



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 **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

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.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping 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.

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.

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

Holy Week Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers to welcome and assist worshippers at our Holy Week services:

- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae: April 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday Noonday: April 18, 12:10 p.m.
- Good Friday Choral Service: April 18, 6:30 p.m.

If you are available to usher at one or more of these services, please sign up at bit.ly/holyweekushers25

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 worshippers 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.

New Survey: Long-Range Plan Progress

When Fourth Church adopted its long-range plan in 2024, leadership committed to regularly survey the congregation to discern your sense of the alignment of Fourth Church’s ministry with the plan.

Thus we would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete the Long-Range Plan Progress Pulse Survey at bit.ly/fpclrpsurvey25 or



by scanning this QR code; the link is also on the home page of our website. Your input will help shape how we continue to live out our calling to love God and one another as we recommit ourselves to faith formation, connections and belonging, community engagement and partnerships, and church sustainability.

(Note that this collection of responses is separate from the Online Church Family Survey for which we asked your input in previous weeks. If you completed that one, please complete this one also.)



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.

Parents are invited to stop by and meet Nancy Bartell, our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, today and the next two Sundays between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. outside the Bumpus Room.

Meditation

Walking the labyrinth

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

Sacred Pause

Sacred Pause meditation is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Adult Education

"Classics of Lenten Music"

Today's adult education class will feature Oliver Comacho, Musical Director of Classical WFMT, speaking about masterpieces of Lenten music. The class will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/lentenmusic

"Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy"

Next Sunday, April 6, Shawn Fiedler will lead a one-session class on "Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy." Joined by Will Nifong and Colin Collete, owners of Mangel Florist, he will talk about the symbolism of particular flowers in scripture and theology and what meaning we draw from floral displays during holiday periods and Ordinary Time. Register at bit.ly/flowers42025 for this class, which will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday—meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study—which includes time each month discussing the *Horizons* study "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation"—meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

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) for details.

Prayer requests

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

Reading Sermons

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

Upcoming Opportunities



Looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church? Visit our Events page—fourthchurch.org/events—and bookmark it for future reference!

Lenten Resources

Daily Lenten devotions

We invite you to use our daily Lenten devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them online at 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/rhythmword to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (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.

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.

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

Lenten Commitment to Justice Seeking

As we prepare to celebrate Easter with its promise of new life, the forty days of Lent offer a time to take on practices that draw us closer to God and God's vision for our world. Part of that vision includes doing justice for and with our neighbors.

Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn about upcoming opportunities to take part in justice seeking and join in signing a commitment to do so.

Meals Ministry Pop-Up

Through the Bag Lunch program on Tuesdays through Thursdays as well as Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, Fourth Church Meals Ministry provides nutritious meals and welcoming hospitality to neighbors who are hungry.

You are invited to stop by and sample a Meals Ministry Bag Lunch and learn more about this program during 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour next Sunday, April 6.

New Art Exhibition

Join us for an opening reception for "Exploration to Expansion," a new exhibition in our Loggia featuring work by artists ages fifteen to twenty-four who participate in the Firehouse Community Arts Center. One of our community partners, the Firehouse is a West Side organization engaged in youth development and transformation. The reception will take place in the Loggia on Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with the artists speaking at 6:00. RSVP at bit.ly/artopening41025

Micah 6:8 Circle

Micah 6:8 calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God as a gathered church community and in our everyday lives. Grounded in that calling, we are forming a small group to support each other in everyday acts of justice seeking and doing good in the world.

This Zoom group will be a place to process and discern for those wanting to make a difference in their neighborhood, workplace, or networks on social issues ranging from hunger and housing to racial equity, climate change, and good governance. For details, email Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)

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.

Joining Together in Service

Each of us has gifts and talents to share with our community. Perhaps it is lending a listening ear, serving meals, or (as highlighted on page 7), ushering. As you think about your vision for ways you might contribute and connect with one another as well as new things you might explore, we invite you to browse the various volunteer opportunities matching your interests at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry.



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 opportunity to connect with one another in our Online Coffee Hour. 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

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.

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) or via Zoom on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers52025).

For additional information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

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.

Easter Flowers

You are invited to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received no later than next Sunday, April 6 for names to be listed in the bulletin. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Caring for One Another

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 (312.787.8425) or visit reploglecenter.org

Get Connected

Women's Prayer Journal Workshop

Women at Fourth gathers today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5G for "Writing Our Faith: A Prayer Journal Workshop." Register at bit.ly/prayerjournal32025

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with items for warmth and comfort, meets Tuesday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Cornerstones

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall this Friday evening, April 4 for dinner and the program "When Welcoming the Stranger Is Uncomfortable," by Beth Brown, who serves as Pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church. Register (required) by the end of today at bit.ly/cornerstones202504

Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Clouds of Witness* (A Lord Peter Wimsey Mystery) by Dorothy L. Sayers.

TwentiesThirties

The TwentiesThirties fellowship group for young adults will meet for brunch on Sunday, April 27 at 12:15 p.m. at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) for a time of fellowship.

LGBTQIA+ Task Force

The Session of Fourth Church is forming a task force to improve our welcome to and inclusion of transgender and gender nonbinary persons of all ages. You can learn more at bit.ly/taskforce42025

If you or someone you know is interested in helping this group make its recommendations, please use the above link to submit your name by Friday, April 11. The task force will be appointed by Interim Pastor Tom Are and the co-clerks of Session, Jared Light and Allison Youngblood.

Connecting Online

We invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church, whether through Zoom Coffee Hour, Bible studies, or Morning Prayer or as part of in-person classes with a Zoom component. Browse fourthchurch.org/online/connections to learn more!

Music and the Arts

Making music

Rehearsing on Sundays are Children's Choir (kindergarten–grade 5) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; Cherub Choir (ages 3 and 4) at 10:15 a.m. in 4B; Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:30 a.m. in 4G; and the Handbell Choir at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Free Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary (and also livestreamed) is cosponsored by Musicians Club of Women and will feature soprano Amanda Pabyan and pianist Julia Siciliano.

Summer Youth Trips

Today is the deadline for junior and senior high students to sign up for 2025 summer youth trips!

Junior High Mission Trip to St. Louis;
June 15–20; sign up at bit.ly/jhsummer25

Senior High Mission Trip in Chicago, hosting Youngstown Youth Group; June 28–July 3; sign up at bit.ly/shsummer25

Montreat Youth Conference; July 26–August 2;
sign up at bit.ly/fpcmontreat25

2027 Trip to Vietnam and Cambodia

If you are interested in touring Vietnam and Cambodia with our choir in 2027, please join us this Wednesday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4G to learn more or email Emma (ecox@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for March 30–April 5, 2025

Sunday March 30	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	SanctuaryOnline
	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.	"Classics of Lenten Music" Class	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.	Pastor Nominating Committee	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Women's Prayer Journal Workshop	Room 5G
	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
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
Monday March 31	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
Tuesday April 1	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
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting.	Room 5B
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	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
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship.	Zoom

Calendar for March 30–April 5, 2025

Wednesday April 2	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite Location
	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
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+.	Room 4F
Thursday April 3	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
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
Friday April 4	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: Welcoming the Stranger	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Lock-in	Bumpus Room
Saturday April 5	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	<i>(There are no other events scheduled for Saturday)</i>		

Preaching on Sunday, April 6: Tom Are Jr.