



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 at 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

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 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.

World Communion Sunday

On this World Communion Sunday, worshipers around the world gather for the Lord’s Supper, enacting the words of the hymn “Come, Risen Lord”: “One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break.”

As part of our observance, this morning we will hear the words of the Communion liturgy spoken in multiple languages. We also have on the Communion table a colorful cloth and communionware—given to Fourth Church on our visits to Ghana and Cuba respectively—and a variety of traditional breads representing countries and cultures around the world.

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

As we join in celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, the invitation to the table is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, in which we are assured of God’s love and grace.

Those who are worshipping with us from home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand so that we might share in this meal together, wherever we are.

Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering

This Sunday reminds us that God’s love can heal our deepest divisions, and so each World Communion Sunday we receive a Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering. Gifts designated to this offering will be directed to efforts toward peacemaking that are supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago.

These gifts can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/give; by a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, with “Peace Offering” in the memo line; or by using the Peacemaking envelopes in the pew racks.

Sunday Opportunities

Sermon series on good governance

Today we conclude 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 have been 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.

To view, read, or listen to the first three sermons, see fourthchurch.org/sermons

History of American Presbyterianism

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

Joining the Fourth Church family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person today at 12:15 p.m. 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).

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.

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.

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.

Also 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 and Senior Highs are worshipping in the Sanctuary today at 9:30 and 11:00 respectively.

Preschool openings

Our weekday Day School morning preschool has a few openings for children three and four years old. Our Together We Play program on Thursday mornings is also welcoming children one to three years old and their parent or caregiver. For details, email Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Officer Recommendations Needed!

Your help is needed in providing additional recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions opening in 2025 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board.

By next Sunday, October 13, please offer your recommendations of Fourth Church members—including yourself—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. That will enable the Officer Nominating Committee to begin their important work of preparing slates of candidates.

You can make your recommendations at bit.ly/nominating2025 (accessible by scanning the QR code on the brochure in the pew racks).

Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working to provide necessary resources to support the many communities affected by Hurricane Helene. To support that relief work, you can make an online gift to PDA on the home page of our website or at bit.ly/pdahurricanes

Sing with the Choral Society

Those who enjoy singing are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society this fall. Rehearsals for a November 8 concert take place on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Staff Update

Rocky Supinger has been named Senior Associate Pastor at Fourth Church effective December 1. You can read about this upcoming change in responsibilities in the October 4 “News @ Fourth Church” email archived at fourthchurch.org/news

Hispanic Heritage Month

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

Bible Study

Philippians with Tom Are

A Zoom version of Tom Are’s Bible study based on his short book *Joy Even on Your Worst Days*—which he calls “a preacher’s read of Philippians”—begins this Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. Participants are asked to watch two videos prior to the session. The videos can be found at bit.ly/arebiblestudy2024; for Zoom details, register at bit.ly/zoomstudy102024

The in-person version of the study will conclude this Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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).

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, October 9. 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

This Saturday, October 12 "Honoring the Living Networks of Our Land Ancestors" will be the topic of a presentation by John Low 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).

Fellowship Opportunities

Books by Women

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

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Community classes

The Center for Life and Learning is offering Saturday and evening opportunities for adults sixty and over. These include "Beginning Watercolor" on Saturdays, October 12 and 19; "The Art of Storytelling: An Intergenerational Event" on October 12 and 19; and a "Stewpendous Trivia Night," with optional dinner, on Wednesday, October 16. For details and to register for these community classes, see fourthchurch.org/cll/community.html

School Board Forum

A Chicago school board candidate forum for District 4 and 6, moderated by WBEZ's Kate Grossman, will be held at Fourth Church on Monday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Caring for One Another

Snacks needed for Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry Snack Drive begins today! This month we are collecting individually packaged, single-serving snacks to include in bag lunches distributed to our guests. See the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour for details.

Grief group begins Thursday

This Thursday, October 10 a new grief group begins at 7:00 p.m. Facilitated by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, groups meet for four weeks via Zoom. To learn more or sign up, 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.

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 October 6–12

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
October 6	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	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.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Family Donut Gathering	Room 4C
	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.	Coffee Hour.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class.	Room 5F
	12:30 p.m.	Racial Equity Council	Room 5G
	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	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
October 7	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	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	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
October 8	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	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

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)
 SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center

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12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginning Watercolor	Room 4F
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
1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room.	Room 5E
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
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting.	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women.	Bumpus Room
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Tom Are.	Anderson Hall

Wednesday		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Day School Classroom B
	October 9	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
		9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap.	Zoom
		9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program	Day School Classroom A
		9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Zoom
		9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
		10:30 a.m. CLL: Men’s “Great Ideas”	Room 5A
		10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing	Zoom
		11:00 a.m. CLL: Aging with Pride	Room 4E
		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) . . .	Buchanan Chapel
		1:00 p.m. SSC Living Room.	Room 5E
		1:00 p.m. SSC Mindfulness Meditation.	Anderson Hall
		1:30 p.m. CLL: Carousel of Curiosities	Zoom
		1:30 p.m. CLL: Colonial Art of Latin America.	Room 5G
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series	Room 4G
		3:00 p.m. CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond . .	Zoom
		5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
		6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
		6:00 p.m. Day School Parent Event	Manse
		6:30 p.m. Women’s Horizons Bible Study.	Zoom
		7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Tom Are (Zoom version) . .	Zoom

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Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
October 10	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play.	Classroom A
	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
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room.	Room 5E
	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
	6:00 p.m.	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	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
October 11	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
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Fourth-Floor Lounge
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Progressive Strength Training.	Room 4G

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
October 12	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Ministry Retreat	Borwell Dining Room
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Beginning Watercolor	Room 4E
	10:00 a.m.	Indigenous Peoples' Day Lecture	Buchanan Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: The Art of Storytelling	Room 4G

Preaching on Sunday, October 13
 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. • Matt Helms