



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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. ✳️ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus choose to require masks. ✳️ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



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 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✳️ We also invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a resource for **reflection**. These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✳️ The final video in our **autumn “Rhythm and Word”** series—presented by Nancy Benson-Nicol and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will be released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evening; the videos, which will resume in Advent, are also available by email (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail*).

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 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. 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 to the Gratz Center. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) 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. ✨ During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a **pipe organ tour** begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ Also following worship, 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. ✨ We also gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For information about the labyrinth, 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 Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing



The autumn season of the **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** (fourthchurch.org/podcast) hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger continues this Tuesday with **“Top 10 Leaders in the Bible.”** ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. ✨ **Women’s Bible Study**—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—meets this Wednesday, September 28. This autumn the women’s study is exploring **“Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight.”** For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ **New Zoom Small Groups** will be starting again in October. 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 would like more information about small group opportunities, please email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

We ask that those worshipping with us in person **take a moment to sign the pew information pads** so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshippers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name. ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



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 or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✨ 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. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org



Women at Fourth welcomes all who would like to hear author and Fourth Church member Arlene Faulk talk about "**Facing Our Fears and Uncertainty**" to attend her presentation today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G. ✨ The **Knitting and Crocheting group** meets this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Benevolent Guild**, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets this Wednesday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** will gather for brunch next Sunday, October 2 following 10:00 worship, with all who would like to join meeting at the church reception desk to walk together to a nearby restaurant. ✨ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets for dinner and a program on Friday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Members of Fourth Church's Racial Equity Council and Joe Morrow will talk about their experiences on the **Est. 1619 Pilgrimage to Charleston, South Carolina**. Register (*required*) for the gathering at www.bit.ly/cfpc1022 ✨ **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

On Tuesday, October 18 we will be hosting a Michigan Avenue Forum: **“The 1619 Project Revisited: Race, History, and the Future—A Conversation with Nikole Hannah-Jones and Natalie Moore.”** This 7:00 p.m. program in the Sanctuary will feature Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist and author of the *New York Times’ 1619 Project*, Nikole Hannah-Jones, together with WBEZ’s Natalie Moore, in a discussion moderated by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair in the Department of History at Loyola University. Please plan to join us for this important conversation. ✨ **Adult education classes** meet in Borwell Dining Room this morning: **“Ukraine and the Orthodox Church”** at 9:00 a.m. and **“Sound of the Genuine,”** which this week explores stories from Fourth Church member and author Jim Garner, at 11:15 a.m. You can **register for these classes** at www.bit.ly/ukrainechurch922 and www.bit.ly/genuine922 ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join them via Zoom on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. for a conversation about ***Tears We Cannot Stop*** by Michael Eric Dyson. Register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1022 for Zoom details.



We are **in need of recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions** opening in 2023 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board. **If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!**—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations **by this Friday, September 30** via the online form at www.bit.ly/nominating2023 or by using the paper forms in the pew racks.



Our 2023 stewardship campaign invites all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Please plan to submit your 2023 pledge—which you can make at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge—by Commitment Sunday, October 30, when we will celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives.



Meals Ministry is looking for input from volunteers, current and future, about **Sunday Night Supper** cooking, serving, supervising, growth, and additional opportunities. They invite you to join them in discussion via Zoom (www.bit.ly/meals922) this Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. ✨ **Tutors are needed** on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings to partner with Chicago Lights Tutoring students. For details, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org). ✨ October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, which we will be observing with Between Friends. As part of that, on Tuesday, October 4 we will tie **purple ribbons** on the Michigan Avenue fence. To help tie ribbons or for more information about the month’s events, email scrow@fourthchurch.org