



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

Sermon series on good governance

Today we continue the four-week sermon series “What Being Presbyterian Teaches Us about Good Governance.” To say one is Presbyterian says less about our theology and more about our polity. As we reflect on Presbyterian values we believe are important for good governance, we are asking what it means that Jesus is Lord of the whole of life; what implications that has for people of power; and how we believe truth should be pursued and that freedom is always accompanied with responsibility. For information about today’s sermon, see page 16.

History of American Presbyterianism

“History of American Presbyterianism,” led by Ken Sawyer, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/presbyterianism92024

Officer nominating info sessions

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.

This morning the committee invites you to stop by Morse Conference Room following worship to learn more about serving as an officer and recommending individuals for those roles. You can also join the 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. sessions via Zoom at bit.ly/nomcominfo2024

If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations at bit.ly/nominating2025, which is also accessible by scanning the QR code on the brochure in the pew racks.

Cuba partnership

Today we are delighted to welcome to Fourth Church the Reverend Dora Arce-Valentín, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Havana and former moderator of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba. She will be joining us in worship for the 9:30 service and preaching at the 2:00 service. We also look forward to hearing her talk about the Cuban church and our partnership in ministry with our Cuban siblings in Christ, which she will do when we gather for a light lunch at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5G.

Chicago Exchange Japanese fellowship

All are invited to a time of fellowship with Chicago's Japanese community this noon at 12:00 p.m. in the Manse.

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; the Reverend Dora Arce-Valentín, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Havana, will be preaching.

Blessing of the Animals

Our Blessing of the Animals service is this 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.

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.

Hispanic American Heritage

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

Bible Study

Philippians with Tom Are

This Tuesday, October 1 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 next meet Wednesday, October 9. 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.

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. 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).

Generosity Update

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

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENEROSITY REPORT Year-to-date (YTD) Contributions as of August 31, 2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2024 Budget
Pledged:	\$1,693,095	\$1,870,430	(\$177,335)	\$2,845,476
General:	\$420,405	\$354,594	\$65,811	\$937,703
Restricted:	\$438,987	\$395,675	\$43,312	\$691,450
Total:	\$2,552,487	\$2,620,699	(\$68,212)	\$4,474,629

Fellowship Opportunities

Knitting and Crocheting

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

Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet this 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.

Music and the Arts

Choral Society

Those who enjoy singing are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society this fall. Rehearsals for a November 8 concert begin this Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Voices of Light Gospel Choir

You are also invited to sing with our gospel choir, Voices of Light! Rehearsals are on second, third, and fifth Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. The choir sings in morning worship on fourth Sundays, in the afternoon on first Sundays.

Caring for One Another

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we will be tying, with Between Friends, purple ribbons on the fence on Michigan Avenue this Wednesday, October 2 at 3:30 p.m. Email Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.

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.

Joining the Fourth Church family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person next 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).

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 29–October 5

Sunday, September 29

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.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
10:15 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Room 4B
10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Nominating Committee Info Session	Morse Conference / Zoom
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.	History of American Presbyterianism	Borwell Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship	Manse
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Info Session	Morse Conference / Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Voices of Light Rehearsal	Room 4G
12:15 p.m.	Learning about First Church of Havana	Room 5G
12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
12:15 p.m.	Voices of Light Rehearsal	Room 4G
12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Council	Room 5F
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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Monday, September 30

8:30 a.m.	CLL: Starved Rock Trip	Starved Rock
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

Tuesday, October 1

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.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 5B
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
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 p.m.)	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 5E
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.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Tom Are	Anderson Hall

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Wednesday, October 2

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Zoom Morning Prayer	Zoom
10:00 a.m.	In-Person Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
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
1:00 p.m.	SSC Mindfulness and Meditation	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 5E
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities	Zoom
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Colonial Art of Latin America	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond	Zoom
3:30 p.m.	Purple Ribbon Tying	Michigan Avenue
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties: Amos/Justice	Zoom

Thursday, October 3

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

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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
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 5E
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.	Zoom Small Group: <i>Ragamuffin Gospel</i>	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, October 4

9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 4E
12:00 p.m.	CLL: October Lunch Out	Offsite
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Progressive Strength Training	Room 4G
5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: The Shame of Chicago	Borwell Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Night Out	Offsite

Saturday, October 5

8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
9:00 a.m.	Liturgy Cohort Training	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	LGBTQIA+ W.O.W. Deep Listening Dinner	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, October 6

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger