



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 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 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Worshipping Online

Livestream

We livestream the worship service each Sunday on our YouTube channel—bit.ly/fpcvideos—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: 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

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.

Thank You, Tom and Carol!

In October 2023, Tom Are joined us as Interim Pastor to guide Fourth Church during the period between Shannon Kershner’s ministry and that of our next Pastor. Immediately Tom and Carol immersed themselves in the life of this congregation, and ever since we have benefited immeasurably from their ministry and friendship.

Today their time with us comes to a close, as Tom leads us in worship one last time and he and Carol begin their retirement. We are profoundly grateful for the gifts they have shared and their decision to spend these past twenty months with us. Thank you, Tom and Carol!

Coffee Hour reception today

Please join us following worship for a special Coffee Hour reception to honor Tom and Carol, express our deep gratitude for their ministry and friendship, and wish them Godspeed in retirement.

Messages for Tom and Carol

We are continuing to collect—through June 30—messages of gratitude and well-wishes to Tom and Carol. You can add to the collection by emailing your note to amacdonna@fourthchurch.org and putting “Tom Are” in the subject line. You can also mail an envelope to Allison MacDonna at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Please send any messages by Monday, June 30 so we can compile them and present them to Tom and Carol.

Gifts honoring Tom’s ministry

To recognize his ministry among us, gifts honoring Tom will be used to support expanding opportunities for our digital ministry. They can be given online (fourthchurch.org/give) or by check (payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, noting “Digital Ministry” in the memo line).

Remembering Georgetown Presbyterian

As we look forward to the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe joining us as our Pastor in September, we also remember in prayer Georgetown Presbyterian Church, in these days for them of leave-taking and in the Spirit-led future that lies ahead—especially today, on Camille’s final Sunday there, as they say goodbye to her and her family and celebrate fifteen years of shared ministry.

Read our letter to Georgetown at bit.ly/fpcgeorgetown



Connections and Belonging

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

In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us in person, each Sunday we invite 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.

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Ed Miller and Dale Singleton in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary.

During our Coffee Hour time we also encourage you to browse the Pride Month and Juneteenth resources and information available at the various tables in the Gratz Center Commons.

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 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; passcode: 676359

Connecting Online

Whether you are 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.

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

You're Invited to a Picnic!

Mark Sundays, July 13 and August 10 on your calendar and plan to join us in the courtyard and Anderson Hall for a congregational picnic following worship.

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 Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025) or in person on Sunday, September 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers92025). For more information, contact Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Senior Associate Pastor, who would welcome hearing from you!

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 (gflaming@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 Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Celebrating Pride Month and Juneteenth

About the Covenant Network of Presbyterians

Since 1997 the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (CNP)—of which Fourth Church is a founding member—has sought to strengthen the church by working for the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in its life and leadership. As part of its work the CNP advocates for the full acceptance and inclusion of transgender and gender non-binary individuals within the church.

The CNP provides resources for congregations to learn about and better serve transgender and gender non-binary members, including resources for Transgender Day of Visibility and Transgender Awareness Week. You can find them at covnetpres.org, where you can also read CNP's mission statement, which emphasizes creating a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone, including transgender and gender non-binary people, is celebrated.

Bearing public witness

The front of the church is decorated with ribbons to bear public witness to two important June celebrations: Pride Month and Juneteenth. These decorations will remain up throughout the month, boldly proclaiming to all passersby our Christian values and God's inclusive love of all.

Juneteenth is represented by the red and blue ribbons and flags. The front steps of the Sanctuary are flanked by the traditional rainbow colors of Pride, and in between, the pink, blue, and white ribbons are tied in the style of the Transgender Pride flag.

Art Exhibition in the Loggia

The summer art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery features works by Charlene Moy, a Chicago-based Chinese American artist who assembles and weaves artificial materials with artist media to draw attention to the impact plastics have on our environment.

Blessing of the Animals This Saturday

During the Michigan Avenue Arts Festival this Saturday, June 21 we will host a Blessing of the Animals service in our courtyard between 10:00 and 10:45 a.m. We will also host a morning open house in the Sanctuary.

