



## 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 Sunday 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.

## Sunday Opportunities

### Spirituality of Caregiving

“The Spirituality of Caregiving” continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Leading today’s class are Nancy Benson-Nicol, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, and Amy Pagliarella, Parish Associate for Caring Ministries. Jeannie Forrest will lead next week’s session. For Zoom details, register at [bit.ly/caregiving92024](https://bit.ly/caregiving92024)

### Knitting and Crocheting

Both a fellowship group and a ministry of caring, Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort. Today the group meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

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

### Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, a tour of our 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; Joe Morrow 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 takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. During the 11:00 a.m. service there is a children's Fellowship Hour with activities, games, and stories in Room 4D.

### 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) gather 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 this Friday evening, September 20.

## Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, October 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers102024](http://bit.ly/inquirers102024)) or via Zoom on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers112024](http://bit.ly/inquirers112024)). For more information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

## Bible Study

### Philippians with Tom Are

This Tuesday evening will be the first session of a four-week Bible study with Tom Are, based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days*, which he calls "a preacher's read of Philippians." Join Tom in Borwell Dining Room at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning September 17, 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 this class will be offered on Wednesdays October 9 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. Participants will be asked to watch two videos prior to each session. For details, register at [bit.ly/zoomstudy102024](http://bit.ly/zoomstudy102024)

### 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)).

### TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

Young adults meet via Zoom ([bit.ly/2030amos](http://bit.ly/2030amos)) for a time of scripture study and community building on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### 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., will next meet on Wednesday, September 25. For details, email Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Podcast and sermon text

During the week the morning service and sermon are available via podcast at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) and on multiple podcast platforms.

To receive the text of the previous Sunday's sermon via email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://bit.ly/fpcsermons) or read it online at [fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons)

## 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](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2025) or stop by Anderson Hall today to talk with a representative from the Nominating Committee.

## 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)

## Hispanic American Heritage

As we celebrate National Hispanic American Heritage Month, which begins today, please be sure to stop by the Racial Equity Council table during Coffee Hour to browse their display of resources for the month.

## CLL Autumn Session

The autumn session of fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses for adults sixty and over is underway at our Center for Life and Learning. See [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) for details and to register for CLL membership.

## Interim Director of Music Named

As Tom Are shared in an email letter to the congregation on Thursday, Douglas Cleveland has been named our Interim Organist and Director of Music. We are delighted that Doug will be joining us in worship on Sunday, October 20. You can learn more about him at [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

## Fellowship Opportunities

### New Zoom Small Group

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

### Women at Fourth: Walton Manse Mingle

Women are invited to a “Manse Mingle” at Tom and Carol Are’s home this Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. Registration for this event hosted by Carol is required (contact Simon Crow at [scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org) for registration details); space is limited and filling fast.

### Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet on Friday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a presentation by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair of Loyola’s Department of History, on “How Chicago Became One of the Most Segregated Cities in the Country.” Registration required at [bit.ly/cornerstones102024](http://bit.ly/cornerstones102024)

### Books by Women

The monthly Books by Women book group will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachael Joyce on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bump Room.

## 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 ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@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 [repluglecenter.org](http://repluglecenter.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/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](http://facebook.com/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

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.

## Blessing of the Animals

We're having our annual Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome, or if you prefer, you can bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead.

## Stay Connected!

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)

## Calendar for September 15–21

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<b>Sunday, Sept. 15</b>	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir . . . . . Room 4G 9:30 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 9:30 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room . . . . . Hospitality Suite 9:30 a.m. Nursery . . . . . Room 4A 9:30 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Fourth Floor 9:30 a.m. Junior High Gathering . . . . . Bumpus Room 10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Room 4B 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir . . . . . Room 4G 11:00 a.m. Children’s Fellowship Hour . . . . . Room 4D 11:00 a.m. Knitting and Crocheting . . . . . Room 5B 11:00 a.m. Senior High Gathering . . . . . Bumpus Room 11:00 a.m. The Spirituality of Caregiving . . . . . Borwell Dining Room / Zoom 11:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer . . . . . Stone Chapel 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall 12:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel Loft 12:15 p.m. World Mission and Social Justice Council . . . . . Room 5E 1:00 p.m. Civil Rights Pilgrimage Orientation . . . . . Room 4G 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. 16</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 2:30 p.m. CLL: Yoga . . . . . Room 4G / Zoom 4:15 p.m. Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities 5:30 p.m. Stewardship and Giving Council . . . . . Zoom
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<b>Tuesday, Sept. 17</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
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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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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 4E
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
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives. . . . .	Zoom
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) . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry. . . . .	Showers
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Gala Committee . . . . .	Room 5F
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting. . . . .	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Tom Are. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room

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### Wednesday, Sept. 18

7:30 a.m.	Joint Finance. . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap. . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Explorations . . . . .	Room 4G / Zoom
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
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language . . . . .	Morse Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities . . . . .	Zoom
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Georgia O’Keeffe’s Southwest. . . . .	Room 4F
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond. . .	Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons . . . . .	Room 4G
5:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Board of Directors . . . . .	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4E
7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos/Justice . . . . .	Zoom

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<b>Thursday, Sept. 19</b>	9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . . Borwell Dining Room 9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Barre . . . . . Zoom 9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge 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 4E 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 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) . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 1:30 p.m. CLL: Art Days . . . . . Room 4E 2:00 p.m. CLL: Beginner Tai Chi . . . . . Anderson Hall 2:45 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . . Anderson Hall / Zoom 3:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Steering Team . . . . . Morse Conference Room 5:15 p.m. Board of Trustees . . . . . Room 4G 5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth: Manse Mingle . . . . . Walton Manse 6:00 p.m. Small Group: <i>Ragamuffin Gospel</i> . . . . . Zoom 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
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<b>Friday, Sept. 20</b>	9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . . Morse Lounge 10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia . . . . . Zoom 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert . . . . . Sanctuary / Online 4:30 p.m. Session . . . . . Room 4G / Zoom 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat . . . . . Bumpus Room
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<b>Saturday, Sept. 21</b>	8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . . Online 5:00 p.m. REC Gathering . . . . . Manse
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### Preaching on Sunday, September 22

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Nanette Sawyer