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.

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 be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Sunday Opportunities

History of American Presbyterianism

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

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.

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.

Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, a tour of our pipe organ begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship

Join us for a time of fellowship and cultural exchange between Fourth Church members and friends from Japan who are living in Chicago while attending graduate school or participating in other programs. Today we'll gather for an autumn celebration at 12:00 p.m. in the Manse.

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; Matt Helms will be preaching.

Hidden Roots of White Supremacy

Next Sunday Joe Morrow will lead us in an examination of how remembrance and repentance, as key theological concepts, shape how we repair past wrongs. This will be the first session in the three-week class "The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy" meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/hiddenroots24

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

Youth groups are not meeting today but will resume their weekly gatherings next Sunday with Junior Highs at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

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).

Recommendation Deadline Today

Today is the deadline for submitting your recommendations of Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

The Nominating Committee needs additional suggestions of individuals to serve in leadership positions opening in 2025 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board. So please take a moment today to offer recommendations online 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 recent hurricanes. 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

Voices of Light Gospel Choir

If you enjoy singing, you are 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 and in the afternoon on first Sundays.

Choral Society

Those who want to experience the joy of choral singing while also strengthening their bonds with our community 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.

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

The 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"—continues on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. 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).

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 23. The theme this year 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.

School Board Forum

A Chicago school board candidate forum moderated by WBEZ's Kate Grossman will take place on Monday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel and via Zoom. The nine candidates vying for seats in District 4 and 6 (which are adjacent to the church) have been invited. For details, RSVP at bit.ly/schoolboard24

Snacks for Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry Snack Drive continues throughout October, as we collect individually packaged, single-serving chips, pretzels, granola bars, and fruit snacks to include in bag lunches distributed to our guests. See the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour or, for lists of needed items, visit fourthchurch.org/meals

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, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers112024). For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Families, and Welcoming Ministries

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

We hold in prayer the twenty-eight members of Fourth Church and other churches across the Chicago Presbytery who depart this Friday for a ten-day Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham.

Fellowship Opportunities

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.

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Both a fellowship group and a ministry of caring, Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth Halloween Gathering

Women are invited to take part in a fun evening of "Hallelujah Haunts and Group Trivia Taunts" when Women at Fourth hosts their October gathering on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Register at bit.ly/waf102024

Presbyterian Women of Chicago

Fourth Church is hosting this year's fall gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Chicago. Patricia K. Tull—author of the *Horizons* Bible study being used by our women's groups—will be the featured speaker for the event, which takes place on Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To participate, register with the Presbytery by contacting Nina Koelpin (ninakoelpin@att.net; 630.707.5174).

Cornerstones

A fellowship group for those fifty and over, Cornerstones will meet on Friday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a presentation on Inspiration Corporation, a resource for exiting homelessness and poverty. To join us for the dinner and program, register (required) by October 28 at bit.ly/cornerstones112024

Deep Listening Dinner

On Saturday, November 9 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/deep112024

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Calendar

Looking for a calendar of upcoming events at Fourth Church?

- See pages 13–15 of this bulletin for this week's events
- Scroll to the bottom of our website home page, fourthchurch.org, for our church calendar
- Tap on the website menu option for calendar: fourthchurch.org/calendar

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**

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). 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 one-to-one spiritual and emotional support and a listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, or leave a confidential message for a Stephen Minister 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.

Grief Groups

Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being facilitates four-week grief groups via Zoom To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (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; you can also find them daily at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook and Instagram.

Weekly "Rhythm and Word" videos

On Wednesdays we release a brief video of music, scripture, and prayer, led this month by Nancy Benson-Nicol and the Gathering musicians. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword to have them sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos) to receive notice of new videos.

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/reploglecenterforcounseling andwellbeing

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.

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). On the first Wednesday of the month (*November 6*) we also gather in person at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Sermon podcast and text

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon are made available via podcast on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts. You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's sermon text (fourthchurch.org/sermons) by email by subscribing at bit.ly/fpcsermons

Calendar for October 13–19

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Room 4G
October 13	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	
	10:15 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	
		A Time of Prayer	
		Coffee Hour	
		Youth Choir	
		Worship	
		Children's Fellowship Hour	•
		History of American Presbyterianism	
		A Time of Prayer	
	•	Chicago Exchange: Japanese Fellowship	-
	_	Coffee Hour	
	12:00 p.m.	Long-Range Project Task Force	Room 5F
		Handbell Choir Rehearsal	
		Voices of Light Rehearsal	
		Nominating Committee	
	2:00 p.m.		
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room
Monday	0.20 a m	CLL: Advanced French	7.00
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October 14		CLL: Stronger Seniors Monday	
	_	CLL: Beginner's French	
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga Room	
	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	
	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Giving Council	200111
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
October 15	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Egg Boil	Parish House Kitchen
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Tuesday	Zoo
		CLL: Stage and Screen Room	
		CLL: Basic Spanish	
		CLL: Beginning Watercolor	
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall

Calendar for October 13–19

	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)	
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Council	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth Council	
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Joint Finance Council	Zoom
October 16		Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	
		CLL: Aging with Pride	
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4D
		Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	
		CLL: Current Events	
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	_
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Mindfulness Meditation	
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities	Zoom
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Colonial Art of Latin America	Room 5G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Adult Education Council	Room 4G
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons	
	5:30 p.m.	CLL: Trivia Night	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
October 17		Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	_
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	

Calendar for October 13-19

	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
		AA Meeting	
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History	
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	-
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Art Days	Room 4E
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	3:30 p.m.	Meals Ministry Steering Team	Morse Conference Room
	5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Zoom Small Group: Ragamuffin Gospel	Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
Friday	All day	Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage	See page 10
October 18	•	Day School Preschool	2 0
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	
	10:30 a.m.		
	11:30 a.m.	SSC Living Room	Room 4E
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Progressive Strength Training	
	3:00 p.m.	Strategic Communications Task Force	Room 4F
	4:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	Room 4G
	5:30 p.m.	Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
	7:30 p.m.	4th/5th Grade Lock-In	Bumpus Room
Saturday	All day	Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage	See page 10
October 19	•	Sacred Pause	
	10:00 a.m.	Open House Chicago (until 1:00 p.m.)	
		vents are scheduled for Saturday)	•
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Preaching on Sunday, October 20

9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. • Tom Are Jr.