



## 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.

## Worshipping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://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](https://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 worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

### In person

Those worshipping 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 worshipping 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

### Honoring Our Land Ancestors

A one-session class, “Theology of Place: Honoring Our Land Ancestors” takes place today 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 Zoom, register at [bit.ly/ancestors112024](https://bit.ly/ancestors112024)

### Cuba trip information session

If you are interested in joining us on a trip to Cuba in March 2025 (*see page 10*), please join us for an information session today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

### Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshipping 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; Joe Morrow will be preaching.

## Giving Thanks

### Interfaith Thanksgiving service

This Tuesday, November 26 we will again join with neighbors from various faith communities for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. As we gather here in the Fourth Church Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. to raise our voices in song and prayer, we will be joined in worship leadership by representatives from Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago Al-Bukhari Islamic Center, and LaSalle Street Church. A reception in Anderson Hall will follow.

### Thanksgiving Day video

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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). To receive it by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/rhythmword](http://bit.ly/rhythmword)

## Joining the Fourth Church Family

Are you interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church? Please join us for an Inquirers’ Class next Sunday, December 1 at 12:15 p.m. in person (register at [bit.ly/inquirers122024](http://bit.ly/inquirers122024)) or contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)). He would welcome opportunity to get to know you!

## 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](http://bit.ly/fpcplaceof)

## Do the Good That’s Yours to Do

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the 2025 Stewardship Campaign! We’re thrilled to share that 80 percent of our pledges are either new or increased, demonstrating an enthusiastic commitment and excitement to our community. Thank you for doing the good that’s yours to do!

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/fpcpledge](http://bit.ly/fpcpledge).

## Native American Heritage

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

### 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2025 Pledge Commitments as of November 19, 2024

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
<b>Fourth Church:</b>	581	\$2,651,601	\$3,000,000	88%
<b>Chicago Lights:</b>	349	\$812,675	\$750,000	108%
<b>Total:</b>	592	\$3,464,276	\$3,750,000	92%

## 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. and Senior Highs at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

## 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](mailto: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., does not meet this week but will next gather on Wednesday, December 11. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) and on multiple podcast platforms as they explore the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

## Visiting Cuba

Join us in traveling to Cuba in March 2025, when we will visit the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, continuing our twenty-four-year partnership with our sister church. The deadline for registering for this March 10–17 trip is December 8. Register at [bit.ly/cubatrip2025](http://bit.ly/cubatrip2025); for details, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## Pastor Nominating Committee

Last Sunday morning the The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) presented a Ministry Minute, sharing an update on their search and discernment process. If you missed it, you can view it at [bit.ly/pncupdate112024](http://bit.ly/pncupdate112024)

As part of the PNC's work, they have 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.html](http://fourthchurch.org/pnc/mdp.html)

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](mailto:pnc@fourthchurch.org)

## Mens' Clothing Needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of new or gently used men's clothing 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. **except on days the building is closed** (see calendar on page 15).

## Advent and Christmas

### Advent Lessons and Music next Sunday

Advent begins next Sunday! 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.

### Advent reflections

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning next Sunday as a resource for personal meditation and prayer.

We invite you to receive them in your inbox (subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions) if you don't already receive our devotions), read them online ([fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions)), or share them via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) or Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch))

### Advent "Rhythm and Word" videos

On Wednesdays in Advent we will release a brief video of music, scripture, and prayer for your reflection in this season. Sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to have them sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos)) to receive notice of our new videos.

### 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](http://bit.ly/fpcgift) and must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin.

### 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](http://fourthchurch.org/give) or in the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

### Advent and Christmas worship

In addition to next Sunday's Festival of Advent Lessons and Music (*see left*), we have some special services we hope you will put on your calendar!

The "Longest Night" Service, for those for whom Christmas celebrations are made difficult by loss, grief, or loneliness, will be held on Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Buchanan Chapel.

This year's Christmas Cantata, Bach's *Magnificat*, presented by the Morning Choir and members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, will be part of the Sunday morning services on December 22.

On Tuesday, December 24, we will gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services: the Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m.; Family Service at 6:00 p.m., and Lessons and Carols at 8:00 p.m. (also livestreamed) and 10:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 25, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. (in person only) for Christmas worship.

### Christmas with Tower Brass

Join us Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. for a Christmas with Tower Brass concert! For holiday concert details, see [fourthchurch.org/concerts](http://fourthchurch.org/concerts)

## 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](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)) 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 ([gffleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gffleming@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](http://reploglecenter.org)

## Fellowship Opportunities

### 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.

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets via Zoom this Tuesday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m. and in person on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. For details, email Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org))

### Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild does not meet this week but resumes Wednesday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. 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](http://bit.ly/cornerstones122024)

### Faces at the Manger

On Sunday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom, members of the Adult Education Council will read passages from the book *Faces at the Manger* by J. Barrie Shepherd, portraying characters present at Jesus' birth. We are delighted that poet, author, and pastor J. Barrie Shepherd will be joining us via Zoom! Register at [bit.ly/faces122024](http://bit.ly/faces122024)

### Women at Fourth holiday celebration

"La La Ladies: A Women at Fourth Holiday Celebration" will be held in the Manse on Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. For details and to RSVP, register at [bit.ly/waf122024](http://bit.ly/waf122024)

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## Stay Connected!

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)

## Calendar for November 24–30

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<b>Sunday</b> November 24	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir . . . . . Room 4G
	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
	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. Honoring Our Land Ancestors . . . . . Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Gathering . . . . . Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer . . . . . Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m. Cuba Trip Information Session . . . . . Room 4G
	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. Worship, Music, and Arts . . . . . Room 5F
	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

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<b>Monday</b> November 25	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

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<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
November 26	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic . . . . .	Randolph Room
	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: 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 . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry . . . . .	Showers
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting . . . . .	Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Interfaith Service . . . . .	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service Reception . . . . .	Anderson Hall

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<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
November 27	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap . . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	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 . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Carousel of Curiosities . . . . .	Zoom
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series . . . . .	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Fundamentals and Beyond . . . . .	Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4F

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**Thursday, November 28** • Thanksgiving Day • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day

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**Friday, November 29** • Thanksgiving Weekend • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day

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**Saturday, November 30** • Thanksgiving Weekend • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day  
8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause (Online)

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**Preaching on Sunday, December 1**

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Tom Are Jr.

2:00 p.m. • Rocky Supinger