

## 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 at Fourth Church

Each summer Sunday our worshipping body—which is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews—gathers at 10:00 a.m.

#### Entering the building

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. 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: one at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and one 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.

#### Livestream

We livestream the worship service each Sunday on our YouTube channel—[bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: [fourthchurch.org](https://fourthchurch.org)

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](https://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.

#### Sermon Transcripts

In addition to listening to sermons from Fourth Church via podcast (see p. 9), you can read the text of the previous Sunday’s sermon (or past sermons in our archives). See [fourthchurch.org/sermons](https://fourthchurch.org/sermons) or, to receive the sermons by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcsermon](https://bit.ly/fpcsermon)



## Connections and Belonging

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

### 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 scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

### In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshiping with us in person, we invite you to stop by Anderson Hall after worship for Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

### 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 11:00 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: [bit.ly/coffeehourfpc](https://bit.ly/coffeehourfpc); passcode: 676359

### Recognizing Graduates

Today is the last day to submit names of those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2025 and have them appear in the worship bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 1. To have names included, email them today (May 25) to Katie ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

### Connecting Online

Whether you will be traveling this summer, live out of town, or have difficulty getting to Fourth Church, 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.

### 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.

#### Art Exhibition Opening

The next art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery opens on Thursday, June 5, with a reception from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

#### 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](https://bit.ly/cornerstones2506)

#### Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.

## 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](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](https://fourthchurch.org/news)

### Camille Cook Howe: Our New Pastor!

We are overjoyed to share that last Sunday, the congregation of Fourth Church enthusiastically and resoundingly voted to call the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe to serve as our next Pastor. We look forward to Camille and her family joining us in September and encourage you to learn more about her at [bit.ly/fpc-cch](http://bit.ly/fpc-cch)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)) or call 312.573.3365.

### Long-Range Plan Survey Results

Thank you to all who responded to our churchwide Long-Range Plan Progress Pulse Survey in spring. Next Sunday, June 1 all are invited to Borwell Dining Room at 11:00 a.m. to hear the high-level survey findings.

### Tom Are's Final Sunday with Us: June 15

Join us for a special Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 15 when we thank Tom and Carol are for their ministry among us and wish them Godspeed in their retirement.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:dcunneen@fourthchurch.org) by this Friday, May 30.

### 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, June 1 at 11:10 a.m. in Room 5F (register at [bit.ly/inquirers62025](http://bit.ly/inquirers62025)) or on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at [bit.ly/inquirers82025](http://bit.ly/inquirers82025)).



## Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

### The Diversity of Our Families

LGBTQ+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) is creating a slideshow showcasing the diversity of families at Fourth Church. To participate, submit a digital photo of your family (plus, if you'd like, a brief description) to [familyphotos@fourthchurch.org](mailto:familyphotos@fourthchurch.org) by Thursday, May 29. A family can be a couple, a single-parent household, you and your pet—whatever “family” means to you!

### Bus Tour of North Lawndale

The Fourth Church Racial Equity Council invites you to join them on June 22 for a special Sunday afternoon bus tour of Chicago's historic North Lawndale neighborhood led by historian and storyteller Sherman “Dilla” Thomas. The bus will depart from Fourth Church at 1:45 p.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited, so register soon at [bit.ly/bustour622](http://bit.ly/bustour622)



## 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

Sunday School is on break today. Next Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School begins.

### Adult Education: Jesus' Parables

Associate Pastor Matt Helms will lead a Sunday morning class on Jesus' parables on Sundays, June 8, 22, and 29 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Each week we will discuss three parables along with their interpretations and applications to our lives. For details register at [bit.ly/parables2025](https://bit.ly/parables2025)

### 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](mailto: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 ([gflaming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gflaming@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 continues in person on Tuesday evenings, May 27 and June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register at [bit.ly/markstudy2025](https://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](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

#### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Studies will meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. beginning June 11. The noon gathering will study the *Horizons* Bible Study "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles" by Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol. The evening gathering will study the Sunday lectionary readings, including a passage from the Old Testament, Psalms, a non-Gospel New Testament book, and a Gospel. For details, contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

### Podcasts and Devotions

Our weekly five-minute "Rhythm and Word" reflections by the pastors are available on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) as well as via video at [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

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.

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](https://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them online at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](https://fourthchurch.org/devotions), Facebook, and Instagram.

## Calendar for May 25–31, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
May 25	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room. . . . .	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery. . . . .	Room 4A
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour. . . . .	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30) . . . . .	Anderson Hall

**Monday, May 26 • Memorial Day • Church Offices and Campus Closed All Day**

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
May 27	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 . . . . .	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: 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
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force. . . . .	Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	The Literary Design of Mark's Gospel . . . . .	Anderson Hall

<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study . . . . .	Offsite Location
May 28	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: 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
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Artificial Intelligence and Art . . . . .	Zoom Room 4K
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series. . . . .	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study. . . . .	Zoom

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<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool. . . . .	Classroom B
May 29	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre . . . . .	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.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Literary Salon. . . . .	Randolph Room
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History. . . . .	Zoom
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Mosaics Class . . . . .	Parish Dining Room
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
May 30	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
May 31	9:00 a.m.	Trauma Informed Care Training. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
		<i>(There are no other events scheduled for Saturday)</i>	

### Sunday, June 1

One worship service at **10:00 a.m.**

**Preaching: Tom Are Jr.**