



## 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.

### 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 the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

### Accessing the service

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 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 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.

## Get Connected / Block Party Today!

Today we kick off a new program year with our Get Connected / Neighborhood Block Party festivities! Be sure to stop by Anderson Hall to learn about the myriad ways for you to connect with Fourth Church and one another. Then head out to the courtyard to enjoy treats, games, and crafts between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

## Sunday Opportunities

### Spirituality of Caregiving

Today we begin our new adult education year with “The Spirituality of Caregiving” at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Annette Mileski, Director of the Center for Life and Learning, will lead today’s session, with Nancy Benson-Nicol and Amy Pagliarella presenting next Sunday and Jeannie Forrest the following week. For Zoom details, register at [bit.ly/caregiving92024](https://bit.ly/caregiving92024)

### 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 the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

### Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a tour of our Andrew Pipe Organ 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; 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 morning worship nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

### Sunday school

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. At 11:00 a.m. in Room 4D there is a children's Fellowship Hour with activities, games, and stories.

### Youth groups

Junior Highs (grades six and seven) meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where Senior Highs (grades eight through twelve) meet at 11:00 a.m.

### Confirmation

Eighth-graders are encouraged to register at [bit.ly/confirmation2425](http://bit.ly/confirmation2425) for Confirmation, which will kick off on September 20.

## 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](http://bit.ly/inquirers92024)) or in person on Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers102024](http://bit.ly/inquirers102024)). For more information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

## Bible Study

### TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

A new TwentiesThirties small group for young adults meet via Zoom ([bit.ly/2030amos](http://bit.ly/2030amos)) on Wednesdays 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. Register at [bit.ly/biblestudy92024](http://bit.ly/biblestudy92024)

A Zoom version of the class will be offered at a separate time; watch for details.

### Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study 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 this 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)).

### Worship podcast and sermon text

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon is available via podcast on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts); you can also receive the text of the previous Sunday morning’s sermon ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons)) by email by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

## Upcoming Sermon Series

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

## Fellowship Opportunities

### 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](https://bit.ly/deep92024)

### Knitting and Crocheting

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

### New Zoom Small Group

*The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning will be the focus of a new Zoom Small Group, beginning Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm. To take part, email Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## A Video Message from Tom Are

If you did not see Tom Are’s video invitation and update on our life together—which was shared via email, social media, and the website this past week—you can find it on our website: [fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org)

To ensure you don’t miss future video updates, subscribe to our updates list at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## 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/ctl](https://www.fourthchurch.org/ctl) for details and to register for CLL membership.

## Officer Nominations

The Officer Nominating Committee is in need of recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions opening in 2025 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board.

If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations via the online form at [www.bit.ly/nominating2025](https://www.bit.ly/nominating2025) or stop by Anderson Hall today to talk with a representative from the Nominating Committee.

## 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.

### 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)).

### 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](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://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](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them in your inbox, sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](http://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](http://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. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

## Tutor with Chicago Lights

The more volunteer mentors we have for Tutoring—which meets at the church on weeknights beginning September 30—the more students who can participate! For details about being paired with a student on the waiting list, see [chicagolights.org/tutoring](http://chicagolights.org/tutoring)

## Calendar for September 8–14

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<b>Sunday, Sept. 8</b>	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir . . . . . Room 4G 9:30 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 9:30 a.m. Nursery . . . . . Room 4A 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. . . . . Fourth Floor 9:30 a.m. Junior High Gathering . . . . . Bumpus Room 9:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer. . . . . Stone Chapel 10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Room 4B 10:30 a.m. Family Donut Gathering. . . . . Fourth Floor 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir. . . . . Room 4G 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Get Connected Block Party. . . . . Anderson / Courtyard 11:00 a.m. Senior High Gathering . . . . . Bumpus Room 11:00 a.m. Children’s Fellowship Hour . . . . . Room 4D 11:00 a.m. Spirituality of Caregiving. . . . . Borwell Dining Room 11:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer. . . . . Stone Chapel 12:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. . . . . Buchanan Chapel Loft 2:00 p.m. The Gathering: Communion at 2:00 . . . . . Sanctuary 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. 9</b>	9:30 a.m. CLL: Advanced French . . . . . Zoom 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . . Zoom 10:45 a.m. CLL: Intermediate French. . . . . 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 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga. . . . . Room 4F / Zoom 4:15 p.m. Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities
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<b>Tuesday, Sept. 10</b>	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study . . . . . Zoom 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . . Online 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program. . . . . Morse Lounge 9:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . . Zoom 10:30 a.m. CLL: Stage and Screen . . . . . Room 5G / Zoom 11:30 a.m. CLL: Basic Spanish. . . . . Room 4K 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch . . . . . Anderson Hall 12:00 p.m. CLL: Beginning Watercolor . . . . . Room 4F 12:00 p.m. CLL: Coloring, Conversation, Connection . . . . . Fifth Floor Lounge
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CLL = Center for Life and Learning ([fourthchurch.org/cll](http://fourthchurch.org/cll))

SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center



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1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv .....	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts.....	Room 4F / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language .....	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00 p.m.)..	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry .....	Showers
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi .....	Anderson Hall
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club .....	Zoom
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi .....	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting.....	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights: Cheers to Tutoring's 60 Years	Columbia Yacht Club

### Wednesday, Sept. 11

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer .....	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program.....	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap .....	Zoom
10:30 a.m.	CLL: "Great Ideas" Men's Group .....	Room 5A
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing.....	Zoom
11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek 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.	Women's Horizons Bible Study .....	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language .....	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00 p.m.)..	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities .....	Zoom
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Chicago's Lost Restaurants .....	Room 4F
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond...	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ .....	Room 4E
6:30 p.m.	Evening Horizons Bible Study .....	Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class.....	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos/Justice .....	Zoom

### Thursday, Sept. 12

9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making .....	Borwell Dining Room
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 a.m.....	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
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch .....	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting.....	Room 4F

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1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing p.m.....	Room 5A
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 (until 3:00 p.m.)..	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Nonfiction Book Study .....	Room 4E
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi. ....	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi .....	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Leadership Circle Reception. ....	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. ....	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal. ....	Buchanan Chapel

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<b>Friday, Sept. 13</b>	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program .....	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia. ....	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Lucky Lunch .....	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert .....	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks .....	Fourth Floor Lounge
	6:00 p.m.	Deep Listening Dinner .....	Anderson Hall

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<b>Saturday, Sept. 14</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause .....	Online
	<i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>		

### Preaching on Sunday, September 15

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.  
2:00 p.m. • Joseph L. Morrow

### Stay Connected!

#### Weekly newsletter

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