



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

“Foundations of Judaism,” led by Rabbis Amanda Greene and David Chapman and Associate Pastor Nanette Sawyer, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. 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.

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B. They will also gather via Zoom on Tuesday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

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; Nancy Benson-Nicol will be preaching.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Welcome, New Members! This morning we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family: Jane Cappeller, Kelly Deters, Lauren Ehrlich, Daniel Faichney, Nicole Faichney, Heather Ferguson, John Gnuschke, Susan Gnuschke, Weston Hamilton, Joseph Hong, Youngmi Hong, Brent Jacobs, Jude Kelley, Gordon Klein, Michael Lohmeier, Caroline Manon, Grant Manon, Judy Marwick, Nancy Otto, Ted Otto, Ainah Tan-Lohmeier, Caroline Ullem, and Amy Wang. We are grateful you have chosen to join us in our life together and look forward to continuing to welcome and connect with you in the days ahead!

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, December 1 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers122024). For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church: A Place of . . .

Have you seen the videos highlighting Fourth Church as a place of spiritual formation, mission, and friendship? If not, we encourage you to take a few minutes to watch them at bit.ly/fpcplaceof

Do the Good That's Yours to Do

We are deeply grateful to all made a 2025 pledge on Commitment Sunday as we answered the invitation—through our financial support—to join in doing the good that is ours to do. Thank you for your investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights!

If you have not yet had opportunity to make your pledge for 2025, there is still time to do so. You will find in the pew racks a pledge card to complete, or you can fill out the online form at bit.ly/fpcplpledge.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has posted the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) with the Presbyterian Church (USA), providing prospective candidates for the position of Pastor an overview of Fourth Church and of what we are looking for in our next pastor. You can read those descriptions at fourthchurch.org/pnc/mdp

If you have names of individuals to recommend as possible candidates to serve as our next Pastor, comments about what you hope the PNC will consider in the search and discernment process, or questions for the PNC, please email those to pnc@fourthchurch.org

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2025 Pledge Commitments as of November 12, 2024

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	530	\$2,505,487	\$3,000,000	84%
Chicago Lights:	323	\$788,959	\$750,000	105%
Total:	539	\$3,294,446	\$3,750,000	88%

We are grateful for the 438 pledging households whose new or increased commitments have contributed \$638,000 to the 2025 stewardship campaign!

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. hour, families are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

Youth gatherings

Junior Highs gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room each Sunday. Senior Highs are not meeting today, as they are away on retreat at Stronghold Camp in Oregon, Illinois.

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.

Caroling for Saturday's Parade

Come join us in spreading holiday cheer to those gathered for the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival this Saturday, November 23! We will gather at 5:00 p.m. on the Sanctuary steps to sing carols prior to the 5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Parade.

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 next 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

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets 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 gathers via Zoom twice a month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., meets Wednesday, November 27. 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.

Mens' 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.

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.

Counseling, well-being, and grief groups

To explore options for counseling and well-being—and to learn more about four-week grief groups offered via Zoom—contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425 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. in the Sanctuary.

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).

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. 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.

Cornerstones Sing-Along

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather for its Christmas sing-along and dinner on Friday evening, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Registration—for dinner and singing or just for the sing-along—is required by Monday, December 2 at bit.ly/cornerstones122024

Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *Almond* by Won-Pyung Sohn on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. 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/rhythmword 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/reproglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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.

Advent and Christmas

Advent Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 1 will be the first day of Advent. Not only will we gather that day for our weekly Sunday morning and afternoon worship services, but we will also have opportunity to come together that evening—Sunday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.—for a favorite tradition of the season: the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music. Held in the Sanctuary, this special service will also be livestreamed.

Christmas Wishes for Tutoring Students

Our Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students is underway! We are collecting gift cards (up to \$25) to Target, Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, and McDonald’s. They can be dropped off at the church (attention: Simon Crow) by Wednesday, December 4, with the amount designated on the card(s). We are also collecting monetary contributions for the purchase of books. Please note “Christmas Wishes” in the designation of an online gift at fourthchurch.org/give or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Flowers

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward this year’s Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin.

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 November 17–23

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
November 17	9:00 a.m.	New Members and Session	Room 5F
	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	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m.	TED Talk for Parents	Room 4K
	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
	11:00 a.m.	Chicago Exchange (Japanese Fellowship).	Manse
	11:00 a.m.	Foundations of Judaism	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 5B
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee.	Room 5A
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Racial Equity Council Training	Randolph Room
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Voices of Light Rehearsal	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	World Mission Social Justice Council	Room 5E
	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
November 18	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
	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
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4G / Zoom
	4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Giving Council.	Zoom

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Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
November 19	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Motor Play.	Bumpus Room
	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 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives.	Zoom
	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.	SSC: Mindset Workshop.	Room 5E
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room	Room 5G
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	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	Morse Conference Room

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
November 20	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.	CLL: Men’s “Great Ideas”	Room 5A
	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
	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: <i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i>	Room 4E / Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Personnel Council	Boyle Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor

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5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Bumpus Room
5:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Board	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom B
November 21		9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
		9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Thanksgiving Bags	Parish Dining Room
		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
		10:30 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: 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: Art Days	Room 4E
		2:30 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	Room 4G
		7:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom B
November 22		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 5G
		12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Fourth-Floor Lounge
		3:00 p.m. Strategic Communications Task Force	Room 4F
		4:30 p.m. Session	Room 4G / Zoom
		5:30 p.m. Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
		7:30 p.m. Daryl Robinson Organ Concert	Sanctuary
		8:30 p.m. Organ Concert Reception	Anderson Hall

Saturday		8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause	Online
November 23		5:00 p.m. Caroling for Lighting Parade	Sanctuary Steps

Preaching on Sunday, November 24

9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. • Joseph L. Morrow