



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.



Beginning today **all seating for worship will be socially distanced**, in both the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. and Buchanan Chapel at 4:00, p.m. as we as a community respond to the current COVID-19 surge.

✧ On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone continues to be required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth**. Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. ✧ 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 during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



The **congregation is invited to sing while masked**. We encourage those who are concerned about being around those who are singing to join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✧ **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). ✧ You can also subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons to **receive the sermon text by email**.

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

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. ✨ 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. ✨ **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.



During this time of increased social distancing, Deacons will not be available in Stone Chapel as prayer partners on Sunday mornings. For those who are seeking a time for prayer, on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. In January we are also holding **in-person Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Also during January, Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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 for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



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**, Jeff Doane (jdoane@fourthchurch.org), our Parish Associate for Caring Ministries, is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.

During worship this morning we will be expressing our gratitude to two staff members who are leaving us this month. Today **Dave Handley** is ending his term as Interim Minister for Caring Ministries. We give thanks 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! Then later this month **Carol Allerton** will be retiring from her role as Administrative Assistant for Caring Ministries. We are deeply grateful to Carol for her long and faithful twenty-five years of service on staff. Since we will not be gathering to greet one another following worship during this current COVID surge, we will not have opportunity for each of us to individually thank Dave and Carol in person. But we encourage you to **email your messages of gratitude and well wishes** to Dave (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) and Carol (callerton@fourthchurch.org).
✳ Beginning this week **Jeff Doane**, our Parish Associate for Older Adults, will be taking on the role of Parish Associate for Caring Ministries, while the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues its search for a candidate they would recommend serve as our Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation.



This morning we also begin a four-session class on “The 1619 Project,” discussing slavery’s continuing legacy of injustice and inequality. It takes place at 11:15 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*seating will be socially distanced*) and via Zoom. (*For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class; the class will also be available for viewing on our website in the days ahead.*) 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.



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, 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). ✳ Devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff for you to use as a **resource for meditation and prayer** are available **daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) and online (fourthchurch.org/devotions).

Sunday School (ages 3 through grade 5) meets on Sundays **via Zoom** at 9:00 a.m. (email Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org for details) and **in person** at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

✳ Youth programs also meet on Sunday mornings, with **eighth-grade Confirmation** meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, **Junior High Youth** at 9:15 a.m., in the Bumpus Room, and **Senior High Youth** at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✳ **Cherub and Children's Music Time** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and **Youth Music Time** (grades 6–12) meets at 10:45 a.m., both in Room 4F. ✳ Youth ministry has three trips planned for this summer; a **Junior High mission trip to St. Louis** (June 26–July 1), a **Senior High mission trip to Memphis** (July 9–15), and the **Presbyterian Church (USA) Youth Triennium** (July 24–27). The registration deadline for the trips is January 31. Details and registration links are available online: www.fourthchurch.org/youth



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another online**. In response to the COVID surge, we will not be inviting in-person worshipers to greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons following the 10:00 a.m. service. Instead we **encourage you in the coming week to make a point of reaching out and connecting with someone via text, a phone call, or a written note**—be it someone from Fourth Church, someone with whom you have not been in touch for a while, or someone you think might be feeling lonely or isolated. ✳ **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom this Tuesday evening, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Nine Tailors* by Dorothy Sayers. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✳ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a presentation by Joe Morrow, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Community Engagement, and Jose Morales, Professor of Church History at Chicago Theological Seminary, about **recent debates over Critical Race Theory**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones221



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 **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 day—whether online or in person—as we celebrate this congregation's legacy and look toward our future.

Volunteers are needed to **help with the Meals Ministry Bag Lunch program**. Bag lunches and hot drinks are served in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, 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 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**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, is in need of donors of **unique items and services for the silent auction of the Gala of Hope 2022**, which will be held on Friday, March 4. If you have something you would like to offer, please email Laura Woods (lwoods@chicagolights.org). ✱ The Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center is in need of **men's pants, sweaters, coats, gloves, scarves, and backpacks**. They are accepting new and gently used donations that are clean and free from any rips, stains, or tears. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you have clothes to donate but are unable to do so during that time, please reach out to Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org) to coordinate a drop-off time.

Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue this week with **organist Jacob Reed** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, January 14. The concerts are also livestreamed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and at [www .bit .ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) and are available to view afterwards. For a complete concert schedule, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



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, February 6 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/inquirersclass221; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



Fourth Church has a variety of **job openings**, including for an administrative assistant, a worship coordinator, and a staff accountant. If you know someone who would be a good fit for one of the roles, please let them know about the postings. Job descriptions and application details can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/about/employment.html



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.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 ✨ To ensure you **receive the latest updates from Fourth Church**, including our **weekly email newsletter**, add your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc