

# 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. (except today, when the second service starts at 11:30 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 (next to the courtyard). 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**

Today 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 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs.

Your gifts to this offering will 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

# 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, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers52025) or in person on Sunday, June 1 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers62025).

For additional information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries, who would be delighted to get to know you.

# 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.

# **Survey Input Due Monday, April 21**

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 if you have not already done so, we would



appreciate it if you would take a few moments before the end of this Monday, April 21 to complete the Long-Range Plan Progress Pulse Survey, which you can find at bit.ly/fpclrpsurvey25; by scanning this QR code; or on the home page of our website.

Your input is important in helping 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.
   Thank you for your feedback!

# **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.

#### **Easter experience for children**

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders, which today features an Easter program, meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

# Youth gatherings

Youth groups, which are taking a break today, resume their weekly gatherings next Sunday with Junior Highs at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs at 11:00 a.m.

#### **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 for discussion of 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 23. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@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

# **Adult Education**

#### "Holy Hip Hop"

Next Sunday, April 27 Kevin Coval, of InterFaith America, will lead our one-session "Holy Hip Hop" class, investigating the origins of the cultural art form of Hip Hop, its various practices and associated lineages which are united by principles of interfaith understanding and black and LatinX culture and religious heritage. The class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/holyhiphop25).

#### **More Sunday morning classes**

Following "Holy Hip Hop," we will have two more spring one-session classes: "Reflections on the Fourth Church Camino Pilgrimage of 2024" on Sunday, May 4 and "Bridge of Hope: Japanese American Christians and Fourth Church" on Sunday, May 11, each at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

#### **Podcasts**

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

Our weekly five-minute "Rhythm and Word" reflections (see facing page) 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, an exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

#### Meditation

#### Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for a time of meditative walking this Tuesday, 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

# **Resources for Your Personal 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; you can also find them online at fourthchurch.org/devotions, Facebook, and Instagram.

#### Weekly "Rhythm and Word" video and podcast

Each Wednesday a Fourth Church pastor shares a fiveminute reflection via video and podcast. Sign up online at bit.ly/rhythmandword to have the newest videos sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

# Prayer

# **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).



# **Community Engagements and Partnerships**

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

# **Join Our Community of Volunteers**

Each of us has gifts and talents to share with our community. Perhaps it is lending a listening ear, serving meals, or 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.

An "Equipping Volunteers" workshop takes place this Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and will cover how to use VOMO, our volunteer sign-up platform; basic first aid; and more. Registration is required at bit.ly/volunteerworkshop20254

# **Annual Day School Family Party**

The Fourth Church Day School—which offers weekday programming for children from ages two to five—is holding its Annual Day School Family Party and Benefit this Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Families with young children are invited to join us for a morning of bouncing, snacking, and a bubble show! For details, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

# **Community Partners Bus Tour**

Are you interested in learning more about our community partners on Chicago's South Side—organizations that are doing life-changing work in the areas of mental health, community development, and violence prevention? Join us for a bus tour to the Englewood and Chatham neighborhoods on Thursday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We'll visit two of our partners—Imagine Englewood If and Sista Afiya—and also stop for lunch along the way. RSVP (required) online atbit.ly/partnertour202505

#### **Firehouse Art Exhibition**

On exhibit in our Loggia through Thursday, April 24 is "Exploration to Expansion," featuring works by artists ages fifteen to twenty-four who participate in the Firehouse Community Arts Center. One of our community partners, the Firehouse is engaged in youth development and transformation on the West Side, with a focus on the prevention and interruption of violence.

# **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

#### **Get Connected**

#### **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.

#### **TwentiesThirties**

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

#### **Cornerstones**

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall on Friday, May 2 for dinner and the program "Understanding the Cycle of Violence in Inner Cities." Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Rich, the author of *Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men* and the director of the Rush Institute for Health Equity. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones202505

#### Women at Fourth: Screening Bad Faith

All are invited to Women at Fourth's screening of the documentary *Bad Faith*, which delves into the rise of Christian Nationalism in the US and its implications for democracy. This screening with lunch will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Space is limited, so registration is required at bit.ly/waf20255

#### **Knitting and Crocheting**

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets on Tuesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

# **Books by Women**

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men* by Caroline Criado Perez.

# **Encore 2025: Sixty Years of the CLL!**

This year our Center for Life and Learning program for adults sixty and over is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary! You are invited to join in the celebratory festivities by attending Encore on Saturday, May 10.

