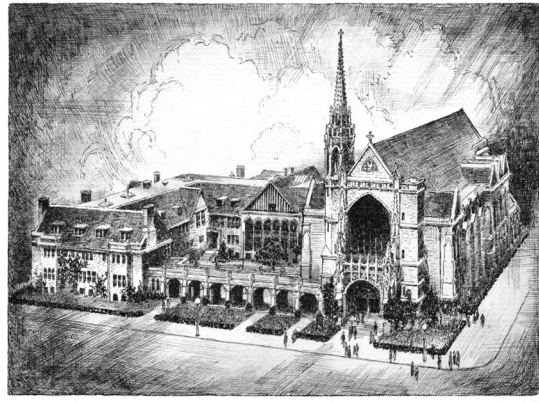




You belong here!

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.**

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that enable us to experience Beloved Community, where **differences are seen as assets that are celebrated and experienced as strengths.**

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 Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship. On Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors there is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary. There are also two fully accessible entrances: at 126 E. Chestnut and 115 E. Delaware.

Parking

Information on discounted parking is on the back cover. If you have not set up an online payment account for discounted parking at the 900 garage, ushers have information cards to help. Volunteers at the Coffee Hour Connection Corner are available to assist as well.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Worshipping Online

Livestream

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service on our YouTube channel at 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.

Podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include the Sunday worship service and the sermon; weekly “Rhythm and Word” reflections on the Bible in 100 Passages; and a “Bible Top Ten” exploration of the Bible.

Welcome, New Members!

Welcome, New Members! This morning we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family: Elisabeth Carpenter, Carol Coughlin, Elizabeth Hertzog, Sierra Hinzman, Linda Holstein, Allen Krall, Marsha Krall, Randall Lindsey, Sara Lundgren, Ben Lyon, Shannon Morneault, Brannon Paulk, Molly Rothrauff, Maddox Townsend, Fernando Valero, Maryellis Villegas, Vicky White, and David Zehner.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class via Zoom on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers102025) or in person Sunday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers112025).

For more information, contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

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 worshippers 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.

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, consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. For information, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

In the Gallery: “Tales of Sandstone”

At 12:15 p.m. today we invite you to join photographer Terry Evans in our Loggia Gallery to talk briefly about her exhibition there, “Tales of Sandstone,” featuring images of Dakota sandstone on the Kansas prairie.

Terry and her husband, Sam Evans, are longtime members of Fourth Church.

News, Updates, and Snapshots

For information, updates, and snapshots of our life together, subscribe to our weekly email newsletter at bit.ly/newsfromfpc (archived at fourthchurch.org/news).



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

All who are worshipping with us in person are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to get connected 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 10:30 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc; passcode: 676359

Connecting Online

Whether you live out of state, are unable to be with us in person, or find online opportunities to be a meaningful complement to your in-person experiences, we invite you to explore our online opportunities for deepening your connections with your faith and with others.

Learn more at fourthchurch.org/online/connections about our variety of online offerings, ranging from Zoom Coffee Hour (*see above*), Bible studies, Small Groups, and Morning Prayer as well as in-person classes with a Zoom component.

Autumn with the CLL

The autumn session of fitness classes along with lectures and arts courses for adults sixty and over is underway at the Center for Life and Learning (CLL).

There is still time to join classes as well as to register for CLL membership: see fourthchurch.org/cll

Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert features pianist Leah Kang at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (and via livestream).

Hispanic American Heritage

The flag flying in our courtyard and the sign at Michigan and Chestnut bear public witness to National Hispanic American Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15). Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

Opportunities to Connect

Widen Our Welcome

LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome invites you to stop by their information table during Coffee Hour to learn about their upcoming events and opportunities.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Cornerstones

The Cornerstones fellowship group for those fifty and over will gather for their next monthly dinner and program on Friday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. John Clum, Emeritus Professor of Theatre and English at Duke University, will talk about "Classic Movies That Speak to Our Time: *Meet John Doe*." Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2510

Books by Women

Books by Women, which invites readers into a monthly conversation about a selected work, will discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Dementia Horizons Academy

"Circle of Support: Dementia Horizons Academy" is an eight-week support group for caregivers of family members or friends living with dementia. Led by dementia educator and care consultant Jeannine Forrest, this supportive education program focuses on dementia skill building and self-care as well as practical tools addressing the essentials of dementia care.

Registration is required (at bit.ly/caregiving25); the group will begin on Sunday, October 26 at 12:15 p.m.



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 for three-year-olds through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth groups

Youth groups gather on Sundays, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. and Senior High (grades 9–12) at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

PCUSA's Push Back Project 2025 Initiative

A new Adult Education class, "Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Push Back Project 2025 Initiative," begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline (on our YouTube channel).

Today's session will feature Dr. Andrew Peterson, Representative for Peacemaking, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, in conversation with Pastor Rocky Supinger as together we learn about—and consider faithful responses to—the harmful effects of Project 2025 on our nation and church, Illinois and Chicago, and other faith communities.

Bible Studies via Zoom

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Women's Bible Studies

Horizons Women's Bible Studies next meet via Zoom on Wednesday, October 8 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Pastor Nanette (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Reading the Bible in 100 Passages

We invite you to take part in our reading, as a congregation, the Bible in 100 passages. In this series—which will take us into December—we are covering all thirty-nine books in the Old Testament through 100 key texts. Join us for the journey!

Daily readings

We are sharing the daily readings, in addition to reflections on them, as part of our Daily Devotions.

If you do not already receive them each day, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also read them online at fourthchurch.org/bible100, where you can find an overview for the week, as well.

