



We are glad to be worshiping 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 worshiping 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**

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 are also offering **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*masks required*). Prior to this prayer time, Buchanan Chapel is 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). ✨ **A Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✨ **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).



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, please 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 at 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.



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (fourthchurch.org), 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 ✨ Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@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

As a **resource for personal meditation and prayer** in this season, Fourth Church members and staff have written **Advent devotions** you can **receive daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read online (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*). ✨ Also available is an **Advent “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, are released on **our YouTube channel** (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (*They are also available for viewing afterwards*). To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail ✨ The newly launched **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger features as its latest episode **“Top Ten Advent Hymns and the Bible Verses Behind Them.”** You can find it at fourthchurch.org/podcast



Our annual **Fair Trade Bazaar is taking place this weekend—online!** You can browse handcrafted goods—including folk art, ceramics, textiles, baskets, jewelry, skin care products, and more from Chicago and around the world—and then shop for a difference at **fourthchurch.org/mission/fair-trade.html** ✨ We invite you to 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** and must be received by Sunday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Andrea Miller (*amiller@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ Through our annual **Christmas Wishes project, Chicago Lights Tutoring students** will each receive a gift card and a book purchased by Women at Fourth. **Monetary contributions to support the book purchases** can be made to Fourth Church, noting “Christmas Wishes” in the comments or memo line. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Our Christmas worship this year will include a variety of in-person and online services: the **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*).

Our **Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols** returns next Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. (*in person and livestreamed*), when we will hear readings for the season and sing together favorite Advent hymns. ✨ The annual **Christmas with Tower Brass** concert will take place Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will also be livestreamed. ✨ The **Longest Night** service, for those experiencing grief and sadness, will be Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. (*in person only*).



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. Today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, Walter Hansen will 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 to view some of the works. ✨ Next Sunday, 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 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room December 12 and 19—gives us opportunity to learn about the architectural aspects of our building and take a tour of the campus. ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** offers two online sessions this Wednesday, December 8, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for these Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.



This 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 ✨ 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).



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. ✨ A **Muslim–Presbyterian interfaith dialogue about Maryam/ Mary** will take place online this Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/dialogue120721 ✨ On Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. **Women at Fourth** will gather 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