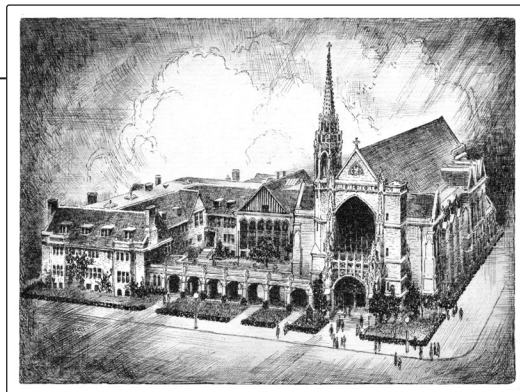




You belong here!

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. (except next Sunday, October 19, when we will worship at 9:30 a.m. only).

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.

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 via Zoom on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers102025) or in person on Sunday, November 9 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers112025).

For more information, please contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), who would welcome hearing from you.

Thank You for Officer Recommendations!

To all who submitted suggestions of individuals to serve as Elder, Deacon, or Trustee beginning in 2026, thank you! With your contributions we surpassed by more than 50 names our goal of receiving 150 recommendations for the Nominating Committee to consider as they begin preparing slates of officers for the February 2026 Annual Meeting elections.

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.

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).

A New Art Exhibition

The October–November art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery showcases “This Archive Is Us,” the work of artist Jill Wells. Presenting a meditation on history, presence, and belonging, the exhibit is built from archival text in Braille drawn from the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and *Black Leaders in the Civil Rights Movement* by Glenda Armand.

The artist will join us online for a “Virtual Artist Talk” we will host on Sunday, November 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.



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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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

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 our weekly Zoom Coffee Hour (*see above*), Bible studies (*see page 9*), 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 Trio de Chats Noirs (trombone, horn, and piano) at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Opportunities to Connect

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 this Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Benevolent Guild

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

Family Night

Our annual Pumpkin Decorating Family Night, a favorite of young children and their families, takes place this Friday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room as we gather for food, fun, and seasonal activities.

Cornerstones

The Cornerstones fellowship group for those fifty and over will gather for dinner and a program on Friday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The Reverend Beth Brown of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church will talk about "Connecting with Our Transgender and Non-Binary Colleagues, Friends, and Relatives." Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2511

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.

Halloween Silent Movie with Organ

Join us on Friday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m. when we celebrate the tenth anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ with organist David Briggs accompanying live the 1923 silent-movie *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.



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

Children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship before departing for their classrooms.

Next Sunday, October 19 the students will gather on the fourth floor at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School. Later in the morning they will come to the Sanctuary with their teachers for Pastor Camille's installation.

Youth groups

Youth groups are on break today. Next week they will worship at 9:30 a.m. for Pastor Camille's installation service. On Sunday, October 26 weekly Sunday gatherings will resume, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. and Senior High (grades 9–12) at 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation

The Confirmation cohort of eighth graders will meet for their first class next Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. Those who would like to participate are asked to please register at bit.ly/confirmation2526 or email Nance Bartell (nbartell@fourthchurch.org).

The Confirmation parent group will also meet at 11:00 a.m. October 19 for lunch and a book discussion.

"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 series of top ten lists, including recent episodes on "Top Ten Epistles" and "Top Ten Biblical Insults."

It is available at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms.

PCUSA's Push Back Project 2025 Initiative

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

Today Pastor Nanette Sawyer will highlight responses to Project 2025 by other local faith communities as together we consider faithful responses to the harmful effects of Project 2025 on our nation and church, Illinois and Chicago, and other faith communities.

If you would like to watch the first two sessions—or one of the many other Adult Education classes we have offered—you can find them at bit.ly/adultedvideos

Presbyterian Confessions of Resistance

Next Sunday former Fourth Church Parish Associate Jeff Doane will lead a one-session Adult Education class on "Presbyterian Confessions of Resistance: The Barmen Declaration." In studying this declaration—which emerged from church leaders in Germany in 1934 when Hitler and his forces sought to control all spheres of society, including the church—we will consider what we might learn from the declaration for our own societal circumstances and what resistance means for a faithful Christian community.

The class will take place on Sunday, October 19 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G and online at bit.ly/fpconline

Bible Studies via Zoom

For details about the following Zoom Bible studies, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study gathers weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

Horizons Women's Bible Studies next meets on Wednesday, October 22 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Bible in 100 Passages Study

See page 10.

Bible in 100 Passages

Monthly Bible study

A new monthly Zoom Bible study, led by Pastor Nanette Sawyer, begins this Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. as part of our congregational reading of the Bible in 100 passages. We invite you to join us at bit.ly/bible100zoom

The monthly in-person Bible study, which kicked off this past week and is led by Pastor Matt Helms, will continue on November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

- Tuesday, November 4 on the Prophets (register at bit.ly/novbible100)
- Tuesday, December 2 on the Writings

Daily readings

Our “Bible in 100 Passages” series is covering all thirty-nine books in the Old Testament through 100 key texts. Each day we share the daily readings, in addition to reflections on them, as part of our Daily Devotions.

If you do not already receive them, 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 also offers 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.

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

A Time for Prayer for Our City

Recent events in Chicago involving ICE and the National Guard have shaken people’s sense of safety and raised our collective fear and anxiety. In response, you are invited to gather with our church community in a service of prayer and contemplation this Tuesday, October 14 from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Please bring your prayers for the city and the wider world.

Jonathan Walton to Preach Next Sunday

We are honored to be welcoming the Reverend Dr. Jonathan L. Walton as our guest preacher next Sunday, October 19, the day when we will formally install Camille Cook Howe as our Pastor.

Dr. Walton is the first Black and first Baptist President of Princeton Theological Seminary, of which Pastor Camille is both an alumna and Chair of the Board of Trustees. A social ethicist by training, President Walton’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of evangelical Christianity, mass media, and political culture.

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers 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 (gffleming@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

Mud Theatre Presents *Jabril's Chains*

This 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.

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 with Fourth Church to Cuba

The week of February 16–23, 2026, members of Fourth Church will be traveling to visit the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba. If you are interested in taking part in this opportunity for cultural immersion, learning, service, and time with our Cuban siblings in faith, please contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The purple ribbons outside the church bear public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Hispanic American Heritage Month

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.

Men's Clothing Needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's new and gently used clothing and casual shoes for its guests. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Please join us next Sunday for an important moment in the life of our congregation:

The Installation of the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe as Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 19 • 9:30 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, preaching

A celebratory reception will follow in Anderson Hall

(We will only have one worship service next Sunday.)

*Today Pastor Camille invites you to join her for a time of conversation
at 12:15 p.m. during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall.*

Calendar for October 12–18, 2025

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
October 12	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Gathering	Room 4D
	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 Push Back Project 2025 Initiative . . .	Borwell / Online
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	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.	Meet Camille Cook Howe	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 4F
	12:30 p.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper.	Anderson Hall

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos	Classroom A
October 13	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
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 5B
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Fashion Statements in Art.	Room 4G / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
October 14	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	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
	12:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D

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

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

Calendar for October 12–18, 2025

1:00 p.m.	CLL: Learn to Play Mahjong!	Room 5B
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Mahjong	Room 5C
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4F
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	Zoom
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
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
6:30 p.m.	Time of Prayer for Our City	Buchanan Chapel
6:30 p.m.	“Bible in 100 Passages” Bible Study.	Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Faith Study	Offsite Location
October 15	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Morton Arboretum Trip.	Offsite
	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.	SSC Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee.	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:00 p.m.	Adult Education Committee	Room 4G
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
October 16	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 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom

Calendar for October 12–18, 2025

11:00 a.m.	CLL: Art and Conversation	Room 4K
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	SSC Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Room 4E / Zoom
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Modern Art with Hugh Leeman	Room 4K / Zoom
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi	Anderson Hall
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Steering Team	Morse Conference Room
3:30 p.m.	Investment Committee.	Room 4F
5:30 p.m.	Mud Theatre Reception	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Jabril's Chains by Mud Theatre	Buchanan Chapel
5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Wisdom Pattern Small Group.	Zoom
6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
October 17	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	SSC Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Get Together and Go Out!.	Room 4C
	5:30 p.m.	Family Night.	Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Fourth- and Fifth-Grade Lock-In.	Bumpus Room

Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Open House Chicago.	Sanctuary
October 18	<i>No other events are scheduled for Saturday</i>		

Sunday, October 19 • 9:30 a.m. (One service only) • Jonathan Lee Walton preaching

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