

# 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**

## **Hidden Roots of White Supremacy**

"The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy" meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Today Justin Myers and Regan Burke will discuss the history of race relations at Fourth Church. Next week State Representative Kam Buckner will talk about the relationship between race and the Illinois state budget. For Zoom details, register at bit.ly/hiddenroots24

## **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; Rocky Supinger will be preaching.

#### "The Collaborators"

In an event cosponsored by Fourth Church, First Presbyterian Church (6400 S. Kimbark) is hosting "The Collaborators: The Secret History of South Side Gangs and Chicago's Presbyterians" at 2:00 p.m. today. Natalie Moore and Maira Khwaja will speak; Jeff Doane will moderate.

#### **Sermon Series**

#### Do the Good That's Yours to Do

Today we continue the sermon series "Do the Good That's Yours to Do." Last week's sermon (fourthchurch.org/sermons) lifted up Fourth Church as a place that nourishes a faith that gives strength in challenging times. In focusing on the dreams and commitments we hold for the ministry we share at Fourth Church, today we explore the importance of the friendship we share here. Next week we will reflect on our mission.

# Stewardship 2025

"Do the Good That's Yours to Do" is also the theme of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, which calls each of us to pledge our support of the mission and ministry of Fourth Church for the year ahead. Pledge forms have been mailed to member homes and are also available online at bit.ly/fpcpledging and in the pew racks.

To all who have already submitted their pledge for 2025, thank you! If you have not done so already, in the days ahead please take a moment to make your pledge by or on November 10, when we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, a day when we lift up all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings.

## Stewardship FAQ

On our website you will find a page of questions frequently asked about stewardship at Fourth Church. Included among them is—

Q. Aren't we a rich church? If we have an endowment, why should we pledge at all?

A. Fourth Church is incredibly privileged to have an endowment that was generously left to us by previous generations. The annual draw of our invested funds does provide a hearty amount of our operating budget. Some of those funds are restricted—meaning the donor's intent restricted its use—and some are unrestricted. Still, the needs of our ministry are too great to rely on the endowment alone. If we did, we would drain the funds completely and leave the next generation without this important source of revenue. Even taking a larger draw will reduce its support in the near future. Endowments ensure our ministry for tomorrow. Pledging equips ministry today.

You can read the full FAQ at bit.ly/stewardshipfaq

#### 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2025 Pledge Commitments as of October 22, 2024

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	131	\$1,092,140	\$3,000,000	36%
Chicago Lights:	82	\$397,577	\$750,000	53%
Total:	131	\$1,489,717	\$3,750,000	40%

Of the 131 households who have submitted a pledge for 2025, 79 percent have increased their pledge over 2024.

# Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

We hold in prayer the 28 members of Fourth Church and the Chicago Presbytery who, as part of their Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage, are worshiping this morning at the historic 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, before returning to Chicago later today.

#### Children and Youth

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 meet weekly, with Junior Highs gathering at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

# 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

## All Saints' Sunday

Next Sunday, November 3 is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we lift up those whose baptism is new and those whose baptism is now complete.

As part of our remembrance of the faithful who have gone before us and our honoring of departed loved ones, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year will be read during worship. During the morning services we will celebrate Communion, and the Morning Choir will sing Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*.

Next Sunday, November 3 is also the day that Daylight Saving Time ends, so be sure to set your clocks back an hour!

#### 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

## **Snacks for Meals Ministry**

Thank you to all who have donated snacks to Fourth Church Meals Ministry this month! While the October Snack Drive concludes today, the need continues year round and snack donations are always gratefully received: fourthchurch.org/meals

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness**

Our purple ribbons along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to Domestic Violence Awareness Month and all affected by domestic violence.

## **Choral Society Concert**

The Fourth Church Choral Society will be in concert on Friday, November 8, performing Mozart's *Requiem* at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## **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"
—concludes this Wednesday evening, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. Register at bit.ly/zoomstudy102024 for details; to watch the videos of the in-person presentations, see bit.ly/arebiblestudy2024

#### Women's Horizons Bible Study

Women's *Horizons* Bible Study, which meets via Zoom twice a month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., next meets Wednesday, November 13. 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).

#### 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).

#### "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.

## **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.

#### **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. Register (required) by October 28 at bit.ly/cornerstones112024

## **Knitting and Crocheting**

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

## **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.

#### **School Board Forum**

If you missed the forum with Chicago School Board candidates this past week, you can view it on our YouTube channel at bit.ly/cpsforum24

# **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.

# **Grief Groups**

Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (reploglecenter.org) facilitates grief groups via Zoom. The next one begins Thursday, November 7. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org; 312.787.8425).

#### **Blood Drive**

The Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive Saturday, November 16 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) in Borwell Dining Room. For appointments call 800.786.4483; walk-ins welcome.

## 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 27-November 2

Sunday October 27	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage	Room 4G Sanctuary / Online Hospitality Suite Room 4A Fourth Floor Bumpus Room Room 4B Stone Chapel Anderson Hall Room 4G Sanctuary Room 4D Bumpus Room Borwell / Zoom Stone Chapel Anderson Hall Buchanan Chapel Loft Room 5E Room 5F Room 4F First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Anderson Hall
-	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom A Zoom Zoom Zoom Zoom Zoom Zoom Zoom Zoo
<b>Tuesday</b> October 29		Men's Bible Study	Online Classroom B Randolph Room

# Calendar for October 27-November 2

	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors  CLL: Stage and Screen  CLL: Basic Spanish  Meals Ministry Bag Lunch  CLL: Indigenous Chicago Newberry Tour  CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts  English as a Second Language  Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)  Shower Ministry  SSC Living Room  CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi  Chicago Lights Tutoring.  AA Meeting	Room 5G / Zoom Room 5D Anderson Hall Offsite Room 4F / Zoom Morse Conference Room Buchanan Chapel Showers Room 5E Anderson Hall / Zoom Fifth Floor
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
October 30		Meals Ministry Egg Boil	
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	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program	
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	
		CLL: DePaul Student Meeting	
		CLL: Midweek Meditation	
		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	
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Colonial Art of Latin America	
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond	
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	
	5:30 p.m.	CLL: Neurographic Art	
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Tom Are	
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October 31		Day School Preschool	
October 31		Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	
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		CLL: Silver Barre	
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Intro to Legal System and Reasoning	NUUIII 4D

# Calendar for October 27-November 2

	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing CLL: Range of Motion CLL: Matters of Health Meals Ministry Bag Lunch AA Meeting CLL: Memoir Writing p.m. CLL: Memoir Writing p.m. CLL: Music History English as a Second Language Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) SSC Living Room CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Zoom Small Group: Ragamuffin Gospel Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choral Society Rehearsal	Zoom Room 4E Anderson Hall Room 4F Room 5A Zoom Morse Conference Room Buchanan Chapel Room 5E Anderson Hall / Zoom Zoom Sanctuary Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday</b> November 1	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Crossroads.  Day School Preschool  SSC Drop Training -In Program  CLL: Nia  SSC: Living Room  Noonday Concert.  CLL: Progressive Strength Training.  Cornerstones	Classroom B Morse Lounge Zoom Room 4E Sanctuary / Online Room 4G
<b>Saturday</b> November 2	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Borwell Dining Room

# Preaching on All Saints' Sunday, November 3

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