



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.

Worshiping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: 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

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 worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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” concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Leading today’s class is Jeannie Forrest, Fourth Church member and caregiving professional. Register at bit.ly/caregiving92024 for Zoom details.

Next Sunday, September 29 Ken Sawyer, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary, will join us to teach “History of American Presbyterianism.” This three-week class will also meet at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/presbyterianism92024

Sunday Morning Fellowship

If you are worshiping 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; Nanette Sawyer will be preaching.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Welcome, New Members! This morning we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family: James Angst, Carolyn Boucek, Karl Cremieux, Lisa Crum, Hailey Goran, Julie Hubbard, Howard Kim, Jason Maras, Maria Maras, Edward Marsilje, Craig Niemann, Jenny Niemann, Sally Reynolds, Taylor Sanders, Aideen Shea, Art Wells, and Mayela Yuen. We are grateful you have chosen to join us in our life together and look forward to continuing to welcome and connect with you in the days ahead!

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) or via Zoom on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers112024). For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

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 Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs (grades eight to twelve) at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Officer Recommendations

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 bit.ly/nominating2025, which is also accessible by scanning the QR code on the brochure in the pew racks, or stop by Anderson Hall today to talk with a representative from the Nominating Committee.

Hispanic American Heritage

The flag flying in our courtyard and the sign at Michigan and Chestnut bear public witness to September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic American Heritage Month. Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

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 with in person and online offerings. See fourthchurch.org/cll to register for CLL membership and for details about classes such as yoga, French, music history, and memoir writing.

Bible Study

Philippians with Tom Are

This Tuesday, September 24 Tom Are continues the Bible study based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days*, which he calls “a preacher’s read of Philippians.” To join Tom in Borwell Dining Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., register at 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

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).

TwentiesThirties on Amos and justice

Young adults meet via Zoom (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 meet this Wednesday, September 25. 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).

“Bible Top Ten” podcast

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms as they explore the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

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.

Art Opening Reception

This Friday, September 27, artist Robert Wapahi will be with us between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. for an opening reception of his exhibition in our Loggia gallery: “Before Straight Lines.” In November he will return to talk about “Theology of Place: Honoring Our Land Ancestors.”

World Mission and Social Justice

Indigenous Peoples’ Day

“Honoring the Living Networks of Our Land Ancestors” will be the topic of a presentation by John Low on Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. As we celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day, Dr. Low will talk about the history of the native Potawatomi communities that inhabited and continue to inhabit northside Chicago neighborhoods. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Cuba partnership

At a light lunch on Sunday, September 29 the Reverend Dora Arce of the First Presbyterian Church of Havana will talk about the Cuban church and our partnership in ministry with our Cuban siblings in Christ. To attend the lunch at 12:15 p.m., RSVP to Nancy at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Fellowship Opportunities

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort. The group meets via Zoom this Tuesday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. and in person on Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. For details, email Simon Crow at scrow@fourthchurch.org.

TwentiesThirties

A TwentiesThirties SpeakEasy time of conversation and fellowship takes place Thursday, September 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For details, email Howard Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org

Chicago Exchange Japanese fellowship

All are invited to a time of fellowship with Chicago's Japanese community on Sunday, September 29 at 12:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP for this time of food and conversation, email thechicagoexchange@gmail.com

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 on "How Chicago Became One of the Most Segregated Cities in the Country." Registration required at 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 Bumpus Room.

Tutor with Chicago Lights

Help us enroll students from the wait list by volunteering as a mentor with Chicago Lights Tutoring: chicagolights.org/tutoring

Caring for One Another

Grief groups

Grief groups facilitated by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meet for four weeks via Zoom. The next group will begin Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org).

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). 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.

Stay Connected!

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

Calendar for September 22–28

Sunday, September 22

9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
9:00 a.m.	New Members Meet with Session	Room 5F
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
10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m.	TED Talk for Parents	Room 4K
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.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Fellowship Hour	Room 4D
11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	The Spirituality of Caregiving	Borwell / Zoom
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.	Youth Council	Morse Conference Room
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

Monday, September 23

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 4G / Zoom
4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities

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Tuesday, September 24

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 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: 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
2:00 p.m.	CLL: CSO Docent	Room 4G
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
4:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Tom Are	Borwell Dining Room

Wednesday, September 25

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
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: Men's "Great Ideas"	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
1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room

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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: CSO Rehearsal	Symphony Center
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Georgia O’Keeffe with Susan Musich	Room 5G
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series	Room 4G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4E
7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos/Justice	Zoom

Thursday, September 26

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	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
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Small Group: Ragamuffin Gospel	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, September 27

9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Organ	Sanctuary / Online
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Fourth-Floor Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Art Opening Reception	Loggia Gallery

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Saturday, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. New Officers' CROAR Training.....Borwell Dining Room
8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause.....Online

Preaching on Sunday, September 29

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