

## 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."** 

## 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—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: fourthchurch.org

#### 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), which supports 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.

Your gifts to this offering touch the lives of those in need, respond to injustice, provide shelter, and feed the hungry, here in our city and around the world.

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 and Easter Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers to welcome and assist worshipers at our Holy Week and Easter 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.
- Easter Sunrise Service: April 20, 6:30 a.m.
- Easter 9:30 Service: April 20, 9:30 a.m.
- Easter 11:30 Service: April 20, 11:30 a.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 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 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
- 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 survey, 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 and includes a Children's Chapel worship time.

#### 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.

#### **Children and Youth Choirs**

Rehearsing on Sundays are the 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; and Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:30 a.m. in 4G.

#### Meet Nancy Bartell!

Parents of youth are invited to stop by and meet Nancy Bartell, our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, today and next Sunday 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, hosted by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/ reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

## **Adult Education**

#### "Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy"

This morning Shawn Fiedler will lead a 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. The class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/flowers42025).

#### 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 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).

#### Podcasts

#### **Podcasts from Fourth Church**

Our weekly five-minute "Rhythm and Word" reflections *(see page 10)* are available on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts.

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

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, to receive the sermon by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

## **Bible Studies**

#### **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. this Wednesday, April 9. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@ fourthchurch.org).

#### **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, 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 to have the newest videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

## **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.



# **Community Engagements and Partnerships**

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

## Today: 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.

Today 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 in Anderson Hall.

#### **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.

## **Micah 6:8 Circle**

Micah 6:8 calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God both 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.

To sign up or for details, email Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

#### 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.

## Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The flag in the courtyard bears public witness to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated on April 4 fifty-seven years ago.

## Loggia Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Join us this Thursday for an opening reception for the exhibition "Exploration to Expansion," 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

#### **Mission and Advocacy Newsletter**

Subscribe to our World Mission and Social Justice email newsletter at bit.ly/missionenews



# **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 worshiping 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

## **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 (see above), Bible studies, or Morning Prayer or as part of in-person classes with a Zoom component. Browse fourthchurch. org/online/connections to learn more!

#### **In-Person Coffee Hour**

If you are worshiping 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. During the 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour today there is also opportunity to take part in Bag Lunch (*see page 10*).

#### 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 today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F 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.

## 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** 

#### **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.

Today (April 6) is the last day to make a contribution for names to be listed in the bulletin. Gifts can be made at at bit.ly/fpcgift; 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 (gfleming@ 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 (nbensonnicol@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 and well-being**

To explore options for counseling and well-being, groups, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425) or visit reploglecenter.org

#### **Get Connected**

#### **Books by Women**

The monthly book group Books by Women meets this 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.

#### Music

#### **Making music**

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. See page 9 for Children and Youth Choirs.

#### **Free Friday Noonday Concerts**

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary (and also livestreamed) will feature the Richard Sladek Trio with guest violinist James Martin.

#### **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!

## Calendar for April 6–12, 2025

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9:30 a.m.	Worship
9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room Hospitality Suite
9:30 a.m.	Nursery
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering
10:00 a.m.	Family Donut Gathering
10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir
11:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Senior High GatheringBumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Arts and Culture: Flowers and Liturgy Borwell Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer
-	Coffee Hour
-	Congregational Bag Lunch
-	Cornerstones Steering Committee Room 4K
-	Pastor Nominating Committee
	Stewardship and Giving Council
-	Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel Loft
-	Inquirers' Class
-	Racial Equity Council
-	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service Borwell Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
	Day School Twos Program
	CLL: Advanced FrenchZoom
	CLL: Stronger Seniors
	CLL: Intermediate French
	CLL: Silver Taps
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-	CLL: Art History
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga
	Men's Bible Study
	Sacred PauseOnline
	Day School Preschool
	SSC: Drop-In Program Morse Lounge
	CLL: Stronger Seniors
	CLL: Stage and Screen
	CLL: Basic Spanish
	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch
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# Calendar for April 6–12, 2025

	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts	Room 4E / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room	•
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	
	6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	
	6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship	Zoom
/ednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite Location
April 9	9:00 a.m.	Day School Parents	
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	_
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap Too	-
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Great Ideas Men's Group	
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation.	
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Noon Bible Study	
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room	-
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series.	•
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Zumba Gold	Room 5G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study	
nursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
pril 10	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	-
April 10	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	-
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	
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	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History	

## Calendar for April 6–12, 2025

	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.Borwell Dining RoomCLL: Beginner Tai ChiAnderson HallCLL: Intermediate Tai ChiAnderson Hall / ZoomArt Opening: Firehouse ExhibitionLoggia / Anderson HallChancel Choir Rehearsal.Buchanan ChapelDay School ParentsRandolph Room
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
1	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert

Saturday April 12 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause.....Online (There are no other events on the calendar on Saturday)

Preaching on Palm Sunday, April 13: Tom Are Jr.

## Join Us for the Journey to Easter

## Palm Sunday, April 13

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship with palm processional (*the 9:30 service will also be livestreamed*)

## Maundy Thursday, April 17

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service *(also livestreamed)* 

## Good Friday, April 18

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service5:30 p.m. Children's Program in Buchanan Chapel6:30 p.m. Choral Service (*also livestreamed*)

#### Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach9:30 a.m. Children's Program in the Gratz Center9:30 a.m. Easter Service (also livestreamed)11:30 a.m. Easter Service

More details at fourthchurch.org/lent-easter