



## 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.

## Organ Tour

Following the 11:00 service this morning, a tour of our Andrew Pipe Organ will begin at the front of the Sanctuary; see an usher for details.

## 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

Today—and on the second Sunday of each month—Sunday school children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship. They then depart to their classrooms with their teachers. At 11:00 a.m., families are encouraged to bring their children to worship in the Sanctuary.

#### 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.

Today eighth-grade Confirmation also meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

### Meditation

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.

### Adult Education

#### “Comparing the Gospels”

Our new three-week adult education class, “Comparing the Gospels,” begins this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Join Associate Pastor Matt Helms as he leads us in an exploration of each of the four Gospels, looking at the unique lenses each writer brings to the life and teachings of Jesus. In doing so we will expand our understanding of Jesus’ ministry. For the Zoom link, register at [bit.ly/gospels32025](https://bit.ly/gospels32025)

### 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. this Wednesday, March 12. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

### Reading Sermons

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

## Our Lenten Journey

### Extinguishing the Lenten candles

Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

### 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 Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 11, with our discussions led by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Matt Helms. This week we will come together both in person and on Zoom. (We will meet only via Zoom the middle four weeks.) Register (required) at [bit.ly/pod2025](http://bit.ly/pod2025)

### “Classics of Lenten Music”

On Sunday morning, March 30, Oliver Comacho, Musical Director of Classical WFMT, will speak about masterpieces of Lenten music as our adult education class at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/lentenmusic](http://bit.ly/lentenmusic)

### 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); you can also find them at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions) as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

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

During Lent our weekly five-minute video and podcast reflections explore the book of Psalms and are offered by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow. Sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to have the videos 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 ([fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)).

## Podcasts

### Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our “Rhythm and Word” reflections (see above) are 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.

## 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.

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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

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks. You can also designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or when giving online at [fourthchurch.org/give](http://fourthchurch.org/give)

### Cuba Prayer Partners

Tomorrow Fourth Church members and friends will travel to Cuba, where they will spend a week with our partner church, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. We invite you to support this relationship by becoming a prayer partner, praying for a chosen day of the visit, including lifting up someone in our delegation as well as our Cuban partners with prayer for safety, health, and the fruitfulness of our common ministry. To sign up, go to [bit.ly/cubaprayers25](http://bit.ly/cubaprayers25)

### 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 on Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F. Register at [bit.ly/inquirers42025](http://bit.ly/inquirers42025)

### 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 a.m. 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)

### Purposeful Retirement

Beginning this 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!



## Connections and Belonging

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

### Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us online today, we would be delighted if you would join us for our first Online Coffee Hour of 2025. We will be gathering via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. today (and each Sunday throughout Lent), immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of online fellowship. Zoom link: [bit.ly/coffeehourzoom](https://bit.ly/coffeehourzoom)

### In-Person Coffee Hour

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.

### Final Wishes Workshop

Making arrangements for your time of death can support those who will carry out your intentions. Stop by the Manse next Sunday, March 16 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to complete “My Final Wishes for Being Cared for and Remembered.” Register at [bit.ly/mywishes202503](https://bit.ly/mywishes202503)

### Caring for One Another

#### 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 [repluglecenter.org](https://repluglecenter.org)

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, email Gloria ([gflaming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gflaming@fourthchurch.org)). If the situation requires immediate attention, 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.

### Get Connected

#### Books by Women

The Books by Women book group will discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah this Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

#### Cornerstones

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall on Friday, April 4 for dinner and the program “When Welcoming the Stranger Is Uncomfortable,” by Beth Brown, Pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, who will talk about loving and understanding our trans relatives and friends and what it means to be a sanctuary church. Register (required) at [bit.ly/cornerstones202504](https://bit.ly/cornerstones202504)

#### Connect with us online

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](https://fourthchurch.org)

## Calendar for March 9–15, 2025

<b>Sunday</b> March 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.	Online Coffee Hour. . . . .	Zoom	
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir . . . . .	Room 4G	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary	
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Gathering. . . . .	Room 5G	
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering . . . . .	Bumpus Room	
	11:00 a.m.	Comparing the Gospels . . . . .	Borwell Dining 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.	Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting. . . . .	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.	New Officer Training. . . . .	Room 4G	
	12:15 p.m.	Racial Equity Council Meeting . . . . .	Room 5D	
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30). . . . .	Anderson Hall	
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room	
	<b>Monday</b> March 10	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip . . . . .	Cuba
		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	
1:00 p.m.		CLL: Bridge . . . . .	Room 5B	
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga . . . . .	Room 4G / Zoom		
<b>Tuesday</b> March 11	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip . . . . .	Cuba	
	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	

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

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9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic . . . . .	Randolph Room
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: 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: Book Club . . . . .	Zoom
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
4:30 p.m.	Gala Committee Meeting . . . . .	Room 4G
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring . . . . .	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women . . . . .	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom

### Wednesday

March 12

All day	Cuba Partnership Trip . . . . .	Cuba
7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study . . . . .	Offsite
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: 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: Destination: 1965. . . . .	Room 5G / Zoom
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.	CLL: Purposeful Retirement Workshop . . . . .	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+. . . . .	Room 4F
6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study. . . . .	Zoom



## Calendar for March 9–15, 2025

<b>Thursday</b> March 13	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip . . . . . Cuba
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. . . . . Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday</b> March 14	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip . . . . . Cuba
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool. . . . . Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . . Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Understanding, Managing Anxiety . . . . . Room 4F
	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
<b>Saturday</b> March 15	All day	Cuba Partnership Trip . . . . . Cuba
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer Ministry Retreat . . . . . Borwell Dining Room
	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . . Online
	<i>(There are no other events scheduled for Saturday)</i>	

**Preaching on Sunday, March 16:** Tom Are Jr.