



## 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. There is an entrance without steps leading to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: 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.

## Worshiping 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.

## Survey: Connecting Online

To help us enhance not only our online worship offerings but also other resources and programs, we would appreciate your taking a moment to complete the Online Church Family Survey. Your input is valuable to us whether you connect with Fourth Church online only rarely or all the time. You can find the survey on our website home page ([fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org)) or by scanning this QR code.



Thank you for helping us shape our various online opportunities and ways of building community and connections!

## Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

### In person

Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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.

## John Buchanan Memorial Service

The memorial service for Pastor Emeritus John M. Buchanan will be held this Saturday afternoon, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. The service will be held in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at [fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org), with opportunity to greet the family afterwards.

## Restoring the 1914 Murals

The scaffolding in the Sanctuary is to facilitate the restoration work in progress on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals.

## Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is meeting weekly to continue to narrow a field of excellent candidates. In this season of discernment please hold the PNC and candidates in prayer.



## 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 resume next Sunday, 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, March 12. 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 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.

To view the previous discussions in this series go to [bit.ly/jamesvideos25](https://bit.ly/jamesvideos25)

#### Comparing the Gospels

Beginning next Sunday morning, March 9, join Matt Helms as he leads an exploration of each of the four Gospels. Looking at the unique lenses each writer brings to the life and teachings of Jesus will help us expand our understanding of Jesus' ministry. This three-week class will gather at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/gospels32025](https://bit.ly/gospels32025)

### Meditation

#### Walking the labyrinth

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

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

### Ash Wednesday Worship

This Wednesday, March 5 is Ash Wednesday. At midday we will gather for worship at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream. The service will include the celebration of Communion and opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

### Ashes on the Way

On Ash Wednesday we also make the imposition of ashes available outside the Sanctuary throughout the day. This is offered for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes to be a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.

If you would like to volunteer to impose ashes outside the Sanctuary and greet passersby on Michigan Avenue between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, please sign up for one of the time slots at [bit.ly/fpcashes25](http://bit.ly/fpcashes25)

### Path of Discipleship

Path of Discipleship is an invitation to six weeks of spiritual growth in Lent as we read together *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels* by Heidi Haverkamp.

We will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 11, with our discussions—led by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Matt Helms—taking place only via Zoom on the middle four weeks. Register (required) at [bit.ly/pod2025](http://bit.ly/pod2025)

### Daily Lenten devotions

We invite you to use our daily Lenten devotions—written by Fourth Church members and staff—for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions) (if you don't already receive our devotions); you will also find them at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions) beginning March 5 as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

### Lenten “Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast

During Lent our weekly five-minute video and podcast reflections will be offered by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow. Sign up online at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to have the video sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos)). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast.

## Podcasts and Sermons

### Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our “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 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.

## 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. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)) for details.



## Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

### Supplies for Our Cuban Siblings

Today is the last day to order supplies for Fourth Church members and friends to take to our partner church, First Presbyterian Church of Havana in Cuba, next week.

Each traveler will be carrying a piece of luggage filled with supplies needed by the local community that First Havana serves.

You can donate items from the online wish list at [bit.ly/cuba32025](http://bit.ly/cuba32025) and have them sent directly to Fourth Church for our travelers to pack.

### Blood Drive

In partnership with city's 42nd Ward office, our Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, March 22 between 10:00 am. and 2:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Walk-ins are welcome; advance appointments are appreciated at [bit.ly/springblood32025](http://bit.ly/springblood32025)

### Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour next Sunday as we “spring forward”: we don't want to start worship without you!

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

### Purposeful Retirement

Beginning Wednesday, March 12, the Center for Life and Learning and the Volunteer Ministry Council will be cosponsoring a “Purposeful Retirement” workshop series facilitated by Alan Bath. To learn more about the series and fees, see [bit.ly/purposeful32025](http://bit.ly/purposeful32025)

### 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!

### 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)



## 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.

### Thank You, Youth Leaders!

Please join us in expressing our gratitude for the faith-filled dedication of our volunteer leaders of Junior High and Senior High Youth Groups: Nicholette Andrews-Maggio, Amanda Felt, Jill Fenstermaker, Judy Kerch, Susan Meade, Kevin Reome, Sally Sharp, and Michael Tax.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering with Youth Ministry, please contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

### Final Wishes Workshop

Making arrangements for your time of death can bring peace of mind and support those who will carry out your intentions. 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. Register at [bit.ly/mywishes202503](https://bit.ly/mywishes202503)

### 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 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, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425) or visit [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.org)

### Online Coffee Hour

Next Sunday, March 9 those worshipping with us online are invited to join us for Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m. following the 9:30 a.m. livestream. Watch for the Zoom link next weekend and plan to join us!

We also invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church: see the story at [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

## Calendar for March 2–8, 2025

<b>Sunday</b> March 2	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
	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
	10:00 a.m.	Family Donut Gathering . . . . .	Fourth-Floor Lounge
	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.	Book Discussion of <i>James</i> . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship. . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Cuba Trip Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
	12:00 p.m.	Organ Tour. . . . .	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting . . . . .	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	New Officer Training . . . . .	Room 4G
	12:30 p.m.	Racial Equity Council Meeting . . . . .	Room 5G
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) . . . . .	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday</b> March 3	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. . . . .	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
<b>Tuesday</b> March 4	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.	CLL: Stronger Seniors. . . . .	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge

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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: Watercolor and Art Concepts . . . . .	Room 4F / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry . . . . .	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness and Meditation. . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness, Meditation, and More . . . . .	Room 4E
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi . . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: New Orleans. . . . .	Room 4G / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F

### Ash Wednesday

March 5

9:00 a.m.	Ashes on the Way (until 5:00 p.m.) . . . . .	Sanctuary Steps
9:00 a.m.	Day School Parent Meeting . . . . .	Fourth-Floor Lounge
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
12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship. . . . .	Sanctuary
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: Destination: 1965 . . . . .	Room 5G / Zoom
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.	Inquirers’ Class . . . . .	Zoom



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<b>Thursday</b> March 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: Move and Swing into Spring. . . . .	Room 4G
	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
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. Cuba Trip Meeting . . . . .	Zoom
	8:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel

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<b>Friday</b> March 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. Chicago Lights Gala of Hope. . . . .	Old Post Office
	7:30 p.m. “Cocktails, Bites, Chicago Lights”. . . . .	Old Post Office

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<b>Saturday</b> March 8	8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	1:00 p.m. John Buchanan Memorial . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online

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