



**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**. 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 like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday 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**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ✳️ The **congregation is invited to sing while masked**. We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✳️ **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. ✳️ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 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.

**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)**

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern.** ✨  
On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** In December, we will also have an **in-person Morning Prayer** time at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*masks required*), beginning this Wednesday, December 1. Prior to this time of prayer, Buchanan Chapel will be open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)



**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) 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. ✨ **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)).



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.



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (**[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)**), Facebook (**[facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)**), and Instagram (**[instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) ✨ Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**Today is the First Sunday of Advent!** As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, we turn our focus to watching and waiting, expectancy and hope. Offering a **resource for personal meditation and prayer** on our Advent journey to Christmas, Fourth Church members and staff have written **daily Advent devotions** that you can **receive in your inbox** (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) or read online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), or Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)). ✨ Also available as a resource for your Advent prayer and reflection is a weekly **“Rhythm and Word” Advent video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, a meditation, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, will be released on **our YouTube channel** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, December 1. (*They will also be available for viewing afterwards*). To **receive them by email**, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail)



Another opportunity for reflection in this season is **“What Is Waiting to Be Born in You,”** an Advent invitation to explore through movement, meditation, words, music, and visioning the sacred gifts we offer to ourselves, each other, God, and the world at this uncertain time. Sue Schemper, a licensed clinical professional counselor and spiritual director, will lead us in this exploration during a Saturday morning **Advent workshop** hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council, Adult Education Committee, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being **this Saturday**, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. For Zoom details register online at [www.bit.ly/adventworkshop21](http://www.bit.ly/adventworkshop21)



Again this year we invite you to give thanks for, remember, or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the **Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgift](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift)** and must be received by Sunday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).



Throughout this season of giving we are receiving a **“Light Up a Life” offering**, which extends mercy, kindness, and love to those who are most vulnerable. Gifts to this offering support the mission and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights as they provide hot meals, clothing, encouragement, and extra support. Gifts can be made to this offering by noting “Light Up a Life” in the comments section when giving via the Fourth Church website ([fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://fourthchurch.org/give-online)) or Venmo or on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Women at Fourth is again coordinating our annual **Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students**. To support this project we are collecting gift cards to Amazon, Target, and Walmart. If you are dropping off **gift cards** at the church, please do so by **this Friday, December 3**, mark them to the attention of Simon Crow, and designate the amount on the card(s). (*We are giving \$30 worth of gift cards to each student.*) We are also purchasing a book to give to each student and appreciate **monetary contributions to support the book purchases**. Monetary gifts can be made to Fourth Church, noting “Christmas Wishes” in the comments/memo line. For more details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Each year we begin Advent with a **Fair Trade Bazaar** weekend planned by our World Mission and Social Justice Committee. Since we are unable to host the event onsite this year, the opportunity to browse handcrafted goods—including folk art, ceramics, textiles, baskets, jewelry, skin care products, and more from Chicago and around the world—has moved online. This opportunity to shop for a difference takes place **online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/fair-trade.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/fair-trade.html)** at any time of day or night this Friday through Sunday, December 3–5.



During this Advent season, and as we look ahead to Christmas, we hope you will mark these special worship opportunities on your calendar: **Advent Lessons and Music** on Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. (*in person and livestreamed*). ✨ The **Longest Night** service, for those experiencing grief and sadness, on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. (*in person only*).



Our Christmas worship this year will include a variety of in-person and online services: the **Christmas Eve Children’s Pageant**, which will be online only, streamed on Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. ✨ Our **Christmas Eve Family Service** at 6:00 p.m. (*in person only*); seating will be socially distanced. ✨ Two **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Services**, one at 8:00 p.m. (*in person and livestreamed*) and one at 10:00 p.m. (*in person only*). There will be no socially distanced seating at either 8:00 or 10:00 p.m., so we invite those who prefer social distancing to worship with us at 6:00 p.m. For health reasons, at all three in-person services on Christmas Eve we will be using battery-operated tea lights rather than lit candles during “Silent Night” so that worshipers do not have to blow out candles. ✨ Our **Christmas Day Service** on Saturday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. (*in person only; those who would like an online worship opportunity on Christmas Day are invited to watch the online Christmas Day service from last year or the Christmas Eve service*).

Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✨ This Wednesday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m., the **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—will meet in person; for details (*preregistration is required*), email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for adults fifty and over, will gather online for a **Christmas concert by John Sherer and Cole Seaton** this Friday evening, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones1221](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones1221) ✨ **A Muslim–Presbyterian interfaith dialogue about Maryam/Mary** will take place online on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/dialogue120721](http://www.bit.ly/dialogue120721) ✨ On Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. **Women at Fourth** will come together via Zoom to celebrate the festive and joyous spirit of the Christmas season with fun, games, readings, laughter, and fellowship. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/wf1221](http://www.bit.ly/wf1221)



**Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** offers two online sessions on Wednesday, December 8, 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](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)) for details.



On Tuesday evening, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss via Zoom **IRL: Finding Realness, Meaning, and Belonging in Our Digital Lives** by Chris Stedman. For details, register at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1221](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1221) ✨ On Tuesday, December 14 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss people’s favorite **Agatha Christie books**. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**Sunday School** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. ✨ **Youth programming** is taking a break this weekend but resumes next Sunday morning, December 5 with eighth-grade Confirmation at 9:15 a.m., Junior High Youth at 9:15 a.m., and Senior High Youth at 11:15 a.m. For details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Cherub and Children’s Music Time** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) will also meet on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and **Youth Music Time** (*grades 6–12*) will meet at 10:45 a.m. next Sunday as well.

One of our most popular adult education classes has been “God in the Modern Wing,” exploring spiritual and artistic expression in the work of modern abstract artists. Next Sunday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m., Walter Hansen will return to lead a one-session class, **“God in the Modern Wing: The Book,”** looking at the book that grew out of those presentations and following it with an optional walk to the Art Institute of Chicago to view some of the works. You can register for the class, which will meet in Borwell Dining Room, at [www.bit.ly/modernwing1205](http://www.bit.ly/modernwing1205) ✨ The following Sunday, December 12, Don Allerton will lead the two-week class **“Architecture of Fourth Church.”** In commemoration of the church’s 150th anniversary, this class—which will meet at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room on December 12 and 19—gives us opportunity to examine our physical environment at Michigan Avenue and Chestnut Street, as we learn about the architectural aspects of our present building and take a tour of the campus.



This Friday **Estrella Piano Duo** (Elena Doubovitskaya and Svetlana Belsky) will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our Noonday concerts are also livestreamed and available to view later on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) and at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms). ✨ The annual **Christmas with Tower Brass** concert will take place on Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It will be livestreamed as well. *Masks must be worn by all attending concerts at Fourth Church.*



**Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial!** During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page [www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://www.fourthchurch.org/150) to read **historical accounts** and **letters from Chicago’s faith leaders**. There you can also hear **greetings from Fourth Church friends** from across the globe and **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically!

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