Weekly reflections

Each week Pastor Matt Helms is offering a brief "Rhythm and Word" video and podcast reflection that focuses on these same passages.

To receive these reflections in your inbox on Wednesday evenings, sign up at bit.ly/fpcrandw; you can also view them on our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos) and listen to them via podcast at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and podcast platforms.

Monthly Bible study

A monthly in-person Bible study on these 100 passages will be led by Matt Helms the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

- Tuesday, October 7 on the Pentateuch/Torah (register at bit.ly/octbible100)
- Tuesday, November 4 on the Prophets
- Tuesday, December 2 on the Ketuvim/Writings

"Bible Top Ten" Podcast

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their "Bible Top Ten" podcast—a lively, informative, and often lighthearted exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Available at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms, the series resumed with an episode on the top ten New Testament epistles. Next will be a discussion of the top ten (alleged) biblical relics.

Today's Spiritual Practices Gathering

This afternoon our new Monthly Spiritual Practices Gatherings kick off with "Praying the Labyrinth" at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Whether you have never walked a labyrinth or have done so many times, join us for this opportunity to learn, explore, and deepen your connection with the sacred through reflection, meditation, and simple yet powerful practices that nurture inner growth, support personal well-being, and foster a sense of community.

For more information about these gatherings, contact Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), who will lead each of our gatherings.

Reading Sermons

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive the sermon by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

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 Zoom 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).

Welcome, Pastor Camille!

As we embark on this exciting season of ministry together with our new Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe, please join us for the following events in celebration of this new chapter in our life together as a congregation!

Sundays, September 28, October 5, and October 12

12:30 p.m.

After preaching in the morning, Camille is hosting time for conversation with her at 12:30 p.m. (today in the Bumpus Room; Borwell Dining Room on October 5 and 12)

Sunday, October 19

9:30 a.m.

Camille is formally installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, preaching
A reception to follow in Anderson Hall
(we will only have one worship service that day)



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Today: Restorative Justice 101

Today join staff from Chicago's Restore Justice and Mr. Brian Beals of the Mud Theatre Project at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for the workshop "Restorative Justice 101: What Is It and Why Should We Care?"

We will discuss the concept of restorative justice in our criminal justice system and how Fourth Church can partner with others to transform lives and communities through this important work.

Meals Ministry Snack Drive

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is collecting snacks for our Bag Lunch program, which uses more than 1,250 snack items in bag lunches each week! See the Meals Ministry representative during Coffee Hour for details or visit fourthchurch.org/meals for online lists that enable ordering and shipping directly to the church.

Mud Theatre Presents *Jabril's Chains*

On Thursday, October 16 we are honored to be hosting the premiere of the play *Jabril's Chains* by Mud Theatre Project. Mud Theatre's nationally recognized plays are written and performed by incarcerated persons and returning citizens. Their director, Brian Beals, having served thirty-five years on a wrongful conviction, was inspired to create the project as he witnessed the power of the arts to give voice to the voiceless and empower those who have been in troubling situations.

The 6:30 p.m. performance in Buchanan Chapel will be preceded by a 5:30 p.m. reception in Anderson Hall. Tickets (*required*) are available at bit.ly/jabrilschains

Travel to Cuba with Fourth Church

If you are interested in traveling with us February 16–23 to visit the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba, please join us for an information session next Sunday, October 5 at 12:15 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/cubainfo1005) or November 2 in person and via Zoom.

We're Looking for Church Leadership Recommendations

ONE WEEK REMAINS TO MAKE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS OF LEADERS to serve alongside the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe in the roles of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee beginning in 2026.

By next Sunday, October 5 the Nominating Committee asks that you give prayerful thought to those individuals—including yourself—whom you feel have demonstrated gifts and a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation.

Then make your recommendations using the online form at bit.ly/nominating2025 or stop by Anderson Hall to talk with a representative from the Nominating Committee. Those attending Online Coffee Hour will have opportunity to talk with committee members, as well.

Names received after the October 5 deadline will be passed along to next fall's committee to consider for 2027 officer terms.

Calendar for September 28–October 4, 2025

Sunday September 28	8:45 a.m.	Baptism Reunion Brunch	Room 4C
	9:00 a.m.	New Members and Session.	Room 5G
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	PC(USA)'s Pushback Project 2025 Initiative.	Borwell / Online
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Photographer Conversation	Loggia
	12:15 p.m.	Restorative Justice 101	Borwell Dining Room
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry.	Manse
	12:30 p.m.	Meet Camille Cook Howe	Bumpus Room
	4:00 p.m.	Spiritual Practices: Labyrinth	Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall

Monday September 29	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	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: Tap	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Zoom / Room 4K
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Fashion Statements in Art.	Room 4G / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)

SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center (chicagolights.org)

Calendar for September 28–October 4, 2025

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
September 30	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool Class	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Lawndale Christian Health 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
	12:45 p.m.	CLL: Mahjong	Room 5C
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
October 1	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: Yoga for Strong Bones	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 4F
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 5G
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Frida Kahlo with Susan Musich	Room 4K / Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Belonging Committee	Zoom

Calendar for September 28–October 4, 2025

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
October 2	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	Room 4F
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Art and Conversation	Room 4K
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health	Room 5D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Beyond the Headlines	Room 5G / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Room 5D
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	“The Wisdom Pattern” Small Group	Zoom
	6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
October 3	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: October Gathering.	Borwell Dining Room
	6:00 p.m.	Junior High Lock-In	Bumpus Room

No events are scheduled for Saturday, October 4.

Sunday, October 5 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Camille Cook Howe preaching

The Fourth Church calendar is also available
online at **fourthchurch.org/calendar** or
by scrolling to the bottom of **fourthchurch.org**