



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. Beginning next Sunday and continuing **from May 25 through August 31 we will gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

Entering the building

The doors open a half hour prior to worship. There is an entrance without steps that leads 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.

Today: Congregational Meeting to Call a New Pastor

Sunday, May 18

12:15 p.m.

In the Sanctuary and via Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/fpcmeeting202505 (also linked from the home page at fourthchurch.org)

For those Fourth Church members attending via Zoom, there will be one online vote per Zoom login. Thus if you are accustomed to viewing Zoom as a couple on one device, in this case each person will need to view the meeting on a separate device in order to each cast a vote.

We encourage all members to be with us — whether in person or online — to take part in this important moment in the life of our congregation!

Nursery care will be available on the fourth floor during the meeting.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 25

Beginning next Sunday our summer worship schedule begins and will 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.

Worshipping Online

We are livestreaming the 9:30 a.m. service today and will livestream the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday of the summer 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.

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.

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 Wednesday prior.



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.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins on June 1 at 10:00 a.m. Until then Sunday School is taking a short break—today for Family Camp in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and next Sunday for Memorial Day weekend.

Adult Education

“Christian Perspectives on End-of-Life”

This morning Amy Pagliarella, Parish Associate for Caring Ministries, will guide us in looking at the resources our faith offers to help us with end-of-life decisions. The class will meet in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/livingdying202505).

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer 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) after 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)

Bible Studies

Tom Are Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark

Before Tom Are retires on June 15, join him for one more Bible study: “The Literary Design of Mark’s Gospel.” The study will meet in person on Tuesday evenings, May 20, 27, and June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register at bit.ly/markstudy2025

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

Summer Women’s Bible Studies will meet via Zoom beginning on Wednesday, June 11 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. The studies will continue throughout the summer on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Podcasts

Our weekly five-minute “Rhythm and Word” reflections by the pastors (*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.

Sermon Transcripts

In addition to listening to sermons from Fourth Church via podcast, you can also read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives). See fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive the sermons by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

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/rhythmandword 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

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.



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Community Partners Update

Fourth Church partners with several local nonprofits whose mission involves the support and development of youth in Chicago, including Chicago Lights, Firehouse Community Arts Center, Learning Edge Tutoring, and Boxing Out Negativity. This Thursday, May 22 learn more about their work by joining our quarterly Fourth Church Community Partner Zoom call at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at bit.ly/partnerzoom202505

Celebrating Our Legacy

Dedication Commemoration Sunday

Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the Fourth Church congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior. A series of dedicatory services were held the remainder of that week, and on May 21, 1914, the new Sanctuary and Parish House buildings were host to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, including the assembly’s Communion service attended by more than 1,800 worshipers.

The Legacy Society

The generations that have gone before us left a vibrant legacy, not only in the bricks and mortar of the Sanctuary and Parish House buildings but also in the financial foundation from which we carry forth our ministry. It was the \$25,000 that remained after the completion of the 1914 building project that began the Fourth Church endowment fund. Just as we carry on the work of the church today, so too we join in the commitment to passing on the legacy of that ministry for future generations. If you have planned or are considering a legacy gift to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights as part of your will, we invite you to learn more about the Legacy Society by stopping by today’s special Coffee Hour, visiting fourthchurch.org/giving/legacy, or contacting Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

The Diversity of Our Families

To celebrate Pride Month, our Widen Our Welcome (WOW) LGBTQ+ planning team will be creating a slideshow showcasing the diversity of families present at Fourth Church. They invite you to participate by submitting a digital photo of your family (and a brief description, if you’d like) to familyphotos@fourthchurch.org by Thursday, May 29. A family can be a couple, with or without kids, a single-parent household, you and your pet, or whatever “family” means to you!



Connections and Belonging

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

Recognizing Graduates

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2025 are asked to email their names to Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org) by next Sunday, May 25. Graduate names received by that day will appear in the worship bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 1.

In-Person Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m.

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the 9:30 a.m. service for Coffee Hour hosted by the Legacy Society. Join us for this opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. *(We will not have 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour today but will instead come together for the congregational meeting.)*

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. today (and beginning next Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)—immediately following the livestream of worship—for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc; passcode: 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!

Get Connected

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 Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP at bit.ly/deeplisting202505

Cornerstones

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will enjoy dinner and the program “There’s No Age Limit to Being a Debut Author!” on Friday, June 6 in Borwell Dining Room. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2506

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. A Legacy Celebration of the Center and its work will be held on Friday, June 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP to Darlene at dcunneen@fourthchurch.org by Friday, May 30.

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) or call 312.573.3365.

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

Calendar for May 18–24, 2025

Sunday	Until 12:00 p.m.	Family Camp 2025.	Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
May 18	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	“Living and Dying with Intention”.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting.	Sanctuary / Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
May 19	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
	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Giving Council	Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Long-Range Planning Progress Task Force	Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
May 20	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	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 / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Affairs Perspective	Zoom
	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
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Beginner’s Canasta.	Room 4F
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Council	Manse Dining Room
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth Council.	Morse Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	“The Literary Design of Mark’s Gospel”.	Anderson Hall

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Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite Location
	May 21 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 Too	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Explorations with Jane Hunt	Room 5G
	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: Artificial Intelligence and Art	Room 4K / Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Joint Finance Council	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Adult Education Council	Room 5G
	5:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Board	Room 5F
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	May 22 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
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: The "Art" of Conversation	Room 4D
	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
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Community Partner Zoom	Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Choir	Buchanan Chapel

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Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
May 23	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: May Lunch Meet-Up	Offsite
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks	Room 4C
	4:30 p.m.	Session	Room 4G

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
May 24	5:00 p.m.	Deep Listening Dinner.	Anderson Hall

Sunday, May 25
Summer worship schedule begins
One worship service at **10:00 a.m.**
Preaching: Tom Are Jr.