Urban Farm Farmstand Next Sunday

Also in conjunction with next weekend's Michigan Avenue Arts Festival, the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will have a farmstand outdoors in the Cloisters following the June 22 worship service.

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).

Peace Walks in Auburn Gresham

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them in letting your feet do the praying this summer: come be part of the Peace Walks of the St. Sabina Parish in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. We'll be taking part in these walks on Fridays, July 11 and August 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025, or for details, contact Nancy (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Summer Blood Drive

The next Center for Life and Learning–hosted blood drive will be Saturday, July 12 in Borwell Dining Room between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For appointments register at bit.ly/blooddrive20257



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 takes place in June and July at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Vacation Bible School This Week!

Children three years old through fifth grade are invited to join us for this year's Vacation Bible School adventure as we spend time learning about Paul and his travels, making crafts, and playing games. This year VBS will be held June 16–18 and 20 (no session on Juneteenth) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; a half-day option is also available for preschoolers. Register at bit.ly/fpcvbs2025

Junior High Mission Trip

Following worship our junior high youth and their leaders will travel to St. Louis for the fourth consecutive summer of learning and growing together in faith and service as they take part in urban ministry there.

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our weekly five-minute “Rhythm and Word” reflections (see facing page) by the pastors are available on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts as well as via video at 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.

“Jesus’ Parables” Continues Next Sunday

Associate Pastor Matt Helms is leading a Sunday morning class on Jesus’ parables that continues on Sundays June 22 and 29 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom.

Each week we will look at some of Jesus’ most beloved parables — from unpacking the historical context behind them, to exploring various interpretations of these texts and why they still resonate with us today.

Each class will be a stand-alone session; we hope you’ll join us for as many as you are able! For details register at bit.ly/parables2025

Bible Studies via Zoom

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 Summer Bible Study

Women’s Summer Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (gathering next on June 25) at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The noon gathering is studying the *Horizons Bible Study* “Dispatches to God’s Household: The General Epistles” by Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol.

The evening gathering is study the Sunday lectionary readings, including a passage from the Old Testament, Psalms, a non-Gospel New Testament book, and a Gospel.

For Zoom details for either group, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Walking the Labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for meditative and prayerful walking on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

“Final Wishes” Workshop on Wednesday

Our Caring Ministries Council invites you to connect with them online to complete “My Final Wishes for Being Cared for and Remembered.” This documentation of your arrangements and memorial plans can support those who will carry out your intentions at the time of your death.

The workshop will be offered this Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. and will include access to resources, such as hymns and scripture, and time to support each other as we envision how our loved ones will memorialize us.

For the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/finalwishes20256

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).

Resources for reflection

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions written by members and staff for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them online at fourthchurch.org/devotions as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

“Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by a member of our pastoral staff. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmword to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

Sermon Transcripts

In addition to listening to sermons from Fourth Church via podcast (see p. 12), you can read the text of the previous Sunday’s sermon (or past sermons in our archives). See fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive the sermons by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

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 June 15–22, 2025

Trinity Sunday June 15	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	10:00 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Sunday School	Room 4D
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Reception for Tom and Carol Are	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
	12:15 p.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
Monday June 16	All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Borwell Dining Room
	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
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: “In the Beginning”	Room 4F / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G
Tuesday June 17	All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic.	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	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
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth.	Zoom

Calendar for June 15–22, 2025

Wednesday	All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
June 18	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish House Kitchen
	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
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Borwell Dining Room
	10:00 a.m.	"My Final Wishes" Workshop.	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
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: CSO Rehearsal	Offsite
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Joint Finance Council	Zoom

Thursday, June 19 • Juneteenth • Church Offices and Campus Closed

All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
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Friday	All day	Junior High Mission Trip	St. Louis
June 20	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Borwell Dining Room
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause.	Online
June 21	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Open House (until 12:00 p.m.).	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Pet Blessing	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
<i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>			

Sunday, June 22

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

Preaching: Rocky Supinger