

## 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" class concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. 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, which today is sponsored by the Legacy Society. This weekly gathering time offers 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; Howard Kim, Young Adult Ministry Manager, will be preaching.

## **Foundations of Judaism**

Next Sunday, November 10 "Foundations of Judaism," a new two-week class, begins at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/judaism112024

## Stewardship 2025

"Do the Good That's Yours to Do" is 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! Pledges have been received from our Fourth Church family in not only Illinois but also ten more states: Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin!

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday, a day when we bring forward our 2025 pledges and lift up all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings. If you have not done so already, in the coming week please take a moment to make your pledge by or on Commitment Sunday. November 10.

## **Stewardship** FAQ

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

# *Q. Why are we being invited to increase our pledges by 15 percent?*

A. We know this is a big ask, but the church has never needed it more. In order to get us to a sustainable financial position, we must both reduce expenses and increase generosity. Guided by priorities of the long-range plan, our governing boards will make substantial cuts to our expenses. You will feel these reductions. At the same time, we cannot rely on budget cuts alone, and we must increase our annual giving. If we can absorb these cuts in ministry that are required and also increase our generosity by 15 percent, we can accelerate our path to funding our ministry on reliable and recurring sources of funding.

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

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025 Pledge Commitments as of October 29, 2024							
	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal			
Fourth Church:	242	\$1,448,350	\$3,000,000	48%			
Chicago Lights:	148	\$488,633	\$750,000	65%			
Total:	246	\$1,936,983	\$3,750,000	52%			

## Leaving a Legacy

On All Saints' Sunday we also remember with gratitude those who have gone before us and in their planned giving remembered those who would follow them in ministry here at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Our remembering is also an invitation to consider our own legacy. Making a gift to Fourth Church in your will can sustain this church's ministries for generations to come. For information about doing so or to learn more about the Fourth Church Legacy Society, stop by Coffee Hour today or visit fourthchurch.org/ giving/legacy

#### **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.

## **Choral Society Concert on Friday**

This Friday evening, November 8 the Fourth Church Choral Society will perform Mozart's *Requiem* at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (also livestreamed).

## **Praying for Our Country**

As our nation heads to the polls this week, we will gather on the eve of the election for song and prayer led by Tom Are and Doug Cleveland. This time of prayer for the country and election will be held on Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Then on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow will lead brief prayer vigils in the Sanctuary at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m., offering opportunity to join in praying for a peaceful election and transition in governance.

## Joining the Fourth Church Family

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom this 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

## **Native American Heritage**

The flag flying in our courtyard bears public witness to Native American Heritage Month. Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

## **Bible Study**

#### 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, which focuses on scripture readings from either the past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday. 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.

## **Grief Groups**

Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being facilitates grief groups, which meet via Zoom for four weeks each. A new group begins this Thursday evening, 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.

#### **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 a one-to-one 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 (nbensonnicol@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.

#### 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** 

## 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 Nanette Sawyer 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). This Wednesday, November 6 we will we also gather for in-person Morning Prayer 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

## **Men's Clothing Needed**

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's clothing, of all types and all sizes. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (enter at 126 E. Chestnut) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## **Fellowship Opportunities**

## **Knitting and Crocheting**

Both a fellowship group and a ministry of caring, Knitting and Crocheting supplies partners around the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort. The group meets in Room 5B this Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. and also on Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

## **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.

## **Deep Listening Dinner**

This 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 for November 3–9

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Children's Choir
November 3	9:30 a.m. Worship
	9:30 a.m. Infants/Parents Comfort Room Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m. Nursery
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Gathering Bumpus Room
	10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
	10:30 a.m. Family Donut Gathering Room 4C
	10:30 a.m. Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Children's Fellowship Hour Room 4D
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Gathering
	11:00 a.m. Pastor Nominating Committee Room 5A
	11:00 a.m. The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m. Cornerstones Steering Team Room 4K
	12:00 p.m. World Mission / Social Justice Council Room 4E
	12:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
	12:30 p.m. Nominating Committee
	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
November 4	9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program
	9:30 a.m. CLL: Advanced French Zoom
	10:30 a.m. CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom
	10:45 a.m. CLL: Intermediate French Zoom
	11:30 a.m. CLL: Silver Taps Zoom
	12:00 p.m. CLL: Beginner's French Zoom

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	1:00 p.m.CLL: Art HistoryZoom2:30 p.m.CLL: YogaRoom 4G / Zoom4:15 p.m.Monday Night SupperCatholic Charities6:00 p.m.Pre-Election Prayer ServiceBuchanan Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b> November 5	7:30 a.m.Men's Bible Study.Zoom7:45 a.m.Sacred PauseOnline9:00 a.m.Day School PreschoolClassroom B9:30 a.m.CLL: Stronger SeniorsZoom9:30 a.m.SSC Drop-In ProgramMorse Lounge10:00 a.m.Knitting and CrochetingRoom 5B10:30 a.m.CLL: Stage and ScreenRoom 5G / Zoom11:30 a.m.CLL: Basic SpanishRoom 5D11:30 a.m.CLL: Beginning WatercolorRoom 4F11:30 a.m.Kelst Ministry Bag LunchAnderson Hall1:00 p.m.Election Prayer Vigil (also 2:00 and 3:00)Sanctuary1:00 p.m.CLL: Foreign PerspectivesZoom1:00 p.m.Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)Buchanan Chapel1:00 p.m.SSC Living RoomShowers1:00 p.m.SSC Living RoomRoom 5E2:30 p.m.CLL: Intermediate Tai ChiAnderson Hall / Zoom6:00 p.m.AA MeetingRoom 4F
<b>Wednesday</b> November 6	9:00 a.m.Day School Preschool

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	10:30 a.m. CLL: Zing
<b>Thursday</b> November 7	9:00 a.m. Day School PreschoolClassroom B9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making.Borwell Dining Room9:30 a.m. Day School Together We Play.Classroom A9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program.Morse Lounge9:30 a.m. CLL: Silver BarreZoom10:00 a.m. CLL: Memoir Writing.Room 5A / Zoom10:30 a.m. CLL: Matters of HealthRoom 4E11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag LunchRoom 4E11:30 a.m. CLL: Memoir Writing.Room 4F10:00 p.m. CLL: Memoir Writing.Room 4F1:00 p.m. CLL: Memoir Writing.Room 5A1:00 p.m. CLL: Music HistoryRoom 5A1:00 p.m. English as a Second LanguageMorse Conference Room1:00 p.m. SSC Living Room.Room 5E2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai ChiAnderson Hall / Zoom

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	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday</b> November 8	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Day School Preschool	Morse Lounge Zoom Room 5G Sanctuary / Online Fourth-Floor Lounge Room 4G
<b>Saturday</b> November 9		Sacred Pause	

## Preaching on Sunday, November 10

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