



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 10:00 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 10:00 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 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 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.

Trinity Sunday

Today is Trinity Sunday, the Sunday that each year follows the Day of Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is on this day that the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Sunday Opportunities

An invitation to Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us in person, we hope you will stop by Anderson Hall following the service to join us for Coffee Hour. There you will find opportunity to greet one another and learn about ways to connect with each other and with 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.

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.

Sermon discussion

Next Sunday, June 2, join us for an in-person discussion of that morning's sermon. This time of table conversation will provide opportunity to deepen our understanding of the text and sermon topic by listening to what others have heard. It is also an occasion to build fellowship with one another. We will gather at 11:10 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room for the sermon discussion on the first Sunday of June, July, and August.

Children, Youth, and Families

Recognizing graduates

The deadline for submitting names of those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2024 is today, May 26. Graduate names emailed to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) by the end of today will appear in the worship bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, which is next Sunday, June 2.

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

Sunday school

While there is no Sunday school today, we look forward to kicking off our summer Sunday school season for three-year-olds through fifth graders next Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4D.

VBS

Children three years old through fifth grade are invited to travel with us to ancient Egypt as we spend time learning about Moses and the Exodus during VBS. Our Vacation Bible School adventure will take place at the church June 10–14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/vbs2024fpc

Preschool

The Fourth Church Day School has openings in its fall preschool programs for ages two and up. Contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org) for details.

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 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 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 our 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.

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

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets via Zoom this Tuesday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Benevolent Guild

The Benevolent Guild, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. No sewing experience is required.

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 this Friday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall, register (required) at bit.ly/deelistening524

TwentiesThirties

Young adults from Fourth Church will join St. James Cathedral's Young Adult Ministry for a Cubs game next Sunday, June 2. For details, email Howard Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones with Tom Are

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

Book group

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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 bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

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

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/jwshonorgift

Caring for One Another

Men's clothing needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's clothing, of all types and all sizes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*except on Memorial Day*).

Walk for peace

Our World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to join them for this summer's Friday night Peace Walks at Saint Sabina Church in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. For two decades, Saint Sabina has hosted Peace Walks to prevent violence and build community. This will be the third year Fourth Church has shown up in support. We will join the kickoff walk on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. as well as the June 28, July 12, August 2, and August 16 walks. To learn more, stop by Coffee Hour today or email Nancy Davis (ndavis@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.

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, 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.

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

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; visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

We also invite you to follow us on

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

Generosity Update

We have received commitments for 87 percent of our pledge goal and need \$389,844 in new or increased pledges to reach our pledge budget.

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you!

Year-to-date (YTD) Contributions as of April 30, 2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2024 Budget
Pledged:	\$995,379	\$947,865	\$47,514	\$2,845,476
General:	\$194,833	\$165,037	\$29,796	\$937,703
Restricted:	\$227,749	\$214,900	\$12,849	\$691,450
Total:	\$1,417,961	\$1,327,802	\$90,159	\$4,474,629

Calendar for May 26–June 1

Sunday, May 26	10:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary / Online 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room Hospitality Suite 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Nursery Room 4A 11:00 a.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall 11:15 a.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary 2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 Sanctuary / Online 3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Narthex 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Medical Service Borwell Dining Room 4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
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Monday, May 27 • Memorial Day • Church Offices and Campus Closed

Tuesday, May 28	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Online 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program 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: Book Study Group Room 4E 1:00 p.m. CLL: Watercolor Room 4F / Zoom 1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Morse Conference Room 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk Buchanan Chapel 1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry Showers 2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall 4:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Zoom 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
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Wednesday, May 29	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap Too	Zoom B
	9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m. CLL: Explorations with Jane Hunt	Room 4G / Zoom
	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
	1:00 p.m. English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 to 3:00 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
	6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4E
	7:00 p.m. Grief Group	Zoom

Thursday, May 30	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	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	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 to 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Visiting Choir	Sanctuary
	2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m. Day School Parents/Staff	Manse First Floor

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Friday, May 31 8:00 a.m. Day School Together We Play Bumpus Room
9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B
9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia Zoom
12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John Sherer Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Deep Listening Dinner Anderson Hall

Saturday, June 1 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)

Preaching on Sunday, June 2

10:00 a.m. Tom Are Jr. • 2:00 p.m. Rocky Supinger