



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, **from May 26 through September 1 we gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

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 the time of our first service (9:30 a.m. today; 10:00 a.m. beginning next Sunday).

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 worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

Online

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

Sunday Opportunities

Congregational meeting today

Session has called a congregational meeting for today, 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. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting in the life of our congregation.

The Zoom link for the meeting can be accessed at bit.ly/fpcmeeting519 (or via meeting ID: 859 9417 6038; passcode: 703250); it is also linked on the home page of our website.

An invitation to a special Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall for Coffee Hour after the 9:30 a.m. service or after the 12:15 p.m. congregational meeting. Today this weekly opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church also includes celebration of our new and outgoing officers as well as our history and Legacy Society.

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 Injustice of White Silence” class meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (for the link, register at fourthchurch.org/adult-education). Teri Ott, Publisher and Editor of the *Presbyterian Outlook*, will lead us in exploring how to value risk-taking as the path toward a more equitable and just world and continue our discussion of the hidden roots of white supremacy.

More Sunday Opportunities

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B. The group will also meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. (For details, email Simon at scrow@fourthchurch.org)

Women at Fourth

The Women at Fourth Spring-Summer Swap Meet takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5G, as an opportunity to exchange with one another gently used books, accessories, and jewelry.

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

There is no Sunday school today (as our families are in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for Family Camp) or on Memorial Day weekend. Summer Sunday school kicks off on Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Youth groups

Sunday morning youth groups are on summer break and will resume in September.

Celebrating Our Legacy

Dedication Commemoration Sunday

Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior.

A series of dedicatory services were held the remainder of that week, and later that month, the new Sanctuary and Parish House buildings were host to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, including the assembly's communion service attended by more than 1,800 worshippers.

The Legacy Society

The generations that have gone before us left a vibrant legacy, not only in the bricks and mortar of the Sanctuary and Parish House buildings but also in the financial foundation from which we carry forth our ministry. It was the \$25,000 that remained after the completion of the 1914 building project that began the Fourth Church endowment fund.

Just as we carry on the work of the church today, so too we join in the commitment to passing on the legacy of that ministry for future generations. If you have planned or are considering a legacy gift to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights as part of your will, we invite you to learn more about the Legacy Society by stopping by today's special Coffee Hour, visiting fourthchurch.org/giving/legacy, or contacting Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Restoring the 1914 murals

The scaffolding at the back of the Sanctuary is to facilitate the restoration work in progress on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals.

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/rhythmandword

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

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for walking this Wednesday and Thursday between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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 will be the next opportunity*) 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.

New Worship Time Next Sunday

Our summer worship schedule will begin next Sunday, on 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.

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, including our grief groups, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Recognizing 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 next Sunday, May 26. Graduate names received by May 26 will appear in the worship bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 2.

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

Volunteer with us

We need greeters to welcome and help register attendees of the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly meeting this Tuesday afternoon, May 21. If you can help, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@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

Cornerstones with Tom Are

On Friday evening, June 7 Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will gather for dinner and conversation with Tom Are talking about "Life at Fourth Church." Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones672024

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session online Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers624).

Honoring John Sherer

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!

- 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.

Memory book

As an expression of gratitude for John Sherer and his ministry among us, we invite you to share your well-wishes, notes, photos, and thank-yous with John through our online memory book at bit.ly/sherermemories

Gifts in honor of John

As a further expression of gratitude, we also invite you to make a gift in honor of John's dedicated leadership of music ministry at Fourth Church. Gifts given in honor of John will support key areas of this ministry of beauty, including the Director of Music and Organ Scholar positions as well as the Morning Choir. Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/jwwshonorgift

Stay Connected

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

Calendar for May 19–25

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

Sunday, May 19	Family Camp Covenant Harbor Camp 9:00 a.m. New Officer Examination Randolph Room 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. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Room 4A 10:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall 11:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 5B 11:00 a.m. “The Injustice of White Silence” Borwell Dining Room 12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting Sanctuary 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall 12:30 p.m. Voices of Light Rehearsal Room 4G 12:30 p.m. World Mission Social Justice Room 5E 12:30 p.m. Women at Fourth Swap Meet Room 5G 2:00 p.m. The 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
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Monday, May 20	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: Beginner’s French Zoom 1:00 p.m. CLL: Art History Zoom 1:00 p.m. CLL: Writing From the Heart Zoom 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga Room 4F / Zoom
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Tuesday, May 21	<p>7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Online</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Day School Benefit Committee Room 4F</p> <p>9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program Morse Lounge</p> <p>9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom</p> <p>10:30 a.m. CLL: Stage and Screen Room 5G</p> <p>11:30 a.m. CLL: Basic Spanish Room 4K</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall</p> <p>12:00 p.m. CLL: Conversation, Connection, Coloring Room 5C</p> <p>1:00 p.m. CLL: Book Study Group Room 4E</p> <p>1:00 p.m. CLL: Foreign Affairs Zoom</p> <p>1:00 p.m. CLL: Watercolor Room 4F / Zoom</p> <p>1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry Showers</p> <p>2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Presbytery of Chicago Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>5:00 p.m. CLL: May Night Out Offsite</p> <p>6:00 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Presbytery of Chicago Dinner Anderson Hall / Borwell</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Council Room 4G</p>
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Wednesday, May 22	<p>9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program Classroom A</p> <p>9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap Too Zoom</p> <p>10:30 a.m. CLL: Explorations with Jane Hunt Room 4G / Zoom</p> <p>10:30 a.m. CLL: Men's Great Ideas Room 5A</p> <p>10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. CLL: Meditation Room 4D</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall</p> <p>12:00 p.m. CLL: Current Events Room 5G</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study Zoom</p> <p>1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>1:30 p.m. CLL: Art in the Modern World Zoom</p> <p>2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series Room 4G</p> <p>3:00 p.m. CLL: Drawing Zoom</p> <p>6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ Room 4E</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Grief Group Zoom</p>
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Thursday, May 23	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B 9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Borwell Dining Room 9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play. Bumpus Room 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program. Morse Lounge 9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre Zoom 9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play. Classroom A 10:00 a.m. CLL: Memoir Writing Room 5A / Zoom 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 to Walk Buchanan Chapel 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 8:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal. Sanctuary
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Friday, May 24	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program. Morse Lounge 9:45 a.m. Day School Yoga. Room 4F 10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia. Zoom 11:30 a.m. CLL: Grief Support Workshop. Room 4D 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Klesis Ensemble Sanctuary 2:00 p.m. CLL: Hooray for Hooks! Room 4C
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Saturday, May 25 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)

Preaching on Sunday, May 26
 10:00 a.m. Tom Are Jr. • 2:00 p.m. Rocky Supinger