



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 would 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.** We also offer **in-person Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays 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).

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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).



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. The speakers will be Joseph L. Morrow, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement; Natalie Moore, WBEZ journalist and author of *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation*; David Daniels III, Professor of Church History, McCormick Theological Seminary; and Bradford Hunt, History Department Chair, Loyola University. 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 served in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays (except December 28), Wednesdays, and Thursdays 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) needs **volunteers to help with sorting, sizing, and organizing donated clothes** for distribution to participants. If you are interested in volunteering in the new year on 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). ✨ The **Benevolent Guild** will meet on Wednesday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

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The church office will be closed this week on Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28 for the staff observance of Christmas and on Friday, December 31 for New Year's.



While we will not be gathering for a New Year's Eve service this year, we invite you to find time on Friday, December 31 to **watch our 2020 online New Year's Eve Taizé service**, which was cohosted by Holy Name Cathedral. This worship experience invites you to **reflect on the year past and the year to come**. You can find the video, to watch whenever it fits your schedule, on our YouTube channel at www.bit.ly/newyearstaize2020



If you missed our online **Children's Pageant** or **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols** service—or would like to enjoy them again or share them with others—we invite you to view them at www.bit.ly/FPCworship or YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ Similarly, if you missed our **Christmas with Tower Brass** concert or **John Sherer's organ concert of Christmas favorites** on December 17, you can still enjoy them online at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms or YouTube.



For those wanting to **make a year-end gift or fulfill their 2021 Stewardship pledge by credit card**, charges must be made to the card by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 31 in order for those gifts to be credited on 2021 giving statements. For those wanting to **make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check** and have the gift credited on 2021 giving statements, please be sure the envelope is postmarked December 31. ✨ For information about making gifts through **stock transfers or required distributions from one's IRA** or **prepaying one's 2022 pledge**, please contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).



Our **Interim Minister for Caring Ministries, Dave Handley**, will be ending his term as Interim Minister on Sunday, January 9. We are deeply grateful for Dave and all that he has brought to Fourth Church caring ministries and spiritual formation—and for his time with us as Associate Pastor from 1973 to 1981! There will be opportunity to express gratitude to Dave during fellowship time following worship on January 9, and for those who will not be with us in person, we invite you to email your well wishes to Dave (dhandley@fourthchurch.org).

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As a **resource for meditation and prayer**, Fourth Church members and staff have written **Christmas devotions**, which you can **receive daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read online (*fourthchurch.org/devotions*). ✨ Also available will be our **Christmastide “Rhythm and Word” video**. This brief worship experience, which weaves together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, will be released on Wednesday, December 29 at 6:00 p.m. on **our YouTube channel** (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*), where it will also be available for viewing afterwards. Our “Rhythm and Word” video series will then take a break during January and return on Wednesdays in February. To **receive the videos by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail



Men’s Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** hosts two online sessions on Wednesday, January 12, 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*). ✨ If you haven’t yet had time to listen to the new **podcast “Bible Top Ten”** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger, we invite you to take twenty minutes to enjoy one of the episodes in this lively, often lighthearted, always interesting podcast about the Bible as explored through a rotating series of top ten lists. You can find it at fourthchurch.org/podcast



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! ✨ **On Sunday, February 13, 2022**, we will conclude our sesquicentennial year with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach** that morning, and we hope that current and former members and staff will come together in worship that today—whether online or in person—as we celebrate this congregation’s legacy and look toward our future.

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