ● **Knitting and Crocheting** meets in person this Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ● **Benevolent Guild**, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. No sewing experience is necessary. ● The **Cornerstones fellowship group for those fifty and older** will gather for dinner and a program this Friday, September 8 in Borwell Dining Room. That evening Jay Tunney will talk about his book *The Prizefighter and the Playwright* and its **recounting of the close friendship between his father, boxer Gene Tunney, and the playwright George Bernard Shaw**. To attend, register (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones923](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones923) ● **Books by Women** will discuss ***The Secret Life of Sunflowers*** by Marta Molnar at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ● **Zoom Small Groups** will begin at the end of September. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ● A four-week **Grief Support Group** hosted by our Repogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being begins Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. To register (*required*), email Sharon Crawford Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)), call the Center at 312.787.8425, or visit [www.repoglecenter.org](http://www.repoglecenter.org).



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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). ● Events are posted online on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar) ● We invite you to follow us on **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for updates, photos, and favorite quotes from recent devotions, sermons, and prayers. You can also find us on **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)) and **Threads** ([www.threads.net/@fourthchurch](https://www.threads.net/@fourthchurch)).