



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.

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.”

Restoring the 1914 Murals

The scaffolding in the South Balcony is to facilitate the restoration work on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals. A series of the Bartlett panels can be seen on the wall at the north end of the Commons.

Realtor to Represent Fourth Church

Because our new pastor’s family will not be living in the Fourth Church-owned Walton Manse at 220 E. Walton, the Board of Trustees is investigating selling that property. If you are a licensed Realtor and would like to be considered to represent the church in this matter, please email a brief bio to Allison MacDonna (amacdonna@fourthchurch.org) by the end of today, Sunday, July 20. The three most-qualified candidates will be selected to present to the Manse Disposition Task Force, which will select one to represent the church.

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.

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

The summer session of the Center for Life and Learning has a wide variety of programming for adults sixty and over. The July and August 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

Get Connected

We're having another picnic!

We had such fun at our congregational picnic last weekend that we're having another one!

Mark Sunday, August 10 on your calendar and plan to join us in Anderson Hall, Borwell Dining Room, and the Commons for a festive time of summer fellowship and connection over a shared meal.

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.

Montreat Youth Conference

This Saturday, July 26 youth from Fourth Church, and their adult leaders, will head to North Carolina to join youth from around the country for the weeklong Montreat Youth Conference, this year around the theme “Light My Path.” Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they journey and grow together in faith.

Bible Studies via Zoom

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).

Women’s Summer Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the next study this Wednesday, July 23, 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, including Old Testament and New Testament texts.

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

April Ajoy on Christian Nationalism

Today we welcome April Ajoy to Fourth Church as our featured speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Adult Education class. A noted author and podcaster, April will talk with Matt Helms about her book *Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a True Faith*.

Part memoir, part guidebook, part call to action, *Star-Spangled Jesus* recounts April’s journey from growing up in an Evangelical church to finding her views of faith challenged and the world widened from a variety of personal experiences.

Today April is a voice for inclusivity and tolerance in the church, and her book offers a way for us to reflect on what “the intersection between faith and life” might look like for Fourth Church in a time when Christian Nationalism has been on the rise.

Join us for this conversation in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom at bit.ly/adultedzoom

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).

Daily Devotions

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions—written by Fourth Church 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.



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

School Supply Drive

We still need more items for our School Supply Drive to fill backpacks for students of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Summer Day programs. We'll be filling those backpacks next Sunday, July 27 for distribution the following week.

You can find a list of needed supplies for ordering online at bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc; you can also make a monetary gift at fourthchurch.org/give to help with our purchase of needed items (please note "School Supplies" in the giving comments section).

For more information about the drive, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteering with Meals Ministry

Fourth Church Meals Ministry has openings for volunteers to serve between now 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.

"Rhythm and Word" Videos and Podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by one of the pastors. This month Joe Morrow invites us into an exploration of the writings of Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and other mystics. 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).

Peace Walks with St. Sabina

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them in walking in the Friday evening St. Sabina Parish Peace Walks in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood on August 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m.

To take part, sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025 or, for details, email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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.

Calendar for July 20–26, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
July 20	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.	April Ajoy on Christian Nationalism	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:15 a.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day.	Fifth Floor
July 21	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 22	8:30 a.m.	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
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4C
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
July 23	8:30 a.m.	Summer Day.	Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Osteoporosis	Zoom
	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.	Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom

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12:00 p.m. CLL: Current Events Room 4G
 1:00 p.m. CLL: Walk with Ease Room 4C
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study Zoom

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Summer Day Fifth Floor
 July 24 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
 11:00 a.m. CLL: The Art of Conversation Room 4K
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
 12:00 p.m. CLL: July Lunch Meetup Offsite
 12:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F
 1:00 p.m. CLL: Caillebotte Room 4G
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
 2:00 p.m. Good Memories Choir Concert Sanctuary
 2:30 p.m. CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall Zoom
 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F

Friday 8:30 a.m. Summer Day Fifth Floor
 July 25 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
 1:00 p.m. CLL: Walk with Ease Room 4C
 2:00 p.m. Mary Durham Memorial Service Sanctuary

Saturday All day Montreat Youth Conference North Carolina
 July 26 *(No other events are scheduled for Saturday)*

Sunday, July 27 • 10:00 a.m. • Joseph L. Morrow preaching