This year the annual CLL Encore fundraiser will include an art show of works by CLL artists, a time of refreshments and fellowship, and a performance by cabaret singers (who are also among our talented CLL instructors!).

For tickets, see fourthchurch.org/cll/encore

# **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 (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 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

# 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** 

# **Celebrating the Replogle Center**

After forty-nine years of healing, care, and connection, the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will be closing on June 30, 2025.

All who have been part of this journey over the years—as supporters, clients, trainees, or staff—are invited to a Legacy Celebration on Friday, June 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

# Travel to Vietnam and Cambodia

Singers and non-singers alike are invited to join the Fourth Church choir tour to Vietnam and Cambodia in February 2027. For details, including cost and itinerary, contact Emma Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).

# **Friday Noonday Concerts**

Our free Friday Noonday Concert series will feature a program by our former Organist, John Sherer, this Friday, April 25 at 12:10 p.m. (also livestreamed).

# **Fun Gatherings Supporting Chicago Lights**

Are you looking for a fun way to connect with new people or enjoy time with a friend? Consider taking part in one or more of these gatherings:

- Painting for Relaxation and Healing with Nanette Sawyer on May 10
- Enneagram Leadership and Collaboration Workshop on May 11
- Decades of Fun with Trivia Master Stew Jamesson on May 16
- Chicago Uncorked: Chicago Neighborhood Bus Tour and Wine Experience on June 7
- Tablescape Magic: Holiday Design Workshop with Kathi Rose on November 1

Not only do these gatherings offer great fellowship occasions, but they also further our commitment to community engagement and partnership: proceeds from the registration fees will support the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

Learn more about these events and sign up at bit.ly/signupparties2025

# **Online Coffee Hour**

While we are not gathering for Online Coffee Hour today, if you are worshiping with us via livestream on future Sundays, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Coffee Hour time online. Resuming next Sunday, April 27 we will gather via Zoom at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of 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!

We also invite you to follow us on various platforms,

• YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos

from podcasts to—

- Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch
- Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

# **Upcoming Opportunities**

There are multiple ways to view a calendar of Fourth Church events:

- See pages 14–15 for this week's opportunities
- Scroll to the bottom of fourthchurch.org
- Tap on the website menu option for calendar: fourthchurch.org/calendar, where you can add events to your digital calendar



If you are looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church, visit our Events page—

#### fourthchurch.org/events

—and bookmark it for future reference!

For even more resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, visit our website at fourthchurch.org and read our weekly newsletter at fourthchurch.org/news

# Calendar for April 20–26, 2025

Easter Sunday April 20	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Easter Program Fourth Floor
	11:30 a.m.	Easter Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30 p.m.) Anderson Hall
	<b>Monday</b> , A	pril 21 • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Zoom
April 22	7:45 a.m.	Sacred PauseOnline
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Affairs Perspective Zoom
	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 Showers
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi Anderson Hall
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study Offsite
April 23	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 Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap Too Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: "The Great Ideas" Men's Group 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
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Noon Bible Study Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel

# Calendar for April 20–26, 2025

	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room
Thursday April 24	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-MakingBorwell Dining RoomDay School Preschool.Classroom BDay School Together We PlayClassroom ASSC: Drop-In ProgramMorse LoungeCLL: Silver BarreZoomCLL: Memoir WritingRoom 5A / ZoomCLL: Supreme Court DecisionsRoom 4DCLL: Golden GroovesZoomCLL: Matters of HealthRoom 4E / ZoomMeals Ministry Bag LunchAnderson HallAA MeetingRoom 4FCLL: Memoir WritingRoom 5A / ZoomCLL: Music HistoryZoomLabyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)Buchanan ChapelSSC: Living RoomBorwell Dining RoomCLL: Beginner Tai ChiAnderson HallCLL: Intermediate Tai ChiAnderson Hall / ZoomBoard of TrusteesRoom 4GChancel Choir RehearsalBuchanan Chapel
Friday April 25	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Day School Preschool Classroom BSSC: Drop-In Program Morse LoungeCLL: Nia ZoomSSC: Living Room Borwell Dining RoomNoonday Concert Sanctuary / OnlineCLL: Hooray for Hooks. Room 4CSession Room 4G
<b>Saturday</b> April 26	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause Online  Equipping Volunteer Workshop Borwell Dining Room  Day School Benefit Anderson Hall

**Preaching on Sunday, April 27:** Nanette Sawyer