

News and Opportunities

February 5–11, 2023



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 at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✳️ **Daily 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 by email, or read them at fourthchurch.org/devotions ✳️ Our **"Rhythm and Word" video series** is exploring the **Sermon on the Mount and what it means for our daily lives**. A new fifteen-minute video is released on Wednesday evenings on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail

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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 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 gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and also at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email *caringministries@fourthchurch.org* ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday. For details, 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 those worshipping with us in person to **please take a moment to sign the information pads** in the pews so that we might know you are here. Please pass the pad down your pew so all worshipers have opportunity to provide updated information and greet one another by name following the service. ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. ✨ Those who enjoy **expressing their faith through hospitality** or are interested in being a **welcoming presence at Coffee Hour** are encouraged to sign up at *app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour* to be a **Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

An information session will be held today at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel for those interested in taking part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024**. For an outline of the trip or for more details, see www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf or email Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org). ✨ A **Fourth Church trip to Cuba** to visit the **First Presbyterian Church of Havana** will take place May 29–June 5. Details, including a link to the online trip application, are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html; **applications are due by Monday, February 13**.



“A Sittler Sampler: Ecology, Faith, and Much More” meets today at 11: 15 a.m. in Room 5E (*in person only*). Led by Jeff Doane, this class considers the works of Joseph Sittler, a pioneer in addressing the need to care for the ecological order from a Christian perspective. ✨ Using Eastern and Western religious art, Stephen Hauser and Michael Kazanjian will lead an exploration of **“The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Individual or Universal?”** on Sunday, February 19 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, email Jana Blazek (jblazek@fourthchurch.org).



The Spiritual Formation Council will be hosting a six-week **Lenten Path of Discipleship series** via Zoom on Tuesdays, February 28 through April 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Associate Pastors Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow will lead our exploration of Connie Fourre’s eighty-seven-page book ***The Spiritual Resilience Handbook***. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2023 ✨ **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom 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, February 8. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



The **TwentiesThirties** group for young adults will gather today following worship for a **Trivia Brunch** at Aster Hall (*900 N. Michigan*). ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswal next Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom. For Zoom details for either gathering, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The next **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Brunch** will be held on Sunday, February 19 at a nearby restaurant (*meet at the church reception desk following worship that day*). ✨ **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). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, at which we will elect new officers, will be held in person and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. next Sunday, February 12. The Zoom link will be posted on our website in advance of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee will also be posted on our website prior to February 12.



You can **help score a victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring** next Sunday by bringing **cans of soup, nonperishable food items, or monetary contributions** if you will be worshipping with us in person that day. Our youth will be on hand that morning to collect the donations, which will support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry. You can also **make a Souper Bowl of Caring gift online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online



The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) on Friday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This annual event 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, and Social Service Center programs. **To reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023 or stop by Coffee Hour today.



Our newest Fourth Church neighbors are migrant families currently staying next door in the former Tremont Hotel, We have been working with these families through the Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Meals Ministry and as we do so, we are very much in need of **assistance with Spanish translation**. If you can help or know someone who could, please sign up at app.vomo.org/project/spanish-translators ✨ We are also **in need of new or gently used adult clothing**, men's and women's. Donations of these items can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter at 126 E. Chestnut*) between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and Sundays.



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, 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.