

News and Opportunities

December 4–December 10, 2022



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.**

✳️ 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 ✳️ Available by podcast as well is an invitation to join Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger in biblical exploration as they discuss the **“Bible Top Ten”** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday. The most recent is **“Top 10 Misconceptions about the Christmas Story (aka Christmyths).”**

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 (*with Communion*) 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 at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



We ask that those of you worshipping with us in person **please 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 worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Those worshipping in person this morning 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

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. Sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive them in your inbox, or read them online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions ✨ Also available as a resource for your Advent prayer and reflection is our weekly **Advent “Rhythm and Word” video series**, which weaves together **scripture, prayer, and music** by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. A new video is released each Wednesday evening on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail



Women at Fourth is coordinating our annual **Christmas Wishes project** to provide **gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students**. To support this project we are **collecting gift cards** to Best Buy, Starbuck’s, McDonald’s, Uber, Target, and Amazon (*giving a total of \$25 worth of cards to each student*). Gift cards can be dropped off at the church reception desk to the attention of Simon Crow **by this Thursday, December 8**. (*Please designate the amount on the cards.*) **Monetary contributions** can also be made to support the purchase of a book for each student. Gifts can be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or by writing a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church with “Christmas Wishes” designated in the memo line.



We invite you to **remember or honor a loved one** with a contribution toward the **Christmas flowers, wreaths, and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Buchanan Chapel this Advent and Christmas. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **Contributions can be made online** at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be **received by next Sunday, December 11** for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente (*312.252.3571; gvicente@fourthchurch.org*).



A new Sunday morning adult education class, **“Welcoming the Stranger,”** begins today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/ae stranger1222 ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings 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—next meets on Wednesday, December 14. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss **Miss Benson’s Beetle** by Rachel Joyce in person and via Zoom next Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For Zoom details, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

The Fourth Church **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** evening service will be held next Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with “Cookies and Cocoa to Go” bags distributed afterwards. ✨ Several holiday concerts will also be taking place at Fourth Church this month. **Bach Marathon: Brandenburg Concertos 1–6** will be presented by the **Chicago Civic Orchestra** on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are required but free from www.cso.org ✨ CSO Presents “**A Chanticleer Christmas**” on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from www.cso.org ✨ **Chicago a cappella will sing “Holidays a cappella”** on Friday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available from www.chicagoacappella.org ✨ This year’s **Christmas with Tower Brass** concert will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There are no tickets; donations will be received at the door. ✨ **The Christmas Cantata: Gloria by John Rutter** will be performed by the Morning Choir and Tower Brass on Sunday, December 18 during 10:00 a.m. worship.



LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Brunch will be held today following morning worship. Those who would like to join in this time of fellowship are invited to meet at the reception desk to walk together to the restaurant. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ The **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets this Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ On Thursday, December 15 **Women at Fourth** will meet for a time of holiday fellowship in the Michigan Avenue Manse at 5:30 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/waf1222



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



For those facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ ✨ **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