



## 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](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

### 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 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” concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Vicky Curtiss, Program Director for Siena Retreat Center, is leading our exploration. For the Zoom link, register at [bit.ly/mysticism202501](https://bit.ly/mysticism202501)

### “Resilience, Respect, and Resistance”

A new Sunday morning class taught by members of the pastoral staff—“Resilience, Respect, and Resistance: Being the Church in Uncertain Times”—begins next Sunday, January 26. For details, register at [bit.ly/aeresilience](https://bit.ly/aeresilience)

### Reading ahead: *James*

Jeff Doane and John Clum invite you to read the novel *James* by Percival Everett over the next weeks and then join them on Sunday morning, February 16 for a discussion of this reimagining of Mark Twain’s *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as told from the perspective of Huckleberry’s friend, the formerly enslaved Jim.

### Organ tour

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, a tour of our pipe organ begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

## 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

Youth groups do not meet today, as the youth are away on their annual ski trip, but the weekly gatherings resume next Sunday, with Junior Highs gathering 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, which focuses on Sunday's scripture readings from the pulpit, 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 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m., will next meet this Wednesday, January 22. 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](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

## Remembering Dr. King

This weekend we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born ninety-six years ago on January 15. Signs with Dr. King's image and words stand along Michigan Avenue, and a flag flies in the courtyard, as public witness for all who pass by. They are a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.

We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways. Our Racial Equity Council invites you to stop by their table in Coffee Hour to learn more.

## 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](mailto:pnc@fourthchurch.org)

## 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](https://bit.ly/floridarsvp25) or with Shawn Fiedler ([sfiedler@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.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](http://chicagolights.org/events) for tickets and ways to contribute, or email Katy Frey Bever ([kbever@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kbever@fourthchurch.org)) for more details.

## Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts

The Spiritual Formation and Volunteer Ministry Councils invite you to a “You and Your Spiritual Gifts” workshop on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will include sessions on “Spiritual Gifts and the Body of Christ,” “Discovering Your Gifts,” and “A Pathway to Service.” To join in this exploration of spiritual gifts, register at [bit.ly/spiritualgifts202501](http://bit.ly/spiritualgifts202501)

## 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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://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](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 new videos.

### Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for walking between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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## 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](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)

## Get Connected

### Center for Life and Learning Winter Term

Fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses for adults sixty and over are included in the winter term of the Center for Life and Learning. See [fourthchurch.org/cll](http://fourthchurch.org/cll) for details.

### Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesday, January 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

### Deep Listening Dinner

Come join us for a Deep Listening Dinner on Saturday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as we get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. Registration required at [bit.ly/deelistening202501](https://bit.ly/deelistening202501); to learn more, contact Simon ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets on Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

### 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 Manager, will be our speakers. RSVP (required) for this monthly dinner gathering at [bit.ly/cornerstonesfeb25](https://bit.ly/cornerstonesfeb25)

### Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Milkman* by Anna Burns.

## Concerts

### Friday Noonday Concerts

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary (and also livestreamed) features flutist Christina Ballatori and pianist Kevin T. Chance.

### 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 is returning to Fourth Church on Friday evening, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. as part of its 2025 Winter Tour. Tickets are available from St. Olaf at [stolaf.edu/tickets/choir](http://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](https://bit.ly/inquirers22025)) or via Zoom on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers32025](https://bit.ly/inquirers32025)) or contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

### Check out our Events page!



Looking to explore upcoming events and opportunities at Fourth Church? Visit our Events page—[fourthchurch.org/events](http://fourthchurch.org/events)—and bookmark it for future reference!

## Calendar for January 19–25, 2025

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
January 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery . . . . .	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room . . . . .	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School . . . . .	Fourth Floor
	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
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Organ Tour . . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	PNC Meeting . . . . .	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Project Task Force . . . . .	Room 4E
	12:15 p.m.	World Mission Social Justice . . . . .	Room 5E
	12:30 p.m.	Volunteer Ministry Council . . . . .	Room 4K
	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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**Monday** Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 January 20 Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day

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<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
January 21	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.	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: Foreign Perspectives . . . . .	Zoom
	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 . . . . .	Morse Conference Room

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1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Stroke Education and Prevention. . . . .	Room 5E
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry. . . . .	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
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
6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth. . . . .	Zoom

<b>Wednesday</b>		7:30 a.m. Joint Finance Council . . . . .	Zoom
January 22		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool. . . . .	Classroom B
		9:30 a.m. Day School Twos Program. . . . .	Classroom A
		9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . .	Room 5B
		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: 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 4G
		12:00 p.m. Horizons 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. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
		1:30 p.m. CLL: “Around the World” Art History. . . . .	Zoom
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Film Series. . . . .	Room 4G
		3:00 p.m. CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
		5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
		6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+. . . . .	Room 4F

<b>Thursday</b>		9:00 a.m. Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
January 23		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool. . . . .	Classroom B
		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: Memoir Writing . . . . .	Room 5A / Zoom

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	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. . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees . . . . .	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. . . . .	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel

	<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool. . . . .	Classroom B
January 24		9:30 a.m. SSC Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
		10:30 a.m. CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
		11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
		12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
		12:30 p.m. CLL: January Lunch Meet-Up. . . . .	Offsite
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Hooray for Hooks . . . . .	Fourth-Floor Lounge
		2:00 p.m. Howard Morgan Memorial . . . . .	Sanctuary
		3:30 p.m. Strategic Communications Task Force. . . . .	Room 4F
		4:30 p.m. Session . . . . .	Room 4G
		5:00 p.m. Doug Cleveland Concert Reception . . . . .	Anderson Hall
		7:00 p.m. Doug Cleveland Organ Concert. . . . .	Sanctuary

	<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
January 25		5:00 p.m. Deep Listening Dinner. . . . .	Anderson Hall

**Preaching on Sunday, January 26: Tom Are Jr.**