



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.

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.

“Being the Church in Uncertain Times”

A new Sunday morning class—“Resilience, Respect, and Resistance: Being the Church in Uncertain Times”—begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Associate Pastors Matt Helms and Nanette Sawyer will lead the discussion today; Joe Morrow will guide us next week. For details, register at 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 Sunday mornings, February 16, February 23, and March 2 for a discussion of this reimaging of Mark Twain’s *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as told from the perspective of Huck’s friend, the formerly enslaved Jim.

Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship

All are invited to take part in a time of fellowship with Chicago’s Japanese community at 11:00 a.m. today in the Manse.

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 meet weekly, with Junior Highs gathering at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12. 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—available at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms—as they explore the Bible together through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, at which we will elect new officers, will be held in person and via Zoom at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 9. The Zoom link will be posted on our website in advance of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers, to be presented by the Nominating Committee for election, will also be posted on our website prior to February 9.

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

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)

Joining the Fourth Church Family

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 bit.ly/inquirers32025) or contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

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 (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 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 to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message 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

Replogle Center news

As Replogle Center Director Thomas Schemper shared in an email to the congregation this week (bit.ly/rccw202501), the Center will be closing on June 30, 2025. Watch for information this spring about the ways in which we will celebrate the impact and legacy of this forty-nine-year ministry.

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

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 online 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.

Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open this week for a time of meditative walking on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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

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.

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

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.

Center for Life and Learning Winter Term

For details about fitness classes, lectures, and arts courses offered by the Center for Life and Learning for adults sixty and over, see fourthchurch.org/cll

Sermons from Fourth Church

During the week the previous Sunday’s service and sermon are available via podcast at fourthchurch.org/podcast and multiple platforms. The sermon text is also emailed the following Saturday (subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermons) and posted in the sermon archive: fourthchurch.org/sermons

Chicago Lights Gala of Hope

The 2025 Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, March 7 at the Old Post Office. This annual event supports the life-changing work of Tutoring, Summer Day, the Urban Farm, and the Social Service Center—programs of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church. For tickets and ways to contribute, see chicagolights.org/events or email Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

Music at Fourth Church

Thank You to Michael Rees!

Because the position of Associate Organist is being eliminated, Michael Rees’s last day with us will be February 2. You can hear Michael play at this Friday’s January 31 Noonday Concert and in worship next Sunday, when we hope you will join us in expressing gratitude to Michael for sharing his musical gifts with us these past four years.

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

Check Out Our Events Page!



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

Calendar for January 26–February 1, 2025

Sunday January 26	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
	10:30 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.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship	Manse
	11:00 a.m.	Being the Church in Uncertain Times	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:30 a.m.	Stewardship and Giving Council	Room 5G
	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
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts	Room 5F
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service.	Borwell Dining Room	
Monday January 27	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French.	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	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 28	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 Tuesdays.	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.	Borwell Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Career Development	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
January 29	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
	1:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Borwell Dining Room

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1:30 p.m.	CLL: “Around the World” Art History	Room 5H / Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Career Development	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday			
January 30	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	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
	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
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Mosaic Class	Parish Dining Room
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday			
January 31	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: Michael Rees	Sanctuary / Online
	7:00 p.m.	St. Olaf Choir Concert	Sanctuary

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Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
February 1	9:00 a.m.	Liturgist Training	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Spiritual Gifts Workshop	Room 4G
	7:00 p.m.	Constellation Men’s Ensemble	Buchanan Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, February 2: Tom Are Jr.