



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 between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when we worship at 10:00 a.m. only.)

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.

Worshipping 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 has begun. 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.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Are you curious to discover more about this congregation—and the opportunities and resources available to you here—as well as learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Perhaps you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church?

If so, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom this Wednesday evening, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers52025) or in person on Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers62025).

For additional information, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), who would be delighted to get to know you!

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet weekly as they further narrow a field of excellent candidates. In this season of discernment please hold the PNC and candidates in prayer.

Restoring the 1914 Murals

The scaffolding in the Sanctuary is to facilitate the restoration work on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals. For a closer view of this artwork, a series of panels is mounted in the north part of the Commons.

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 worshipers 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.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the weekend of Labor Day. From Sunday, May 25 through Sunday, August 31, we will gather—in person and via livestream—for one worship service each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Read Scripture during Summer Worship

If you have not been a scripture reader during worship at Fourth Church, we invite you to help lead a 10:00 a.m. service this summer by serving as a reader. If you would like to sign up for a summer service, please do so at bit.ly/summerliturgist; your reading will be sent to you the previous Wednesday.

2025 Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday, May 11, is Confirmation Sunday, when eighth-grade confirmands will be recognized and welcomed into the wider life of our congregation during the 11:00 a.m. service

AAPI Heritage Month

The AAPI flag flying in our Michigan Avenue courtyard bears public witness to May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Our Racial Equity Council invites you to stop by Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.



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

Junior Highs gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Senior Highs meet in the Bumpus Room at 11:00 a.m.

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; Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:30 a.m. in 4G.

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"—next meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Adult Education

"Reflections on the Camino Pilgrimage"

Today Toni Yang, Luke Beasley, and Joe Morrow will talk about the pilgrimage they and other Fourth Church members made to Spain in 2024 to walk the historic Camino De Santiago. This one-session class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/pilgrimage25).

"Japanese American Christians and Fourth Church"

During and immediately following World War II, Fourth Church welcomed the Japanese Church of Christ and their pastor, the Reverend Ai Chih Tsai. On Sunday, May 11, Joe Morrow will help us uncover new aspects of the story of this intercultural partnership and Lisa Doi will put the history of our Christian congregations in the larger context of Japanese American history. This class will be held next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/bridgeofhope25).

Podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our weekly five-minute "Rhythm and Word" reflections by the pastors (*see p. 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, 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 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

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 five-minute reflection via video and podcast. In our Easter season episodes, Matt Helms is looking at what we can learn from the early church.

Sign up online at bit.ly/rhythmword to have new videos sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to the reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

Sermon transcripts

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

Prayer

Prayer Workshop

Have you wondered about how to pray, the practice of prayer, or whether you are praying “right”?

For any who would like to deepen their prayer practice, please join prayer historian Ken Sawyer for a virtual prayer workshop via Zoom this Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. Register at bit.ly/prayerworkshop202505

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 (gffleming@fourthchurch.org)



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

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 this 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 at bit.ly/partnertour202505

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, ushering, or reading scripture during worship (*see p. 8*). 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

Get Connected

Today: Women at Fourth hosts *Bad Faith* screening

Women at Fourth is screening 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 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Space is limited, but there may be some remaining spots.

Knitting and Crocheting

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

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.

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.

Deep Listening Dinner

Connect with others and get to know one another better over a shared meal and conversation: join us for a Deep Listening Dinner on Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP at bit.ly/deeplisting202505

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).

Encore 2025 This Saturday, May 10!

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 this Saturday, May 10 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church.

For 2025, 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/ctl/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 repluglecenter.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

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Coffee Hour time online. Each week we gather via Zoom at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of fellowship.

Note the new Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

If a password is requested, please use 676359

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, from podcasts to—

- YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos
- Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch
- Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

Friday Noonday Concerts

Our free Friday Noonday Concert series will feature a program of boogie-woogie music by pianist Matt Ball on Friday, May 9 at 12:10 p.m. (also livestreamed).

Upcoming Opportunities



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

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, which not only provides an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

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.

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
- 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 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

Calendar for May 4–10, 2025

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir.	Room 4G
	May 4 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
	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.	Family Donut Sunday Gathering.	Fourth-Floor Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Camino Pilgrimage Reflections.	Borwell Dining Room / Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Steering Committee	Room 4K
	12:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force.	Room 4E
	12:15 p.m.	Women at Fourth: Bad Faith	Room 4G
	12:30 p.m.	Racial Equity Council	Room 5G
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper.	Anderson Hall
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	May 5 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 5G
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
	May 6 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.	Ministry Team Meeting	Room 4F
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting.	Room 5B
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Good Memories Performance.	Buchanan Chapel

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1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Affairs Perspective	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts.	Room 4E / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Beginner's Canasta	Room 4F
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Workshop	Room 4B / Zoom
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring Volunteer Appreciation . .	Allison Hall and Library

Wednesday May 7	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.	CLL: Tap Too	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	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
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Frida Kahlo with Susan Musich	Room 5H / Zoom
	2:00 p.m.	Food Prep For Tutoring	Deloteus Kitchen
	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

Thursday May 8	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	9:00 a.m.	South Side Partner Tour	Offsite
	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
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom

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11:00 a.m.	CLL: The “Art” of Conversation	Room 5E
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
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
May 9	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Room 4C
	2:00 p.m.	Jerry Johnson Memorial	Sanctuary / Online

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
May 10	4:00 p.m.	CLL: Encore 2025	Borwell Dining Room

Preaching on Sunday, May 11: Matt Helms