



For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**.

In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) (where the service is available throughout the week), we also make the service available via **Facebook Live** ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by **listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service (the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.). During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)); you can also receive our sermons **by email** ([www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)).

Today we continue our **sermon series “To What End? Being Church in These Days.”** This series explores the Six Great Ends of the Church, a series of statements crafted in the early twentieth century to define and guide the life and work of the Presbyterian church: who we are and what we are called to do. Last week we considered the second of the Great Ends: “The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God.” Today we look at the third: “The Maintenance of Divine Worship.”

Next Sunday afternoon, October 4 we will hold our annual **Blessing of the Animals**. This year we will do so virtually, via Zoom, as we gather online with pets to thank God for the gift of special creatures in our lives. For the Zoom details, please register at [www.bit.ly/animalblessing20](http://www.bit.ly/animalblessing20)

The Session of Fourth Church has called a **virtual congregational meeting** for today, Sunday, September 27 at 12:15 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) (call in at 888.916.9166). During the meeting, the congregation will be asked to ratify the Session’s action in May to **dissolve the pastoral relationship between Fourth Church and Vicky Curtiss**, who retired on May 31. The congregation will also receive and **act on the recommendation to elect Joe Morrow as Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement**.

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following the congregational meeting today, please join us online for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** We will be gathering online at [www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship) (Zoom details are also posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone**: dial (312) 626-6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. \* You can also connect with others through **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining the new small groups that will be launching in October, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Ensure you receive the latest updates** 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)

This Wednesday, September 30 is the deadline to submit to the **Officer Nominating Committee** recommendations of individuals to serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your leadership recommendations by completing the form at [www.bit.ly/nominating2020](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2020)

**Sunday School and family activities** are being held online. For details, contact Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* Details about the **Center for Life and Learning** courses, lectures, and exercise classes for adults sixty and over are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll); for more information, contact Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)). \* A new **Men's Faith Discussion Group** will also be meeting via Zoom beginning Monday, October 26 at 7:00 a.m. for three months. To express interest, email David Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)).

The Equitable Education Committee at Fourth Church is hosting a **Zoom panel discussion on the Illinois Graduated Tax Amendment**, which will be on the general election ballot in Illinois this November. For Zoom details for this forum moderated by David Greising on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m., register at [www.bit.ly/taxamendment](http://www.bit.ly/taxamendment) \* **"The Great Divide: A Look at Inequity within Chicago Public Schools"** meets via Zoom on Sundays through October 4 at 9:30 a.m. For the Zoom link, register at [www.bit.ly/3bTHnZd](http://www.bit.ly/3bTHnZd) \* **"Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible,"** led by Fourth Church pastoral staff, meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/fpcff20](http://www.bit.ly/fpcff20) \* **Men's Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Cornerstones**, a fellowship opportunity for those 50 and older, will gather via Zoom on Friday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a program by two of Chicago's **gifted cabaret artists—Carla Gordon and Beckie Menzie**—performing "Songs of Protest and Patriotism." Register by this Wednesday, September 30 at [www.bit.ly/cfpc1020](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc1020) to receive Zoom details. \* **Online Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms)

**If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. \* On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for details. \* **If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \* **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). \* **If you would like to explore options for teletherapy**, please call the Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

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