



## 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.

## A Nominating Committee Thank-You

At last Sunday's Annual Meeting of the Congregation, new officers were elected to serve Fourth Church. The Nominating Committee, which put forward the slate of recommended candidates, extends their gratitude to everyone who, last fall, submitted nominations for church office. All of those descriptions of peoples' gifts and abilities helped the committee envision the leaders being called in this season to serve as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and members of the board of Chicago Lights.

As you engage in Fourth Church's ministry in the days ahead, the committee asks that you keep church leadership in mind, with an eye toward making new nominations this fall.

## 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.

## Survey: Connecting Online

The Online Church Family Task Force would appreciate your taking a few minutes to let them know how you experience—and would like to experience—the church's online worship, resources, and programs. You can find their "Online Participation" survey on our website home page: [fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org)

Thank you for helping us shape our various online opportunities!

## 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)



## Faith Formation

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

### Children, Youth, 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](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 26. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Adult Education

#### 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 today (and February 26 and March 2) at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/aejames2025](https://bit.ly/aejames2025) for the conversation about this reimagining of Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as told from the perspective of Huck's friend, the formerly enslaved Jim.

#### "Resilience, Resistance, Reconciliation" Workshop

A "Spiritual Resources for Resilience, Resistance, and Reconciliation" workshop will be offered on Saturday morning, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Led by members of the pastoral staff, it will include guided meditations; teachings about how our bodies handle emotional traumas and the healing responses we can foster; and an introduction to the idea of "Micro Activism" and how we can have a positive impact on things we care about. Register at [bit.ly/workshop22025](https://bit.ly/workshop22025)

### Meditation

#### 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

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.

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

On Wednesdays we release a brief video and podcast reflection, this month offered by Tom Are. Sign up online at [bit.ly/rhythmword](http://bit.ly/rhythmword) 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.

## Podcasts and Sermons

### Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our five-minute “Rhythm and Word” reflections (see above) are now available on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)

During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are made available via podcast on those platforms as well.

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](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons) or subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcsermon](http://bit.ly/fpcsermon) to receive the sermon by email.

## Lent

### Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, we will gather for worship at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream. Our Ash Wednesday service will include celebration of the Lord’s Supper and opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

### Path of Discipleship

Our annual Path of Discipleship is an invitation to six weeks of spiritual growth in Lent. We will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 11, with our discussions the middle four weeks on Zoom only. Register at [bit.ly/pod2025](http://bit.ly/pod2025)

## Prayer

### Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

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

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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)



## Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

### Chicago Lights Gala of Hope

The 2025 Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Post Office. This annual dinner, dancing, and auction 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.

In addition to the formal dinner Gala program, there will also be a more accessible “Cocktails, Bites, and Chicago Lights” starting at 7:30 p.m. at the same location and including heavy hors d’oeuvres, dessert, and dancing.

For tickets for either Gala event, see [chicagolights.org/events](http://chicagolights.org/events) or email Katy Frey Bever ([kbever@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kbever@fourthchurch.org)) for more details.

### Celebrating Black History Month

Our flag and signage—including this week’s tribute to Mary Mcleod Bethune, the 1929 founder of Bethune-Cookman College, one of the first faith-based colleges to educate African American women, who also became vice president of the NAACP in 1940—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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

#### 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.

#### 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.

### Final Wishes Workshop

Making arrangements for your time of death can bring peace of mind and support those who will carry out your intentions. To take the first step in doing so, the Caring Ministries Council invites you to complete "My Final Wishes for Being Cared for and Remembered" during a drop-in workshop between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 in the Manse. Refreshments, favorite hymns, relevant scripture and other planning resources will be provided. For more information, register at [bit.ly/mywishes202503](https://bit.ly/mywishes202503)

### 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](https://bit.ly/inquirers32025)) or in person on Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers42025](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://reploglecenter.org)

## Calendar for February 16–22, 2025

<b>Sunday</b> February 16	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.	Baptism Reunion Brunch. . . . .	Room 5G
	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.	Book Discussion of James . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship . . . . .	Manse
	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.	Pastor Nominating Committee . . . . .	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
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	<b>Monday</b> February 17	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French . . . . .
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
5:30 p.m.		Stewardship and Giving Council . . . . .	Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b> February 18	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
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic . . . . .	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors. . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge

CLL = Center for Life and Learning ([fourthchurch.org/cll](http://fourthchurch.org/cll))

SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center

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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
1:30 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness and Meditation. . . . .	Room 4E
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
6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth . . . . .	Morse Conference Room

**Wednesday**  
February 19

9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool . . . . .	Classroom B
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild . . . . .	Room 5B
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program . . . . .	Classroom A
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: CSO Dress Rehearsal . . . . .	Offsite
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
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series . . . . .	Room 4G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	Deacon Meeting . . . . .	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+ . . . . .	Room 4F

**Thursday**  
February 20

9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool . . . . .	Classroom B
9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre . . . . .	Zoom



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9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play . . . . .	Classroom A
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
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
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Art Days . . . . .	Room 4E
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Storytelling 101 . . . . .	Zoom
3:30 p.m.	Meals Ministry Steering Committee . . . . .	Zoom
5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees . . . . .	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Anti-Violence Sub-Group . . . . .	Zoom
8:00 p.m.	Morning Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel

<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool . . . . .	Classroom B
February 21	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
	11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m. SSC: Art Hour . . . . .	Room 4E
	4:30 p.m. Session Meeting . . . . .	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m. Senior High Night Out . . . . .	Bumpus Room

<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
February 22	9:00 a.m. Spiritual Resources: Resilience and Resistance . .	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m. Eric Wicks Memorial Service . . . . .	Sanctuary

**Preaching on Sunday, February 23: Tom Are Jr.**