



## 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, next Sunday we return to our regular schedule of gathering at 9:30 and 11:00 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 are livestreaming this morning's service—and beginning next week will livestream our 9:30 a.m. service—on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

### Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service begins. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see [fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning](https://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. today and 9:30 a.m. beginning next week.

## 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 an information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

### Online

Those worshipping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the 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.

## Children in Worship

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

## Sunday Opportunities

### Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to pray with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following worship.

### Organ tour

Following worship this morning, a tour of our Andrew Pipe Organ begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

### Brunch for young adults

TwentiesThirties will gather for brunch at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) today at 12:00 p.m. Young adults are invited to meet in the Commons after Coffee Hour to walk across the street together for this time of fellowship over a meal.

### 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.

## Two Morning Services

Beginning next Sunday, September 8, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule, with services at

**9:30 a.m.** (which will also be livestreamed)

**11:00 a.m.**

**2:00 p.m.** The Gathering with Communion

## Get Connected Sunday: September 8

### Get Connected / Block Party celebration

Next Sunday we will kick off a new program year with our annual Get Connected Sunday / Neighborhood Block Party! The event will include games, music, treats, and crafts in the Michigan Avenue courtyard from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come reconnect with Fourth Church and one another after the summer!

### Sunday school and youth groups

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders begins a new year next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Junior Highs (grades six and seven) will also resume meeting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs (grades eight through twelve) at 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday adult education

“The Spirituality of Caregiving” will be our first adult education class of the program year. Led by Annette Mileski, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Amy Pagliarella, and Jeannie Forrest, it will take place on Sundays, September 8–22 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at [bit.ly/caregiving92024](https://bit.ly/caregiving92024)

### Volunteers needed for the Block Party

If you can help with the September 8 Block Party, please sign up at [bit.ly/fpcbblockparty](https://bit.ly/fpcbblockparty)

## Eighth-Grade Confirmation

This year eighth-grade Confirmation will meet monthly on Sunday mornings. Eighth graders are encouraged to register at [bit.ly/confirmation2425](https://bit.ly/confirmation2425)

## Bible Study

### TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

A new TwentiesThirties small group for young adults will meet via Zoom ([bit.ly/2030amos](https://bit.ly/2030amos)) on five Wednesdays, beginning September 4 at 7:00 p.m. for a time of scripture study, community building, and conversation.

### Philippians with Tom Are

During the pandemic Tom Are wrote a short book—*Joy Even on Your Worst Days*—which he calls “a preacher’s read of Philippians.” Join Tom on four Tuesday evenings in Borwell Dining Room, beginning September 17 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss this most joyful writing in the Bible, a book amazingly written while Paul was in prison. (A Zoom version of the class will be offered at a separate time; watch for details.)

### Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study, which focuses on Sunday’s scripture readings from the pulpit, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Women’s Horizons Bible Study

Women’s *Horizons* Bible Study, which is offered via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., resumes on Wednesday, September 11. This year’s theme is “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.” For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## Elections 101

The Center for Life and Learning and Skyline Village invite you to join them this Wednesday, September 4 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel for a nonpartisan opportunity to learn more about what will be on the ballot this year as well as better understand the role of an alder and the Board of Elections.

Alderspersons Brian Hopkins and Brendan Reilly along with Charles Holiday from the Chicago Board of Elections will be the guest speakers. Participants will also have opportunity to register to vote and learn about mail-in ballots.

Registration for this free event is required at [bit.ly/clelections101](https://bit.ly/clelections101)

## Can You Help?

### Greet people on Sundays

Fourth Church ambassadors are needed to greet people on Sunday mornings, providing welcome at our entrances and sharing information about our community, programs, and ministries. To help, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Tutor with Chicago Lights

The more volunteer mentors we have for Tutoring—which meets at the church on weeknights—the more students who can participate! For details, see [chicagolights.org/tutoring](https://chicagolights.org/tutoring)

### Donate shoes and clothing

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in particular need of men's clothing and shoes of all types and 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.

