



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life,** we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Let us know you’re worshiping with us

Please 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.

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. We **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (*For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning*) *

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the video as well as on our website. * Those **without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (*except on Easter Sunday, when our second morning service will be at 11:30 a.m.*). ☀ **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 services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ☀ A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with **three fully accessible entrances**, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. **On Easter Sunday**, entrance will be through the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue. ☀ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ☀ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. ☀ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*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 ushers.

Prayer, meditation, and sermons

If you would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today**, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ☀ Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on Wednesday, April 3, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ☀ If you would like to **walk the labyrinth**, Buchanan Chapel is open for that purpose between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ☀ You are also invited to a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** offered 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 ☀ During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts ☀ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning’s **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.

Observing the season of Lent

During Advent we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ. Now **during Lent our extinguishing of candles** points to the season’s progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ☀ Daily **Holy Week devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions) are available via email for your **personal reflection** (subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions). ☀ Weekly Wednesday **“Rhythm and Word” videos** are also available via email (subscribe at bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail) and by subscribing to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Sunday opportunities

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall following the service to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. ☀ If you are a young adult, please visit the Young Adult Ministry table in Coffee Hour to connect with others in their twenties and thirties. ☀ **Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ☀ Rehearsing on Sundays are **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten–grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ☀ Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (*grades 6–7*) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m. ☀ A one-session **Inquirers' Class** for those interested in becoming members of Fourth Church meets at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F. ☀ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary ☀ We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The first step in our search for a new pastor will be the election of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC) later this spring. To help the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of recommended PNC candidates, the committee asks that you take a moment between now and April 7 to submit your suggestions of individuals to serve on the PNC. **Forms for self-nomination and for recommending someone else** can be found at fourthchurch.org/pnc, where you will also find information about PNC responsibilities and the process of selecting a PNC.

How do you prefer to learn information from Fourth Church?

There's a lot going on at Fourth Church! There are worship services, classes, trips, concerts, and gatherings, not to mention Long-Range Planning work and the formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee. **We want to make sure you feel connected** to all of these initiatives and have all the latest information about them. So we ask that you **please take 1 minute to reply to a simple survey** to let us know how you want to access the latest news and information from us: fourthchurch.org/inform

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

Fourth Church and the Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills are cosponsoring an October 18–27 **Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage** to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. This trip will deliver a deeper understanding of and insights into the historic movers and movements of the historic and ongoing civil rights struggles. To learn more about this pilgrimage in which travelers will learn personal stories, visit museums and historical sites, and experience cultural immersion, see www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024; trip application: www.bit.ly/civilrightstrail2024

Get connected

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, and **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, March 27 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ✽ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for this group or the Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✽ **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary.* ✽ **Tom Dozman** will talk about "**Christian Nationalism**: How Did It Evolve, and What Does It Mean Today?" when **Cornerstones**—a fellowship group of those fifty and over—meets on Friday evening, April 5 in Borwell Dining Room. Preregistration required at www.bit.ly/cornerstones424 ✽ "**Dying Gracefully**," an Adult Education class presented by HD Mitchell, will meet in person and via Zoom on Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✽ "**Sermon Discussion, Feedback, and Fellowship**" led by Matt Helms will meet in person on April Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✽ Join in welcoming others by being part of our **Coffee Hour Hospitality Team**. For details, contact Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✽ Our **Day School preschool** is beginning **fall enrollment** for the 2024–2025 school year; for details contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: www.fourthchurch.org, where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities**. ✽ We also invite you to **follow us** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✽ Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc; you can find our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news ✽ To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✽ Also email Gloria if you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✽ **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 counseling as well learn about our Grief Groups**, call our Repogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit repoglecenter.org

Join us for worship during Holy Week

On Wednesday evening, March 27 we will release our Holy Week **“Rhythm and Word” video**.

This 10-minute worship experience weaves together scripture, prayer, and music and can be found after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) ⚡ On March 28,

Maundy Thursday, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a **12:10 p.m. Communion service** that will include optional foot- and handwashing and a **6:30 p.m. Tenebrae service**, also with Communion.

This evening service follows the ancient Office of Tenebrae (from the Latin for “shadows”). The service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus, beginning with his abandonment on Thursday and concluding with his crucifixion. The service ends with the Sanctuary in complete darkness. The 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae service will be livestreamed. ⚡ On March 29 we will observe Good Friday with a **Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m.** in the Sanctuary; a **5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families**; and a **6:30 p.m. Good Friday Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing Francis Poulenc’s *Stabat Mater*; the 6:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ⚡ On Saturday we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (in person only), for which we will be joined by our friends from Edgewater Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church. Beginning with kindling a fire in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, we will move into the Sanctuary, where we will hear readings that cover the story of salvation, from creation through redemption, and join in sacred song.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday we will gather for four services: a **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** at Oak Street Beach, with Communion; **9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **The Gathering, with Communion, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. ⚡ The 9:30 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed, with the prelude beginning around 9:15 a.m., and will be available to watch anytime later that morning or afterwards. The 2:00 p.m. service will also be livestreamed. ⚡ Entrance for the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services will be only through the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. Seating will begin a half hour prior to each of those two services. ⚡ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday; nursery care will be available between 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. ⚡ See fourthchurch.org/lent-easter for the complete schedule and details.

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F or via Zoom on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*).

For details, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org