



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

Sunday Opportunities

Foundations of Judaism

Today “Foundations of Judaism,” a new two-week class, begins at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Led by Rabbis Amanda Greene and David Chapman and Associate Pastor Nanette Sawyer, we will learn the basic beliefs of Judaism and different perspectives within Judaism. We will also compare this Abrahamic faith with Christianity and, in particular, Presbyterianism, as we discover new ways to further collaborate with our Jewish siblings. For details, register at bit.ly/judaism112024

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.

Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday, the day we lift up our pledges to our 2025 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights.

Following the sermon we will bring forward our pledges and dedicate them to the work of God's kingdom, as we each answer the invitation — through our financial support — to join in doing the good that is ours to do.

If you have not yet made your pledge for 2025 indicating your support for and investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, we invite you to do so by completing a pledge card found in the pew racks or filling out the online form at bit.ly/fpcclpledge.

If you have already submitted your pledge, in the pew racks there are green "I pledged" cards to bring forward.

Do the Good That's Yours to Do

Today we conclude our sermon series entitled "Do the Good That's Yours to Do," which is also the theme of our Stewardship 2025 campaign. Over the past three weeks we have focused on dreams and commitments we hold

for the ministry we share at Fourth Church, exploring the importance of spiritual formation, friendship, and mission in our life together. You can find those previous sermons as well as short videos highlighting each of these themes at fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Stewardship FAQ

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

Q. When the offering plate comes by, I always drop something in. Isn't this the same as pledging?

A. Thank you for being a faithful giver! Worshiping alongside you may be some church members who pledge a certain amount every year, but who also make a practice of giving a little extra when the offering plate is passed. Pledging allows the leadership and staff to budget and plan for what we can accomplish as a church in a way that other kinds of giving does not. Our pledges account for almost one third of our annual budget. When we know how much to expect, we can imagine what is possible for the coming year.

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

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2025 Pledge Commitments as of November 5, 2024

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	354	\$1,909,386	\$3,000,000	64%
Chicago Lights:	216	\$635,512	\$750,000	85%
Total:	361	\$2,544,898	\$3,750,000	68%

We are delighted that to date we have received 54 pledges from those who have not previously pledged or did not pledge in 2024. These 54 pledges total \$98,139.

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

Today—and on the second Sunday of each month—Sunday school children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship. They will then depart to their classrooms with their teachers. During the 11:00 a.m. service there is a children’s Fellowship Hour with activities, games, and stories in Room 4D.

Youth gatherings

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.

Today eighth-grade Confirmation also meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Caroling on the Sanctuary Steps

Mark Saturday, November 23 on your calendar and plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. when we will be singing carols on the steps of the Sanctuary prior to the 5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Parade that is part of the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival. Come join us in spreading holiday cheer to those gathered for the Michigan Avenue festivities!

Blood Drive This Saturday

This coming Saturday, November 16 the Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive in Borwell Dining Room from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For appointments call 800.786.4483; walk-ins are also welcome.

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.

Honoring Our Land Ancestors

A one-session class, “Theology of Place: Honoring Our Land Ancestors” will take place on Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

Robert Wapahi, a local indigenous artist of Dakota Santee heritage—whose “Before Straight Lines” exhibition can be seen in the Loggia—will discuss autobiographical aspects of his life in a historical context and the intersection of identity, life, and art. For details, register at bit.ly/ancestors112024

Pipe Organ Anniversary Concert

Organist Daryl Robinson will present the 2024 anniversary concert marking the 2015 dedication of our Andrew Pipe Organ. This year’s celebratory concert will take place on Friday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Caring for One Another

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 (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.

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.

Grief groups

Our Replogle Center facilitates grief groups, which meet via Zoom for four weeks. To learn more or register for a group, contact the group facilitator, Sharon Crawford-Tucker (312.787.8425; stucker@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Giving Thanks

Again this year we will join with neighbors from various faith communities, including Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral, for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, this year hosted by Fourth Church on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day we will continue our tradition of sharing a Thanksgiving-themed “Rhythm and Word” video via our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Bible Study

Women’s Horizons Bible Study

Women’s *Horizons* Bible Study, which gathers via Zoom twice a month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., meets this 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 or upcoming Sunday’s worship service, meets each Tuesday 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.

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

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m., lifting up mission partners and those in need. Over an eighteen-month cycle, we also pray for each Fourth Church member by name. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

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/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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.

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 new or gently used men’s clothing, of all types and all sizes, as well as men’s shoes. 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

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano this Tuesday, November 12 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. Their work includes baby and child care items, which are donated to hospitals and social service organizations, as well as sensory/activity mats for individuals with dementia. Sewing experience is not necessary.

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 next Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Becoming a Fourth Church Member

Are you interested in learning more about Fourth Church or becoming a member of this congregation? Please contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Families, and Welcoming Ministries, who would be grateful for the opportunity to be in touch with you.

Calendar for November 10–16

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
November 10	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.	Sunday School (<i>begins in worship: see p. 10</i>)	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.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
	10:45 a.m.	Strategic Communications Task Force	Room 5F
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Children’s Fellowship Hour.	Room 4D
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 5G
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Foundations of Judaism	Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	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
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Project Task Force	Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	Voices of Light Rehearsal	Room 4G
	12:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee.	Room 4F
	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	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French	Zoom
November 11	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
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 5B
	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
November 12	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
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom

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

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9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G / Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
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 5G
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club.	Zoom
2:30 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

Wednesday		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom B
November 13		9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
		9:30 a.m. CLL: Tap.	Zoom
		9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
		9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.	Zoom
		9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
		10:30 a.m. Ruth Nelson Memorial Service.	Buchanan Chapel
		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
		12:00 p.m. <i>Horizons</i> 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 5G
		1:00 p.m. SSC: Mindfulness Meditation	Anderson Hall
		1:30 p.m. CLL: Carousel of Curiosities	Zoom
		1:30 p.m. CLL: Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Room 4E / Zoom
		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
		6:30 p.m. Evening <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom

Calendar for November 10–16

Thursday November 14	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B 9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making. Parish House Kitchen 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: Intro to the Legal System Room 4D 10:00 a.m. CLL: Memoir Writing Room 5A / Zoom 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 5G 1:30 p.m. CLL: Nonfiction Book Study Room 4E 2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall / Zoom 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. Anderson Hall 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel 7:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel
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Friday November 15	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom B 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop-In Program Morse Lounge 10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia Zoom 11:00 a.m. CLL: Advisory Committee CLL Office 11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room Room 5G 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert. Sanctuary / Online 4:30 p.m. Session Meeting. Room 4G 6:00 p.m. Senior High Retreat Stronghold Camp
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Saturday November 16	All day Senior High Retreat Stronghold Camp 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online 10:00 a.m. Blood Drive (until 2:00 p.m.) Borwell Dining Room <i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>
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Preaching on Sunday, November 17
 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. • Nancy Benson-Nicol