



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**

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

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. ✨ **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***On the Spectrum: Autism, Faith, and the Gifts of Neurodiversity*** by Daniel Bowman Jr. on January 4 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday122 ✨ On Tuesday, January 11 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***Nine Tailors*** by Dorothy Sayers. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Today Don Allerton will lead the final session of **“The Architecture of Fourth Church,”** which will meet at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and includes a tour of our campus. ✨ A four-session class on **“The 1619 Project,”** discussing slavery’s continuing legacy of injustice and inequality, begins Sunday morning, January 9. Guest speakers will lead conversation about the history of slavery; cultural and religious practices brought to America from Africa; the history of the Great Migration in Chicago; the 1919 race riot and its origins; and present-day socioeconomic struggles in America’s and Chicago’s Black community. For details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class



Volunteers are needed to help with the Meals Ministry Bag Lunch program, which has moved back indoors after twenty months of serving to-go meals outdoors. Bag lunches and hot drinks are now served in Anderson Hall each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with limited seating to allow for social distancing. You can sign up to help with Bag Lunch or with Sunday Night Supper by using VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry platform. *All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org* ✨ The Social Service Center (SSC) has an urgent need for **volunteers to help with sorting, sizing, and organizing donated clothes** for distribution to our participants. If you are interested in volunteering Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. please contact Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org; 312.981.3591, ext 2357). ✨ Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **donations of men’s pants, sweaters, coats, gloves, scarves, any warm weather wear, and backpacks.** We are accepting new and gently used donations of these items that are clean and free from any rips, stains, or tears. *(We are not accepting children’s clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.)* Donations can be dropped off at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Discounted **Christmas Eve parking** will be available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 **for those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m.** Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher that day. ✨ Discounted **parking on Christmas Day** will be available at 900 N. Michigan with a validation ticket purchased at the church that morning for \$20 (*cash or check only*). ✨ For in-person services **on Christmas Eve, entry will only be through the glass Loggia doors** on Michigan Avenue. ✨ **Seating for the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service** will begin at 5:15 p.m. ✨ **Nursery care** will not be available on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.



As a **resource for meditation and prayer**, Fourth Church members and staff have written **Advent and Christmas devotions**, which you can **receive daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read online (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*). ✨ Also available is our **Advent and Christmas “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 December Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on **our YouTube channel** (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*); they are also available for viewing afterwards. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail ✨ The new **podcast “Bible Top Ten”** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger includes among its episodes “Top Ten Advent Hymns and the Bible Verses Behind Them” as well as the newest episode: “Top Ten Dates to Know from Biblical History.” You can find them at fourthchurch.org/podcast



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** hosts two online sessions this Wednesday, December 22, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for these studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ For information about **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults, email Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page 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!