



**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

\* Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. \* For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel.** \* In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing**, with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. \* Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel;** those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



**Nursery care** is not available at this time. \* **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. \* Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. \* Following the morning service, those who would like to do so are invited to **greet one another outside** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**You can read more** about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities **at [www.fourthchurch.org/reopening](http://www.fourthchurch.org/reopening)**

**For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. \* **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. \* During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).



The church campus remains closed at this time. \* On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors.



**Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. \* Next Sunday, October 10 is the day of the **Chicago Marathon**. Directions on the easiest routes to get to Fourth Church that morning can be found online ([www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf](http://www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf)).



This Wednesday, October 6 we **launch our autumn series of “Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” videos**, a fifteen-minute midweek worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. You can **subscribe to our YouTube channel** and watch the videos there ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) or **receive them by email** (sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)). \* Also on Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)).

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**Today is World Communion Sunday**, a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." As we celebrate our oneness in Christ with our global family, our service includes **visual reminders of this unity**: the cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala—a frequent destination of Fourth Church service trips—and the varieties of bread on the Table represent cultures from around the world. \* This Sunday also reminds us that God's love can heal our deepest divisions, and so each World Communion Sunday we receive gifts to the special **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. Gifts designated to 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. These **gifts can be made online** (noting "Peace Offering" in the comments) at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) **or by a check** made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, with "Peace Offering" in the memo line.



**"Called to Be a Church Alive,"** our 2022 stewardship campaign, is underway, inviting all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Please plan to submit **your 2022 pledge**—which you can make online at [www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge](http://www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge)—by Reformation Sunday, October 31, a day we will also celebrate as Commitment Sunday: a day to lift up all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives.



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \* To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. \* If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). \* **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.

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**A new Thursday evening online Bible study led by Lucy and Tom Forster-Smith** will begin this Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. and examine themes and events in Genesis. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/genesisbiblestudy21](http://www.bit.ly/genesisbiblestudy21) \* **Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online on Wednesday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m. A **6:30 p.m. evening Bible study for women** is also being formed. For details for Men's or Women's Bible studies, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* On Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online. For details, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available by email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)).



This Tuesday, October 5 the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss **Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life** by Tish Harrison Warren at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1021](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1021) \* On Tuesday, October 12 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **A Room of One's Own** by Virginia Woolf. Newcomers are always welcome to join in these conversations. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **New Zoom Small Groups**, which will meet weekly for six weeks, begin the week of October 11. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom** for a time of **fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or want to learn more about small-group opportunities, please email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



Next Sunday, October 10, **Jeff Doane** will teach a Zoom class at 11:15 a.m. on **"Presbyterian Witness, Part 1: The Apostles' Creed,"** an opportunity to explore the history and language of one of the earliest statements of faith and its importance for what we believe. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/creed1021](http://www.bit.ly/creed1021) \* On Sunday, October 17 at 11:15 a.m., **John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman** will begin teaching a three-week class on the Old Testament figure **David: "Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch."** For details, email Lewis Hamer ([lhamer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lhamer@fourthchurch.org)). \* Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning's** online weekday classes, lectures, and exercise opportunities. For details, email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)).

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Our congregation is **celebrating its sesquicentennial!** We encourage you to visit the web page [www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://www.fourthchurch.org/150) to read **historical accounts** and also view **videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. \* On Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Shannon Kershner** will lead a discussion commemorating our 150th anniversary. Pastor Emeritus **John Buchanan; Felicia Davis**, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and **William Schwieker**, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will talk about **“Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century.”** This Michigan Avenue Forum looking at the responsibility of church to the community will also be livestreamed.



**Sunday School** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. For details about online Sunday School, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). \* Today **eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G. \* **Junior High Youth** meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High Youth** meet at 11:15 a.m. For additional details about youth groups, including Sunday evening Junior High Zoom time, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **Cherub and Children’s Music Time** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, where the **Youth Music Time** (*grades 6–12*) meets at 10:45 a.m. \* **Youth parents** are invited to a time of fellowship on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the fifth floor lobby. \* Next Sunday **on October 10 there will be no Confirmation, Junior High, or Senior High in-person gatherings** because of the Marathon.



**Organist Christopher Urban** will present an organ concert this Friday, October 8 at 12:10 p.m. as part of our weekly **Friday Noonday Concert** series. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance.* Our concerts can also be enjoyed online live as well as afterwards at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms), on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), and on Facebook Live. \* Online events are posted on the **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) \* For resources and ways to connect, watch our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)) \* If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we encourage you to email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

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This Tuesday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. join us via Zoom ([www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21)) for our next **“Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gathering—“Racial Equity, LGBTQIA Welcome, and Partnerships”** as we hear from our Racial Equity Council and LGBTQIA: Widening Our Welcome group about ways in which you can be part of Fourth Church’s welcome of all into the life of the congregation. Learn too how our call to reflect the inclusive love of God shapes our interfaith activities, as we embrace our neighbors and celebrate our differences.



Have you ever wondered what committees at Fourth Church do and how they work—or how you might serve on one? Or perhaps you’d like to learn how to keep up to date on volunteer opportunities and needs—and sign up for them! Join us this Thursday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom ([www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21)) for our final **“Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gathering—“Volunteer Service and Nominating Committee.”** \* Beginning next Sunday, October 10 Meals Ministry is planning to offer limited indoor dining—in addition to the current to-go option—for Sunday Night Supper. To make that happen, **additional volunteers are needed to help serve Supper guests on Sundays.** You can sign up to volunteer with Meals Ministry by using VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) \* By October 15, 2021, **all Fourth Church volunteers serving in person must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.** If you are volunteering this fall please send a copy of your vaccination certification to [vaxproof@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vaxproof@fourthchurch.org) by October 15. Your information will be received directly by our Human Resources Department and kept confidential, only used to confirm your ability to volunteer with the church. Please direct questions about this to Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)). \* Do you have time one evening a week to **mentor a student through Chicago Lights Tutoring? Tutoring will take place online** this fall, and the Tutoring Volunteer Application can be completed at [www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21](http://www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21); for more information, contact Mark Dennison ([mdennison@chicagolights.org](mailto:mdennison@chicagolights.org))



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