



## 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.

### “Being the Church in Uncertain Times”

The Sunday morning class—“Resilience, Respect, and Resistance: Being the Church in Uncertain Times”—continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Associate Pastor Joe Morrow will lead the discussion today; Rocky Supinger will guide us next week. For the Zoom link, register at [bit.ly/aeresilience](https://bit.ly/aeresilience); to watch last week’s session, presented by Matt Helms and Nanette Sawyer, see [bit.ly/ae3r2025](https://bit.ly/ae3r2025)

### 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–March 2 for a discussion of this reimagining of Mark Twain’s *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as told from the perspective of Huck’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.

## Thank You, Michael Rees!

Today is the last day that Associate Organist Michael Rees will be leading us in worship. (The position of Associate Organist is being eliminated due to budget reductions.)

We are deeply grateful to Michael for all that he has brought to the Fourth Church music program over the past four years: we have benefited immensely from his musical gifts as well as his leadership and collegiality.

A Coffee Hour reception is being held in Michael's honor today. We hope you will join us in expressing our gratitude to him and wishing him Godspeed in the days ahead!

## 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 today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F or, via Zoom, on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers32025](https://bit.ly/inquirers32025)).

To learn more, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries, who would be delighted to hear from you.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Next Sunday, February 9 we will hold the 155th Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church. The meeting will take place at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

As part of the meeting, a recommended slate of officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee for election. That slate, as well as the Zoom link for the meeting, will be posted on our website next weekend for those unable to join us in person.

## Children and Family

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.

### 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.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Next Sunday, February 9 is the Souper Bowl of Caring, when our youth will be in Coffee Hour to collect your donations of cans of soup, nonperishable food items, or monetary contributions to support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry.

You can also make a Souper Bowl of Caring gift online at [fourthchurch.org/give-online](https://fourthchurch.org/give-online)

## Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee is at work searching for a candidate for pastor to recommend to the congregation. To suggest candidates or share what you hope the PNC will consider in the discernment process, email [pnc@fourthchurch.org](mailto:pnc@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.

Please also 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](http://reploglecenter.org)

### Replogle Center news

As Replogle Center Director Thomas Schemper shared in an email to the congregation last month ([bit.ly/rccw202501](http://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.

## Fourth Church in Florida

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

## Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

### “Rhythm and Word” videos with Tom Are

On Wednesdays we release a brief video reflection, which this week will be offered by Tom Are. Sign up online at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to have the video sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos)) to receive notice of new “Rhythm and Word” videos.

### Daily devotions

We also invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive these 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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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

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

### Benevolent Guild

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

### Cornerstones

“A Day in the Life of Fourth Church Outreach Services: Hear What It Takes to Make It Happen” will be the program at this Friday evening’s 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 at this February 7 event. RSVP (required) for this dinner gathering at [bit.ly/cornerstonesfeb25](http://bit.ly/cornerstonesfeb25)

### LGBTQIA+ Deep Listening Dinner

A Deep Listening Dinner for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies takes place this Saturday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m. Registration required (seats are limited) at [bit.ly/deeplisting202502](http://bit.ly/deeplisting202502).

### Books by Women

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

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

## Black History Month

Our flag and signage—including a sign featuring Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, a prominent Presbyterian theologian who was the first Black woman to be ordained as a pastor in what is now the Presbyterian Church (USA)—bear public witness to the Black history that we honor this month. For related resources and to learn more, stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour.

## Art Exhibition Opening

Come meet and hear from Chicago artist Candace Hunter this Friday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. when her exhibition “Chlee: Of Girls and Men” opens in our Loggia Gallery.

## 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 Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church. For tickets and ways to contribute, see [chicagolights.org/events](http://chicagolights.org/events) or email Katy Frey Bever ([kbever@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kbever@fourthchurch.org)) for more details.

## 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 February 2–8, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
February 2	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.	Family Donut Sunday. . . . .	Room 4C
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Worship. . . . .	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Being the Church in Uncertain Times . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	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
	12:00 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.	Inquirers’ Class . . . . .	Room 5F
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Project Task Force . . . . .	Room 4E
	12:30 p.m.	Racial Equity Council. . . . .	Room 5G
	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>	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool . . . . .	Classroom B
February 3	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
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga. . . . .	Room 4G / Zoom
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<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
February 4	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

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9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting . . . . .	Room 5B
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.	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.	Neighbor2Neighbor . . . . .	Randolph Room
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F

**Wednesday**  
February 5

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.	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: Men’s “Great Ideas” Discussion . . . . .	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
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 . . . . .	Room 5H / Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	Gala of Hope Committee. . . . .	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4F

## Calendar for February 2–8, 2025

<b>Thursday</b> February 6	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.	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
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Storytelling 101 . . . . .	Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday</b> February 7	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool . . . . .	Classroom B
	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
	5:30 p.m.	Art Exhibition Opening . . . . .	Loggia / Borwell
	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: Outreach at Fourth Church. . . . .	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Youth Homelessness Immersion. . . . .	Bumpus Room	
<b>Saturday</b> February 8	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	5:00 p.m.	LGBTQIA+ Deep Listening Dinner. . . . .	Anderson Hall

**Preaching on Sunday, February 9: Tom Are Jr.**