



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.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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

The Zoom link is bit.ly/fpcannual2025, which is linked on the home page of our website as well; you can also access the meeting via the Zoom Meeting ID 872 7008 6726 and Passcode 702208. For audio only, you can dial in by phone by calling 1.669 444 9171 (see ID and code above).

The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee is posted on our website at fourthchurch.org, as are the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting and the Zoom link for today's meeting.

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.

Our Legacy. Our Future.

On Sunday, February 12, 1871, the congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was dedicated. Today we remember and give thanks for that day and for the legacy that inspires our vision for the future. (One of the ways in which we mark this anniversary is by each year holding our Annual Meeting of the Congregation on the second Sunday of February.)

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



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

Children and Family

Children in worship

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.

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. this Wednesday, February 12. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Adult Education

"Being the Church in Uncertain Times"

The Sunday morning class—"Resilience, Respect, and Resistance: Being the Church in Uncertain Times"—concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/aeresilience; to watch the previous sessions, see bit.ly/ae3r2025

A book discussion of *James* by Percival Everett

Jeff Doane and John Clum invite you to join them for a discussion of the novel *James* by Percival Everett on Sunday mornings, February 16–March 2 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/aejames2025 for the conversation about this reimagining of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as told from the perspective of Huck's friend, the formerly enslaved Jim.

Meditation

Sacred Pause

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/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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.

Resources for Reflection

Daily devotions by John Buchanan

This week our daily devotions will feature the writings of John Buchanan. We invite you to use them 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.

“Rhythm and Word” videos with Tom Are

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

Podcasts and Sermons

Podcasts from Fourth Church

During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are made available via podcast on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast, a lively and informative exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists

Reading sermons

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon to receive the sermon by email.

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

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. service.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Submitting a prayer request

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Art on exhibit

The current exhibition in our Loggia Gallery—“Of Girls and Men”—features artist chlee’s work from her series “The Brown Limbed Girls” and “Black Men/White Shirts.”

Friday Noonday Concerts

This Friday, February 14 our free Friday Noonday Concert series (in the Sanctuary and livestreamed) features a program by mezzo-soprano Ruth Ginelle Heald. For a schedule of concerts at Fourth Church, see fourthchurch.org/concerts

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



Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

Today's Souper Bowl of Caring!

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring! Look for our youth at the exits and in Coffee Hour, where they will be collecting 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

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 or email Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

Celebrating Black History Month

Our flag and signage—including this week's tribute to the Reverend Howard Thurman, who inspired generations of students who became social change leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—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.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage Presentation

Participants in our October Civil Rights Pilgrimage invite you to join them as they share photos and testimonials from their trip. The presentation will take place on Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Supplies for Our Cuban Siblings

A delegation of Fourth Church members and friends will be visiting our partner church, the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba, the week of the week of March 10–17.

If you would like to donate supplies needed by the local community served by First Havana, you can order supplies directly from the wish list at bit.ly/cuba32025 and have them shipped to Fourth Church for our travelers to carry with them to Cuba. For more information, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement.

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!



Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

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.

Get Connected

Benevolent Guild

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

Books by Women

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

Fourth Church in Florida

If you live in or travel to Florida, please join us for an opportunity to connect with one another this week! Tom Are will be hosting gatherings in Naples this 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 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 via Zoom, on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers32025) or in person on Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers42025).

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.

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

Calendar for February 9–15, 2025

Sunday February 9	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.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Being the Church in Uncertain Times	Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary / Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
Monday February 10	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	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 Mondays	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
Tuesday February 11	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
	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

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)

SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center

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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
1:30 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness, Meditation, and More	Room 4E
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
February 12

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: Zing.	Zoom
11:00 a.m.	CLL: Memorial Service	Buchanan Chapel / 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.	Women's Noon Bible Study.	Zoom
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: CSO Docent Presentation	Room 4G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Cuba Trip Meeting	Zoom

Thursday
February 13

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

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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.	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.	Together We Play/Twos Valentines Party.	Classroom A
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday		9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom B
February 14		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
		2:00 p.m. CLL: Hooray for Hooks.	Fourth-Floor Lounge
		2:00 p.m. SSC: Art Hour	Room 4E

Saturday 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
 February 15 *(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

Preaching on Sunday, February 16: Rocky Supinger