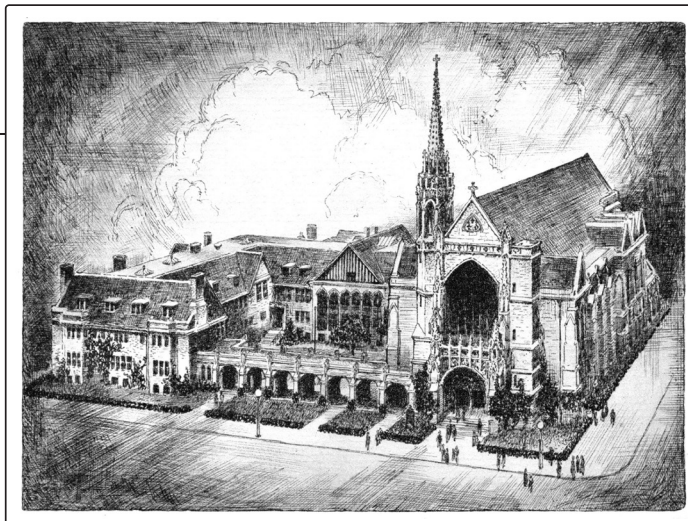




You belong here!

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. *(Beginning September 7, we will have two services each Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 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 up to 6 hours between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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. This Sunday and next, validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers. See page 11 for more details.

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.”

Two Worship Services on September 7

Our summer worship schedule wraps up when August ends: on Sunday, September 7, we return to gathering for two worship services a Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

That Sunday will also be our annual Get Connected Sunday, when you will have opportunity to learn about the many groups and programs being offered this fall!

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!

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.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, August 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom (the link will be posted on the website that day).

At the meeting, the Manse Disposition Task Force will ask the congregation to approve putting the Walton Manse (located at 220 E. Walton, Unit 8W) on the market and authorizing the task force to complete the sale.

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.



Connections and Belonging

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

We're Having a Picnic Today!

We had such fun at our congregational picnic in July that we're having another one today!

Following worship, join us in Anderson Hall, Borwell Dining Room, and the Commons for a festive time of summer fellowship and connection over a shared meal. There will also be coloring sheets, games on the playground, and a bounce house for children.

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

August Is National Make-a-Will Month

Our Legacy Society encourages individuals with any assets to begin the process of writing or updating a will or trust. At fourthchurch.org/giving/will you will find useful links to estate planning guides and websites to help you get started.

Get Connected Sunday: September 7!

Mark Sunday, September 7 on your calendar and plan to be with us as we kick off a new program year with our annual Get Connected Sunday!

A new season of Sunday School classes and youth groups will begin that day, and a festive Coffee Hour will offer opportunity to reconnect with one another and with Fourth Church, as our ministries highlight programs and events for you to explore this fall.

Fourth Church's Antiracism Covenant

The Racial Equity Committee welcomes hearing from those who have questions or comments about our recently adopted Antiracism Covenant, which can be found at bit.ly/covenantfpc; the REC also invites those who would like to join them in supporting this important work to email the committee at rec@fourthchurch.org

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



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

One More Peace Walk with St. Sabina

If you have not yet joined the Mission and Justice Committee in participating in the Friday evening St. Sabina Parish Peace Walks in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood, there is one more opportunity to do so this summer: this Friday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.

To take part, sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025

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

For more information about how you can support this program, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org), Meals Ministry Manager.



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.

Sunday School

Sunday School is taking a break during August and will resume on Get Connected Sunday on September 7!

Volunteering with Junior Highs

We need more adult volunteers to work with our Junior High Youth Group. No experience is necessary, only a desire to see our youth grow and learn about God, the church, and loving others. For details or to volunteer, contact Nancy Bartell (nbartell@fourthchurch.org).

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 as well as on Facebook.

“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/rhythmword to or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

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 August 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025) or in person on September 21 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers92025) or contact Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

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 (gflaming@fourthchurch.org).

Bible Studies via Zoom

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, August 13, 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).

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).

Calendar for August 10–16, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
August 10	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents	Comfort Room Hospitality Suite
	10:00 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	All-Church Picnic	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 5F
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
August 11	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Sit Down and Tap!	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Dance for Hunger	Anderson Hall
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4F / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
August 12	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
	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 4K
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Andrew Blanch Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
August 13	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong	Bones 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

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12:00 p.m.	Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom
12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Back to 1925	Room 4G
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Zoom

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
August 14	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
	12:15 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	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
August 15	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 4K
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Ice Cream Social	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
	7:00 p.m.	St. Sabina Peace Walk	Auburn Gresham

No events are scheduled for Saturday, August 16.

Sunday, August 17 • 10:00 a.m. • Matt Helms preaching

Important Notice about Upcoming Parking Changes

As of Monday, August 18, the 900 N. Michigan garage will no longer have pay stations to receive parking payment. Instead the garage will use a mobile-device payment system, and they will issue QR codes for discounted Sunday and weekday-evening parking.

See **fourthchurch.org/parking** for details.