



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.”**

Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (For our summer worship schedule, see page 5.)

Entering the building

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*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 115 E. Delaware.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Parking

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*) for \$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.

Worshipping Online

We livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime 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

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out the information form.

In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the information pads in the pews, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. If your contact information has changed, please indicate that too.

Online

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Sunday Opportunities

Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour—an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Praying with a Deacon

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 worship.

Adult education

The class “Food and Religion” meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Sarah Kernan, food historian and Scholar in Residence at Newberry Library, will talk in particular about how Christians in medieval Europe acted out their faith through food. For Zoom details, register at bit.ly/aefoodreligion

A staged reading of *Perseverance of the Saints*, written by Kat Evans and based on the 1874 heresy trial of Fourth Church pastor David Swing, takes place at Chicago Temple (77 W. Washington) this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. The readings will also be livestreamed on the Temple’s YouTube channel. For details and registration links for the two readings, see fourthchurch.org/adult-education

Pipe organ tour

Following the 11:00 service a pipe organ tour begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

Afternoon worship service

We invite you to join us for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, a casual, intimate service. Beena David and the Gathering Ensemble lead our music; Nancy Benson-Nicol will be preaching.

Children and Youth

Children in 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.

Nursery care

During the morning services nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday school

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. The 9:30 classes also come together for a “Children’s Chapel” time of worship in Buchanan Chapel.

Youth groups

Junior High (grades 6–7) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and Senior High (grades 8–12) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them daily at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook and Instagram.

Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos

On Wednesdays we release a ten-minute video of music, scripture, and prayer, led this month by Matt Helms and the Gathering musicians. To receive notice of new videos, subscribe to our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos; to receive them in your inbox, sign up at bit.ly/rhythmmandword

Meditation Opportunities

You are invited to a Sacred Pause time of meditation offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

If you would like to walk the labyrinth, Buchanan Chapel is open for that opportunity between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). On the first Wednesday of the month (*June 5*) we gather for in-person Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Podcasts

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon are made available via podcast on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

You will also find there Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s podcast “Bible Top Ten.” This lively, informative, and often amusing podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Volunteer with Us

You can explore our varied volunteer opportunities—including ushering, tutoring, serving with Meals Ministry, and more!—at fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Particularly needed are individuals to serve as Coffee Hour hosts. For details, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Also needed is an individual with digital marketing expertise to help the Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. If interested, contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

We are recruiting Fourth Church Ambassadors to welcome visitors to our church, provide them with insightful tours, share compelling stories, help them navigate our facility, and invite them into moments of spiritual solace and wonder. To express interest or learn more, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Get Connected

Bible studies

Three Bible studies meet via Zoom: Men's Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and *Horizons* Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, May 8 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Adult education

A discussion of the play *Perseverance of the Saints* by Kat Evans takes place next Sunday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details about viewing a staged reading of the play, see page 9. For the Zoom link, register at fourthchurch.org/adult-education

Handcrafts

Knitting and Crocheting meets in person this Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Book group

The Books by Women group meets on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson.

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, May 12 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F (register at bit.ly/inquirers524). For more information, email Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Deep Listening Dinner

Friendship will be the theme of our next Deep Listening Dinner, a time to get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. To join the discussion, which will take place on Friday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall, register (required) at bit.ly/deeplisting524

Black history tour

Our Racial Equity Council invites you to join them for a Black history tour on Sunday, June 2 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Traveling by bus (from our Delaware Place entrance), we will tour Bronzeville with Chicago historian Sherman "Dilla" Thomas as our guide. Register at bit.ly/june2tour

Civil rights pilgrimage

Fourth Church is cosponsoring an October 18–27 Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. To learn more about this opportunity, see the trip description at www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation—whether in person or online—as well as discover resources and opportunities at fourthchurch.org

Weekly newsletter

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Calendar

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YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram

We invite you to follow us on various platforms.

- YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos
- Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch
- Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

Making Music

Celebrate John Sherer's music ministry

John Sherer's last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. As we celebrate and give thanks for his twenty-eight years of ministry among us, we hope you will mark these special opportunities on your calendar. This will be John Sherer's final season of directing the Choral Society before he moves to Rochester, New York, in late June.

- Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.: John directs the Choral Society.
- Fridays, May 31 and June 14 at 12:10 p.m.: John plays his last Friday Noonday Organ Concerts.
- Tuesday, June 4, 5:30–7:00 p.m.: Reception celebrating John's ministry; RSVP required at bit.ly/sherercelebration
- Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.: John plans an Organ Recital followed by a festive reception.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John's last Sunday leading us in worship music. If you would like to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that morning.

Interim Music Director search

An Interim Music Director Search Committee has been formed to look for someone to lead us in music while we shape the search for our next Organist and Director of Music.

News and Updates

Summer worship schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the weekend of Labor Day. From May 26 through September 1, we will gather for two worship services: at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m.

Congregational meeting

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m., both in person and via Zoom, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the search process for our next pastor.

AAPI Heritage Month

The AAPI flag flying in our courtyard bears public witness to May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Our Racial Equity Council invites you to stop by Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

Older Americans Month

May is when we join in celebrating Older Americans Month. Visit fourthchurch.org/cll to explore our Center for Life and Learning offerings for adults sixty and over.