## “Good Governance”

“What Being Presbyterian Teaches Us about Good Governance” will be the theme of a four-week sermon series preached by Tom Are beginning September 15.

To say one is Presbyterian says less about our theology and more about our polity. Presbyterians have values we believe are important for good governance. We will reflect on these values; ask what it means that Jesus is Lord of the whole of life and what implications that has for people of power in all areas of life; and remember how we believe that truth should be pursued and that freedom is always accompanied with responsibility.

## Music and the Arts

### Chicago SummerDance Photographs

Currently on display in the Loggia Gallery is “Chicago SummerDance Photographs by Dorothy Perry,” a celebration of that civic tradition.

### Free Friday Noonday Concerts

Our free Friday Noonday Concerts return to the Sanctuary this Friday at 12:10 p.m. (also livestreamed) with a performance by soprano Tiffany Blake and pianist Nyela Basney.

## Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers92024](https://bit.ly/inquirers92024)) or in person on Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers102024](https://bit.ly/inquirers102024)). For more information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets in Room 5B on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m.

### Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet on Friday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on “Affordable Housing in an Art Deco Landmark.” Register (required) at [bit.ly/cornerstones92024](http://bit.ly/cornerstones92024)

### Books by Women

The monthly Books by Women book group will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

### Deep Listening Dinner

On Friday, September 13 we will gather in Anderson Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a Deep Listening Dinner, as we get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. To join us for dinner, register (required) at [bit.ly/deep92024](http://bit.ly/deep92024)

## CLL Autumn Session

A new session of fitness classes along with lectures and arts courses for adults sixty and over kicks off Monday, September 9, when the Center for Life and Learning begins their autumn programming. See [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) for details and to register for CLL membership.

## Caring for One Another

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming ([gffleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gffleming@fourthchurch.org)). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Also email Gloria if you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries.

### 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 and well-being, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.org).

### Grief groups

Grief groups facilitated by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meet for four weeks via Zoom. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)).

## 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](https://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](https://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 Rocky Supinger and the Gathering musicians. To receive notice of new videos, subscribe to our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them in your inbox, sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmword](https://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/replugcenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/replugcenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

If you would like to walk the labyrinth, Buchanan Chapel is open for that opportunity between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Tuesday 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](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). On the first Wednesday of the month (*September 4*) 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](https://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.

## Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation this autumn—whether in person or online—as well as discover resources and opportunities at [fourthchurch.org](https://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](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](https://fourthchurch.org/news)

### YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram

We invite you to follow us on various platforms.

- YouTube: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)
- Instagram: [instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)

## Calendar for September 1–7

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<b>Sunday, Sept. 1</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary / Online
	10:00 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room . . . . . Hospitality Suite
	10:00 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
	12:00 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch (meet in Commons) . . Aster Hall
	2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 . . . . . Sanctuary / Online
	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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<b>Monday, Sept. 2</b>	All day	Labor Day • Church Offices and Campus Closed
	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities

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<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . . Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . . Online
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic . . . . . Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting . . . . . Room 5B
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall
	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
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . . Room 4F

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<b>Wednesday, Sept. 4</b>	9:30 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer . . . . . Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	In-Person Morning Prayer . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Elections 101 . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . . Morse Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . . Room 4E
	7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos and Justice . . . . . Zoom

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**Thursday, Sept. 5** 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge  
11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall  
12:15 p.m. AA Meeting . . . . . Room 4F  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. . . . . English as a Second Language  
Morse Conference Room  
1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk . . . . . Buchanan Chapel

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**Friday, Sept. 6** 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge  
12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert . . . . . Sanctuary / Online  
12:00 p.m. CLL: September Lunch Meetup . . . . . Offsite  
5:30 p.m. Cornerstones: Reinventing Lawson House . . . Borwell Dining Room

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**Saturday, Sept. 7** 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . . Online  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Hospitality and Safety Training . . . . Borwell Dining Room  
*(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

### Preaching on Sunday, September 8

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.  
2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger