

April 28, 2024



# The Gathering

## Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

### Gathering Music

**Song** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Hymnal 291, v. 1 and refrain)

*Refrain:*

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;  
you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing,  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings." (*Refrain*)

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
A Light in the City

*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.*

**\*Song** "Every Praise"

Every praise is to our God;  
every word of worship, with one accord;  
every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.  
Glory hallelujah is due our God;  
every praise, every praise is to our God

*Bridge:*  
God my Savior, God my Healer, God my Deliverer.  
Yes, he is! Yes, he is!

*Ending:*  
Every praise, every praise ...  
Every praise, every praise "...  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!

**\*Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*  
And also with you.

**Song** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (Hymnal 286, v. 1, 2, 4)

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

## We Hear.

**Scripture Reading** . . . . . 1 John 4:7–21

**Sermon** . . . . . Amy Pagliarella

## We Respond.

### Offering

*The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate or, upon leaving today, in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits. Gifts also can be given online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church)*

### Song “Now Thank We All Our God” (Hymnal 643, v. 1 and 3)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore

### Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the juice).  
Gluten-free bread is available.*

### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Communion Song** “Shepherd Me, O God” (Marty Haugen)

**\*Song** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Hymnal 729)

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving ...

Lord, I want to be more holy ...

Lord, I want to be like Jesus ...

**\*Blessing**

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**Worship Leaders**

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Amy Pagliarella

**The Music Today**

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, drums

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**Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service**, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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## 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.

**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

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 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

#### Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 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 \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

**Ensure you receive the latest updates, stories, and snapshots** from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

## Worshipping Online

We livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

### Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime after the services begin. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see [fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning](https://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.

## 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 the information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the information pads in the pews, passing them down their pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. If your contact information has changed, please indicate that too.

### Online

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive 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.

## Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

### Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](https://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them daily at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](https://fourthchurch.org/devotions) and on Facebook and Instagram.

### Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos

Each Wednesday evening we release a ten-minute video of music, scripture, and prayer led by our staff and Gathering musicians. You can receive notice of new videos by subscribing to our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them in your inbox sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](https://bit.ly/rhythmandword)

### Sacred Pause

You are invited to a Sacred Pause time of meditation offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

### Wednesday Morning Prayer

Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). This Wednesday, May 1 (*and the first Wednesday of each month*) we gather for in-person Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Podcasts

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon is made available via podcast on multiple platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)

You will also find there Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s podcast “Bible Top Ten.” This lively, informative, and often amusing podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

## Making Music

### Sing with the Choral Society

All who enjoy singing are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. as they rehearse for singing in worship on Pentecost, May 19.

### Celebrate John Sherer's music ministry

John Sherer's last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. As we celebrate and give thanks for his twenty-eight years of ministry among us, we hope you will mark these special opportunities on your calendar. This will be John Sherer's final season of directing the Choral Society before he moves to Rochester, New York, in late June.

- Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.: John directs the Choral Society.
- Fridays, May 31 and June 14 at 12:10 p.m.: John plays his last Friday Noonday Organ Concerts.
- Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.: John plans an Organ Recital followed by a festive reception.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John's last Sunday leading us in worship music. If you would like to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that morning.

## Get Connected

### Cornerstones fellowship

At the Friday evening, May 3 Cornerstones fellowship gathering for those fifty and over, Ron Bottrell will talk about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Register (required) at [bit.ly/cornerstones524](http://bit.ly/cornerstones524)

### Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting meets in person on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

## Bible studies

Three Bible studies meet via Zoom: Men's Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and *Horizons* Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, May 8 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)) for details.

## Adult education

The one-week class "Food and Religion" meets next Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at [bit.ly/aefoodreligion](http://bit.ly/aefoodreligion)

A staged reading of *Perseverance of the Saints*, written by Kat Evans and based on the 1874 heresy trial of Fourth Church pastor David Swing, takes place at Chicago Temple on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's reading will also be livestreamed. For details and registration links for the two readings, see [fourthchurch.org/adult-education](http://fourthchurch.org/adult-education)

## Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, May 12 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F (register at [bit.ly/inquirers524](http://bit.ly/inquirers524)). For more information, email Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).

## Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation — whether in person or online — as well as discover various resources and opportunities on our website: [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

## Weekly newsletter

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)

## Calendar

To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our online church calendar, which is accessible from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar)

## YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram

We invite you to follow us on various platforms.

YouTube: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

Facebook: [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)

Instagram: [instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)

## Caring for One Another

### Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gffleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gffleming@fourthchurch.org))

Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; 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 those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk

with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

## Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling or well-being offerings, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [reploglecenter.org](http://reploglecenter.org)

## News and Updates

### Pastor Nominating Committee

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m., both in person and via Zoom, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the search process for our next pastor.

### Summer worship schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the weekend of Labor Day. From May 26 through September 1, we will gather for two worship services: at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. This will give us opportunity to experience community during a season when many travel or have different schedules, impacting not only attendance but also the number of worship volunteers available.

**Tom Are Jr.** Interim Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Nancy Benson-Nicol** Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

**Matt Helms** Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**Amy Pagliarella** Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus



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