



On this **World Communion Sunday** we celebrate our oneness in Christ with our global family. Reminding us of that unity, both the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, a frequent destination of Fourth Church service trips. ✨ This is also the day when we annually receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This offering will be directed to efforts toward peacemaking that are supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago. **Gifts to this offering can be made online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (noting “Peace Offering” in the comments) **or by a check** made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, with “Peace Offering” in the memo line.

This morning 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.

This Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. we are holding our annual **Blessing of the Animals**. This year we will do so virtually, via Zoom, as we **gather online with our pets** to thank God for the gift of all creatures great and small in our lives. For the Zoom details, please sign up at www.bit.ly/animalblessing20

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 (*where the service is available throughout the week*), we also make the service available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (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. ✨ During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Congratulations to **Joe Morrow**, who last Sunday was elected **Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement** by the congregation! We are deeply grateful to Joe for his ongoing partnership in mission and ministry here at Fourth Church. In our Presbyterian tradition, a call is a three-way call—between the minister, the congregation, and the presbytery, and so at the November 17 meeting of the Presbytery of Chicago this call will come before that body for their affirmation and approval.

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“Putting Our Faith into Action,” our **2021 stewardship campaign**, is underway! Look for information in your mailbox about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge—which you can make online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge—by Sunday, November 8, when we will celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives.

This Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m., 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, register at www.bit.ly/taxamendment * Also this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., the Adult Education Committee is launching an online **First Tuesday Book Club**. The first book for discussion will be **Grace from the Rubble by Jeanne Bishop**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/1stTues1020 * Jeanne Bishop's book will also be the topic of conversation at the October Zoom gathering of **Books by Women** on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details for that discussion, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“The Great Divide: A Look at Inequity within Chicago Public Schools,” which meets via Zoom, concludes this Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. For the Zoom link, register online at www.bit.ly/3bTHnZd (You can watch previous sessions of this class at www.bit.ly/3jvBFj2). * **“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 * **Men’s Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The deadline to submit names of individuals recommended for roles in church leadership—whether as Elder, Deacon, or Trustee or for Nominating Committee or Chicago Lights Board member—has been extended to Friday, October 9. Recommendations can be made by completing the **Leadership Candidate Form** at www.bit.ly/nominating2020

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 (Zoom details are also posted at 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#. * **New small groups**, which will meet via Zoom once a week for six weeks beginning this month, are being formed. To learn more or express interest in being part of a group, email Anne Ellis (aellis@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).

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Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a two-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer1020**

Sunday School and family activities are being held online. For details, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (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; for more information, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). * **Online Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms

If you have a prayer request, Dave Handley (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) 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 Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago). * On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details. * A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) and Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing
Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org), **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for other resources and ways to connect. Upcoming online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar.

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