



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**

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, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (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).



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.



Each Wednesday we release a new video in our **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer”** series, a fifteen-minute worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. You can **subscribe to our YouTube channel** and watch the videos there (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings or during the week or **receive them by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail*). ✨ Also on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). ✨ A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✨ Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available by email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago).

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

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday! That day we will lift up all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives, and so we ask that **by Sunday, October 31** you please submit **your 2022 pledge to “Called to Be a Church Alive.”** You can make your pledge online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the pledge forms mailed earlier this autumn. Each pledge of support to our 2022 stewardship campaign contributes to the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Additional information about the stewardship campaign, including a pledge form to download for those who prefer that format, is available at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes those contributions to Fourth Church as of September 30, 2021.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of September 30, 2021				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2021 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$2,075,956	\$2,084,000	(\$8,044)	\$3,135,000
General contributions	\$1,275,240	\$1,386,000	(\$110,760)	\$1,964,000
Restricted contributions	\$586,974	\$473,098	\$113,876	\$706,147
Total contributions	\$3,938,170	\$3,943,098	(\$4,928)	\$5,805,147



All are invited to an evening of online celebration and appreciation with Shannon Kershner on Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by the **Legacy Society** Advisory Council, this virtual reception will lift up the special contributions made to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights through legacy giving as well as provide information about **legacy-giving opportunities**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/legacysociety1021 or contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).



Volunteers are needed to serve Sunday Night Supper in upcoming weeks. You can sign up to help with Meals Ministry by using **VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry platform** (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org ✨ The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of clean, gently used adult clothing and men’s shoes**. Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in. *Masks are required while on the campus.*

Our congregation is **celebrating its sesquicentennial!** Throughout the year we are marking our 150th anniversary in various ways, including this morning welcoming as our **guest preacher Dr. Otis Moss III** (*see the worship notes on page 12*). Also during this morning's service we will hear the first live performance of "**A New Heaven and a New Earth.**" Commissioned by Fourth Church in honor of our 150th anniversary, this anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen is based on the scripture text Revelation 21:1–4. Premiered virtually during our online service on February 14, today it is being sung live in worship for the first time.



Also commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial are **new Ordinary Time banners**, which we are using for the first time today and will dedicate during the service. Designed by Ellie Cotey, with additional sewing done by members of the Benevolent Guild, these banners, paraments, and stoles depict Chicago and its landscape and, with rays of radiating light, evoke this congregation's call to be a light in the city. The pulpit parament, which incorporates a map of Chicago, is created from 150 pieces—one for each year of our history. The lectern paraments and stoles bring together the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of the prairie that surrounds the city, while the hanging banners offer images of local wildflowers.



A Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (and livestreamed) will present "**Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century,**" a conversation among notable church and community speakers that commemorates our 150th anniversary and looks at Fourth Church's history as a citizen of Chicago. Moderated by Lucy Forster-Smith, this panel discussion will bring together **Shannon Kershner**; Pastor Emeritus **John Buchanan**; **Felicia Davis**, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and **William Schweiker**, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School. This Michigan Avenue Forum will be followed by an in-person "**The Next 150 Years**" program on Saturday morning, November 13. This opportunity to further explore the topics discussed on Tuesday evening will invite participants to exchange ideas in conversations led by Fourth Church members and program partners focusing on **arts and culture, community, racial justice and diversity, equity and inclusion, and well-being**. After an introductory greeting from Shannon Kershner, two breakout sessions will be held, and after a break, a second pair of sessions will convene. For more information, contact Lewis Hamer (lhamer@fourthchurch.org).

During this sesquicentennial year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read **historical accounts** and **letters from Chicago's faith leaders** as well as view **videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time here.



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) * Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar * If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1121; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman continue their class on the Old Testament figure **David: "Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch"** this morning at 11:15 a.m. This class meets in person in Borwell Dining Room (*register at www.bit.ly/david1021*) and is also recorded for viewing online at a later date. * **Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** offers two online sessions this Wednesday, October 27: one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for Men's or Women's Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * On Tuesday, November 2 the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***A Gentle Answer: Our "Secret Weapon" in an Age of Us against Them*** by Scott Sauls at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, register online at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1121 * On Tuesday, November 9 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey*** by Kathleen Rooney. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). * At the **Cornerstones'** online November gathering for adults fifty and over, author Greg Borzo will be talking about his book ***Lost Restaurants of Chicago*** on Friday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1121



Sunday School (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. * **Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. * **Junior High Youth** meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High Youth** meet at 11:15 a.m. * **Youth parents** gather for fellowship at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. * **Cherub and Children's Music Time** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, where **Youth Music Time** (*grades 6-12*) meets at 10:45 a.m.

An organ concert by Aaron David Miller on Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Sherer as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church. This in-person concert will also be livestreamed and will include Aaron David Miller premiering his composition **“Sonata for a Sacred Space,”** commissioned by the congregation in honor of John Sherer’s twenty-five years at Fourth Church. ✨ This Friday **John Sherer** will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance.* Our concerts are also livestreamed and available at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), and on Facebook Live.



Knitting and Crocheting will gather via Zoom this Tuesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. ✨ This Wednesday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m., the **Benevolent Guild** will meet in person; registration is required. ✨ A **Domestic Violence Awareness candlelight vigil** with Between Friends will be held this Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. ✨ **Women at Fourth** meets via Zoom for a program about Chicago Lights Tutoring and Fourth Church Meals Ministry—and adaptations they are making in response to the pandemic—this Thursday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. ✨ An **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** Happy Hour will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. For details for any of these gatherings, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



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) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.



Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church—including the weekly live stream of the Sunday morning service. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.

