



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 weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each 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 \$10 for 6 hours (*and \$20 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

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 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.

Congregational Meeting Today

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, January 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom (bit.ly/fpcmeeting202501).

At the meeting you will be asked to recommend that the Presbytery of Chicago dissolve Nanette Sawyer’s pastoral relationship with us, as the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry has been eliminated as part of the staff reductions made by Session and Trustees to help Fourth Church move toward a balanced budget.

For Fourth Church members participating via Zoom—bit.ly/fpcmeeting202501 (the link is also on the home page of our website)—there will be one online vote per device. So, for example, if both members of a couple accustomed to viewing a Zoom session on the same device would like to vote individually rather than cast a joint vote, they will need to log in to Zoom on separate devices.

Video Update from Tom Are

On Friday, December 27 Interim Pastor Tom Are emailed a video message to the congregation, sharing an update on 2025 ministry and budget. Included in that message is an explanation of the staff reductions mentioned above. If you have not yet seen the video, you can find it on our website home page: fourthchurch.org

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee is at work searching for a candidate for pastor to recommend to the congregation. To suggest possible candidates, share what you hope the PNC will consider in the search and discernment process, or ask questions, email pnc@fourthchurch.org

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 then depart to their classrooms with their teachers. At 11:00 a.m., families are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

Youth gatherings

Youth groups meet on Sundays, 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.

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 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., will next meet this Wednesday, January 15. 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).

Sunday Opportunities

Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the 9:30 service and the 12:15 congregational meeting 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 with a Deacon today, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the services.

"Christian Mysticism: Roots to Today"

"Christian Mysticism: Roots to Today" meets today and next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Vicky Curtiss, former Fourth Church Associate Pastor and current Program Director for Siena Retreat Center, is leading our exploration. For the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/mysticism202501

"Resilience, Respect, and Resistance"

A new Sunday morning class taught by our members of the pastoral staff—"Resilience, Respect, and Resistance: Being the Church in Uncertain Times"—begins Sunday, January 26. For details, register at bit.ly/aeresilience

Fourth Church in Florida

If you live in or travel to Florida in February, please join us for an opportunity to connect with one another! Tom Are will be hosting gatherings in Naples on Wednesday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. and in Miami on Thursday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. RSVP at bit.ly/floridarsvp25 or with Shawn Fiedler (sfiedler@fourthchurch.org).

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 please 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 (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.

Counseling, well-being, and grief groups

To explore options for counseling and well-being, including grief groups, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425 or visit repluglecenter.org

Gala of Hope 2025

The 2025 Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, March 7 at the Old Post Office. See chicagolights.org/events for tickets and ways to contribute, or email Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

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 reflection, led this month by Rocky Supinger. 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/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for walking 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. To receive the text of the previous Sunday’s sermon via email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermons or read it online at fourthchurch.org/sermons

News, Updates, and Snapshots

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

Get Connected

Center for Life and Learning Winter Term

The winter term of fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses for adults sixty and over began this week at the Center for Life and Learning, but it's not too late to join in!. See fourthchurch.org/cll for details and to register for CLL membership.

Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets this Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* by Catherine Grace Katz.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Zoom small group

Join a new small group studying *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, in which author Henri Nouwen delves into the roles of the prodigal son, the elder son, and the father, drawing lessons about forgiveness, grace, and the boundless love of God. This group will meet via Zoom for eight weeks at 6:00 p.m. beginning this Thursday, January 16. For details—space is limited!—contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones

“A Day in the Life of Fourth Church Outreach Services: Hear What It Takes to Make It Happen” will be the program at the Friday evening, February 7 Cornerstones gathering in Anderson Hall. Theresa Thornburg, Director of the Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Michael Usiak, Fourth Church Meals Ministry Coordinator, will be our speakers. RSVP (required) for this monthly dinner gathering at bit.ly/cornerstonesfeb25

Concerts

Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert, which takes place in the Sanctuary and is also livestreamed, features classical guitarist Chandler Clark Dillingham. For a schedule of concerts at Fourth Church, see fourthchurch.org/concerts

Organ concert by Doug Cleveland

On Friday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. our Interim Organist and Director of Music, Doug Cleveland, will present a delightful evening of organ music featuring our Andrew Pipe Organ.

St. Olaf College Choir in concert

The St. Olaf College Choir, hailed as one of the nation's premier *a cappella* ensembles, is returning to Fourth Church on Friday evening, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. as part of its 2025 Winter Tour. Tickets for this concert are available from St. Olaf at stolaf.edu/tickets/choir

Stay Connected

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, February 2 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers22025) or via Zoom on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at <https://bit.ly/inquirers32025>) or contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Website and newsletter

For resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, see our website at fourthchurch.org and our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Calendar for January 12–January 18, 2025

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir.	Room 4G
January 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	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.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Christian Mysticism: Roots to Today.	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Gathering.	Room 5G
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Parent Gathering.	Room 4C
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Lunch	Room 5C
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary / Zoom
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	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
January 13	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 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

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Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
January 14	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	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
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts.	Room 4F / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class	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 4G
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	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
January 15	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool Yoga	Room 4F
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
	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 4G
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel

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1:30 p.m.	CLL: Around the World Art History	Zoom
2:00 p.m.	Marilyn Day Memorial.	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting.	Bumpus Room
5:30 p.m.	Gala Committee Meeting	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+.	Room 4F

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
January 16	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A / Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E / Zoom
	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 / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Art Days	Room 4E
	2:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Training.	Morse Conference Room
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	3:30 p.m.	Meals Ministry Steering Team	Morse Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

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Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
January 17	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
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Ski Retreat	Wisconsin

Saturday All day Youth Ski Retreat Wisconsin
January 18 *(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

Preaching on Sunday, January 19: Tom Are Jr.