Caring for One Another

Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org)

Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Stephen Ministry

For those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Calendar for May 5–11

The 126 E. Chestnut entrance is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5	9:00 a.m. Sunday School Office Room 4C
	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Room 4G
	9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary / Zoom
	9:30 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m. Nursery Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Pre-K Sunday School Room 4B
	9:30 a.m. K/1st Grade Sunday School Room 4D
	9:30 a.m. 2nd/3rd Grade Sunday School Room 4E
	9:30 a.m. 4th/5th Grade Sunday School Room 4F
	9:30 a.m. Children’s Chapel Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Gathering Bumpus Room
	10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir Room 4B
	10:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Room 4G
	11:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m. Pre-K–5th Grade Sunday School Room 4D
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Gathering Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m. “Food and Religion” Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m. Cornerstones Steering Team Room 4K
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Loft
	12:15 p.m. Voices of Light Rehearsal Room 4G
	12:15 p.m. Worship, Music, Arts Council Room 5F
	12:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Room 5E
	12:30 p.m. Racial Equity Council Room 5G
	2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 Sanctuary / Online
	3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Narthex
	3:00 p.m. <i>Perseverance of the Saints</i> Chicago Temple / livestreamed
	4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Medical Service Borwell Dining Room

Monday, May 6	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
	9:30 a.m. CLL: Advanced French Zoom
	9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program Classroom A
	10:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Mondays Zoom
	10:45 a.m. CLL: Intermediate French Zoom
	11:30 a.m. CLL: Mary Oliver: The Essays Room 4F / Zoom
	11:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Taps Zoom
	12:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning French Zoom
	1:00 p.m. CLL: Art History Zoom

Calendar for May 5–11

- 1:00 p.m. CLL: Writing From the Heart Zoom
- 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga Room 4F / Zoom
- 2:30 p.m. CLL: Zing-Along Room 4G
- 4:00 p.m. Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities

- Tuesday, May 7**
- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Zoom
 - 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
 - 9:30 a.m. Social Service Center Drop-Ins Morse Lounge
 - 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
 - 9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom
 - 12:15 p.m. Good Memories Choir Performance Buchanan Chapel
 - 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 5B
 - 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stage and Screen Room 5D
 - 11:30 a.m. CLL: Basic Spanish Room 4K
 - 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
 - 12:00 p.m. CLL: Conversation and Coloring Room 5C
 - 1:00 p.m. CLL: Foreign Affairs Zoom
 - 1:00 p.m. CLL: Improv Room 4D
 - 1:00 p.m. CLL: Watercolor Room 4F / Zoom
 - 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room
 - 1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry Showers
 - 2:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning Tai Chi Anderson Hall
 - 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall
 - 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring Fifth Floor
 - 6:00 p.m. Deacon Executive Committee Manse Dining Room
 - 7:30 p.m. *Perseverance of the Saints* Chicago Temple / livestreamed

- Wednesday, May 8**
- 9:00 a.m. Day School Motor Play Bumpus Room
 - 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Zoom
 - 9:30 a.m. Social Service Center Drop-Ins Morse Lounge
 - 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 - 9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap Too Zoom
 - 9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program Classroom A
 - 10:00 a.m. Day School Kindergarten Prep Room 4B
 - 10:30 a.m. CLL: Men's Great Ideas Room 5A
 - 10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing Zoom
 - 11:00 a.m. CLL: Meditation Room 4D
 - 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
 - 12:00 p.m. CLL: Current Events Room 5G
 - 12:00 p.m. *Horizons* Women's Bible Study Zoom
 - 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room

Calendar for May 5–11

- 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available–Walk Buchanan Chapel
- 1:30 p.m. CLL: Art in the Modern World Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Food Delivery Loading Dock
- 2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series Room 4G
- 3:00 p.m. CLL: Drawing Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring Fifth Floor
- 6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ Room 4E
- 6:30 p.m. Evening *Horizons* Women’s Bible Study. . . Zoom

Thursday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
- 9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Borwell Dining Room
- 9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Social Service Center Drop-Ins Morse Lounge
- 9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play. Classroom A
- 10:00 a.m. CLL: Memoir Writing Room 5A / Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. CLL: Supreme Court Decisions Room 4D
- 10:30 a.m. CLL: Range of Motion Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. CLL: Matters of Health Room 4E / Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
- 12:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F
- 1:00 p.m. CLL: Memoir Writing Room 5A / Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. CLL: Music History Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available–Walk Buchanan Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning Tai Chi Anderson Hall
- 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- 8:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Day School Yoga Room 4F
- 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
- 9:30 a.m. Social Service Center Drop-Ins Morse Lounge
- 10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. CLL: Grief Support Workshop Room 4D
- 12:00 p.m. Spirituality/Aging Min Training Room 4G
- 12:10 p.m. Concert: Pianist Michael Finlay Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. CLL: Hooray for Hooks! Room 4C
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Bumpus Room

Saturday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
- (No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

To add calendar items to your digital calendar, go to fourthchurch.org/calendar