



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 11.)

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 row so worshippers 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

Discussion of the play *Perseverance of the Saints*, written by Kat Evans and based on the 1874 heresy trial of Fourth Church pastor David Swing, takes place today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For the Zoom link, register at fourthchurch.org/adult-education

Pipe organ tour

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

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F. The class will also be offered online on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. (for the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/inquirers624). For additional information, email Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

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; Rocky Supinger 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 children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship today before departing to classrooms with their teachers. At 11:00 a.m. children gather on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

There will not be Sunday school on May 19 (Family Camp weekend) or May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). Summer classes kick off on Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Youth groups

Today youth groups meet for the final time until fall. Junior High (grades 6–7) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Senior High (grades 8–12) meets in the Bumpus Room at 11:00 a.m.

Graduates

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2024 are asked to email their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) no later than Sunday, May 26. Graduate names received by May 26 will appear in the worship bulletin on June 2, which is Baccalaureate Sunday at Fourth Church.

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/rhythmword

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/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

If you would like to walk the labyrinth, Buchanan Chapel is open for that opportunity between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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.

News and Updates

Congregational meeting

Session has called a congregational meeting for next 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. The Zoom link will be posted on our website prior to the meeting.

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.

AAPI Heritage Month

The AAPI flag flying in our courtyard bears public witness to May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. 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.

Sanctuary scaffolding

Restoration work is in progress on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals.

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.

Grief groups

A new Zoom grief group facilitated by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (reploglecenter.org) begins this Wednesday, May 15. Preregistration is required by contacting Sharon Crawford (stucker@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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 22 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Book group

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

Handcrafts

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

Knitting and Crocheting meets in person on Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and via Zoom on Tuesday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. (For details, email Simon at scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Adult education

"The Injustice of White Silence" class takes place Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom ([register at fourthchurch.org/adult-education](http://registeratfourthchurch.org/adult-education)). Teri Ott, Publisher and Editor of the *Presbyterian Outlook*, will lead this discussion on issues raised at the January Michigan Avenue Forum on the hidden roots of white supremacy.

Women at Fourth

Women are invited to gather for a swap meet next Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5G. Register at bit.ly/4bwc0BI.

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

Volunteer with Us

Opportunities to serve

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

Volunteers needed

We currently need greeters to welcome and help register those attending the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, May 21. If you can help, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Ambassadors are needed 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, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Making Music

Celebrate John Sherer’s music ministry

John Sherer’s last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry among us!

- 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 plays an evening Organ Recital.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John’s last Sunday; to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that day.

Stay Connected

Website and newsletter

For resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, see our website at fourthchurch.org and our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

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

Calendar for May 12–18

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

Sunday, May 12	9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday School Office Room 4C
	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Room 4G
	9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.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. 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. “Perseverance of the Saints” Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour. Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m. Inquirers’ Class. Room 4F
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Voices of Light Rehearsal Room 4G
	2:00 p.m. Gathering: Communion at 2:00. Sanctuary / Online
	3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour. Narthex
	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 13	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
	9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program Classroom A
	9:30 a.m. CLL: Advanced French Zoom
	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: Beginner’s French. Zoom
	1:00 p.m. CLL: Art History Zoom
	1:00 p.m. CLL: Bridge. Room 5B
	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

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- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship / Giving Council Zoom
 7:30 p.m. Music of the Baroque (tickets required) Sanctuary

- Tuesday, May 14** 7:45 a.m.. Sacred Pause Online
 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
 9:30 a.m. Social Service Center Drop-Ins Morse Lounge
 9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Tuesdays Zoom
 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stage and Screen Room 5G
 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, Connection, Coloring Room 5C
 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. Labyrinth Available to Walk Buchanan Chapel
 1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry Showers
 2:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning Tai Chi Anderson Hall
 2:30 p.m. CLL: Book Club Zoom
 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall
 5:00 p.m. CL Tutoring. Fifth Floor
 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting. Room 4F
 6:00 p.m. Books by Women Bumpus Room

- Wednesday, May 15** 7:30 a.m. Joint Finance Council Zoom
 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
 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 Day School Classroom A
 9:45 a.m. Day School Parents Room 4C
 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
 2:00 p.m. Sounds Good Choir Concert Sanctuary
 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk Buchanan Chapel
 1:30 p.m. CLL: Art in the Modern World Zoom
 3:00 p.m. CLL: Drawing. Zoom
 5:00 p.m. Adult Education Council Room 4G
 5:00 p.m. CL Tutoring. Fifth Floor
 5:30 p.m. Chicago Lights Board Bumpus Room

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6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ Room 4E
 7:00 p.m. Grief Group..... Zoom

Thursday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Social Service Center Drop-Ins Morse Lounge
 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
 9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Parish House Kitchen
 9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play..... Classroom A
 9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre Zoom
 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 5E / 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 to Walk Buchanan Chapel
 2:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning Tai Chi Anderson Hall
 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall
 3:30 p.m. Meals Ministry Steering Team..... Morse Conference Room
 5:15 p.m. Board of Trustees..... Borwell Dining Room
 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 17

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
 12:10 p.m. Free Noonday Concert Sanctuary
 1:30 p.m. CLL: Art Show Opening Anderson Hall
 4:30 p.m. Session Meeting Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, May 18

All Day Family Camp..... Covenant Harbor Camp
 8:30 a.m. Deacon Retreat Borwell Dining Room
 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online