



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.

Worshiping 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.

Podcast

Podcast offerings from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include the Sunday worship service and sermon; weekly “Rhythm and Word” reflections; and “Bible Top Ten.”

John Buchanan’s Name Added to Plaque

The plaque memorializing the Fourth Church Senior Pastors who have entered the Church Triumphant has been updated to include John Buchanan’s name. Following his death earlier this year, Dr. Buchanan’s name was carved into the plaque, which was reinstalled in the Sanctuary north aisle this past week.

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

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.

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 either 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!

Welcoming Camille Cook Howe: Sept. 21

Be sure to mark Sunday, September 21 on your calendar, as that will be the day when the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe, our next Pastor, preaches and leads us in worship for the first time.

Sunday, October 19 will also be a special day in our relationship with Camille: she will be officially installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago during the 9:30 a.m. service that morning. Please plan to be with us to celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation!



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, we invite you to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly 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 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, many of which are details in these pages. Browse fourthchurch.org/online/connections to learn more.

Summer with Center for Life and Learning

This Monday, July 7 the Center for Life and Learning kicks off its summer session of programming for adults sixty and over. The summer offerings include exercise classes, meditation, improv, current events, movies, and more. See fourthchurch.org/cll for details about the wide variety of offerings and sign-up information.

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

You're Invited to a Picnic Next Sunday!

Come join us for a picnic next Sunday, July 13 following worship! We'll gather in Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive time of fellowship and connection over a shared meal.

If you can't be with us next weekend, be sure to mark Sunday, August 10 on your calendar when we'll host our second summer picnic.

Get Connected

TwentiesThirties Brunch

Young adults are invited to Sunday brunch next weekend. Plan to gather in the Commons following worship on Sunday, July 13 for a time of catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Women at Fourth's Paint-n-Sip

Women are invited to "Paint-n-Sip," hosted by Women at Fourth on Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. There will be refreshments and professional instruction in painting a one-of-a-kind "masterpiece." Registration is required at bit.ly/waf20256

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 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.



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 throughout July at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Bible Studies via Zoom

Women's Summer Bible Study

Women's Summer Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the next study this Wednesday, July 9, 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 studying the Sunday lectionary readings, with passages 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).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on recent or upcoming scripture readings from the pulpit—welcomes new participants to join them for their weekly gathering via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

April Ajoy to Speak July 20

On Sunday, July 20, Matt Helms will talk with April Ajoy about her book *Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a True Faith* during an 11:00 a.m. Adult Education class in Borwell Dining Room; register at bit.ly/aprilajoy20257

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 (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

Resources for 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.

"Rhythm and Word" videos and podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by one of the pastors. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmandword 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).



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Summer Blood Drive This Saturday

The next Center for Life and Learning blood drive, hosted in conjunction with the office of the 42nd Ward, will be this Saturday, July 12 in Borwell Dining Room between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For appointments register at bit.ly/blooddrive20257; walk-ins are also welcome.

Block Party in Auburn Gresham

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them for a block party hosted by the St. Sabina Parish in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood this Friday evening, July 11. For details or to sign up to attend, go to bit.ly/peacewalks2025 or contact Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Next month we'll be returning to the Auburn Gresham neighborhood to join St. Sabina in Friday evening peace walks on August 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. To join us, sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025

Volunteering with Meals Ministry

Fourth Church Meals Ministry has openings for volunteers to serve between July 1 and September 30. You can sign up for them at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers; please sign up for no more than two roles per program per month so as to allow opportunities for all who want to support Meals Ministry in this way. For more information, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org), Meals Ministry Manager.

"Repair of Historical Harms"

This year's Paul Galloway Lecture will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel and via Zoom. To attend, register at bit.ly/galloway25

The 2025 speaker, the Reverend Jermaine Ross-Allam—a Presbyterian minister, social ethicist, and scholar—will talk about "Repair of Historical Harms," as we further the understanding of the Christian church's role in creating and perpetuating transgenerational injustice.

Acknowledging complicity and responsibility in past actions and inactions and the harm caused to Indigenous peoples, African Americans, and other marginalized groups in the United States, we pave the way for repair—for healing, reconciliation, and positive change in us and in our communities.

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.

About the Sanctuary Banners

“Ordinary Time” is the name given to the longest liturgical season of the church year, the period between the Day of Pentecost (June 8 this year) and the start of Advent (November 30 this year). The banners hanging in the Sanctuary during Ordinary Time were commissioned for our 150th anniversary (2021) and evoke this congregation’s call to be a light in the city.

The pulpit parament, which incorporates a map of Chicago, is created from 150 pieces, one for each year of our sesquicentennial history. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago’s neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate Chicago’s native landscape: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in Fourth Church’s logo.

The six banners hanging from the side balconies offer images of those local wildflowers.

The banners and paraments were designed and created by Fourth Church member Ellie Cotey, Costume Manager and Head of Wardrobe for the Joffrey Ballet. Members of the Benevolent Guild, the longest-running group at Fourth Church, assisted with the sewing.

Calendar for July 6–12, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
July 6	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.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day.	Fifth Floor
July 7	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Sit Down and Tap!	Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4F / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
July 8	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic.	Randolph Room
	9:00 a.m.	CLL: Bingocize	Room 4E
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Together We Play	Classroom A
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Off-site
July 9	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Osteoporosis	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation.	Room 4F
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4D
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Horizons Bible Study	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Zoom

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Thursday July 10	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:00 a.m.	CLL: Bingocize	Room 4E
	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish House Kitchen
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Chair-Based Ballet	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	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
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Friday July 11	8:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
	7:00 p.m.	St. Sabina Block Party	Off-site

Saturday July 12	10:00 a.m.	Summer Blood Drive (until 2:00).	Borwell Dining Room
<i>(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)</i>			

Sunday, July 13 • 10:00 a.m. • Nancy Benson-Nicol preaching