



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.



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 all socially distanced. ✧ 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. ✧ On the Fourth Church campus, **everyone is required to wear a mask, 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.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where 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 as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✧ You can also receive the previous Sunday's **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

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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.



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** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also 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 (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



The Ordinary Time banners hanging in the Sanctuary today were commissioned for our 150th anniversary and evoke this congregation’s call to be a light in the city. The pulpit parament, which incorporates a map of Chicago, is created from 150 pieces, one for each year of our history. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago’s neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate Chicago’s native landscape: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in Fourth Church’s logo. The hanging banners offer images of those local wildflowers.

This Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday. In observance of this solemn day, **Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 p.m. (*Shannon Kershner preaching*) and 7:30 p.m. (*Rocky Supinger preaching*). Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes. The **7:30 p.m. service will also be livestreamed** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ We will also be offering **“Ashes on the Way”** on Wednesday. Pastors and members will be present outside the Sanctuary between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.



As we look ahead to Lent, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection** during the season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, **simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions** (*if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, will be released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



New Zoom Small Groups for Lent will start this week (*the week of February 27*). If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a **time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Whether you have participated in a Fourth Church small group or not**, our Small Group Ministry team would **appreciate your participation in a brief survey**: www.bit.ly/fpcsmallgroupsurvey22 ✨ During Lent the Spiritual Formation Council invites you to travel the **“Path of Discipleship”** with them. This year’s six-part series will use the book *Back to the Well* by Frances Taylor Gench. Led by Nanette Sawyer and Joe Morrow, the series will take place via Zoom on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 8. For the “Path of Discipleship” Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2022



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, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church, sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass322; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Today our new Fourth Church Gospel Choir begins its rehearsals. Directed by Bryan Johnson, Executive Director of Music at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, the choir will rehearse at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays in Room 4G. For more information about this and other choirs at Fourth Church, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). *All singers in Fourth Church choirs must submit proof of COVID vaccination.* ✨ The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. Directed by John Sherer, this choir, which is preparing music for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and other upcoming services, rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with **lyric soprano Laura Bumgardner and pianist Heidi Joosten** presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, March 4. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



This Friday is the annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope! This year the event will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday evening, March 4. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; the Gala of Hope supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center** programs—and the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the service. ✨ This morning we begin a three-week class on **“The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith,”** as we look at the behavior of both humans and God in the relationship they share and the covenant between them. Taught by Adam Rose, this class takes place on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G as well as via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/bookofjob22 ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss ***Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans** via Zoom this Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m., with Amy Pagliarella facilitating the conversation. *Participants do not need to have read the book prior to the discussion.* For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday322 ✨ The topic of the next **Books by Women** discussion will be Kimberly A. Hamlin’s ***Free Thinker***, a biography of women’s suffrage activist Helen Hamilton Gardener. For Zoom details for this Tuesday, March 8 conversation, which takes place at 6:00 p.m., email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Benevolent Guild** meets in person this Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow.

Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions on Wednesday, March 9, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom links or more information about either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



For resources and additional 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 by signing up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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 email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ If you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.



In Friday's weekly News @ Fourth Church email newsletter (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc*), we shared the following note **in light of the City of Chicago lifting its mask mandate in most settings**: "As Shannon Kershner wrote in her congregational email last week, 'until you hear otherwise, please assume that **we will keep doing what we are doing now—masks required, restricted campus access and hours, etc.** I thank you for your patience.' The wide range of programs, activities, and participants that are part of our Fourth Church and Chicago Lights community make how we move forward around masking complex, particularly given the number of vulnerable populations we serve—from preschoolers to older adults to those with insufficient access to health care—and given the range of staff and volunteers who work with them. So while we will not be lifting our mask mandate on February 28, please know that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like around masks, in-person programs, and more!"