

News and Opportunities

February 19–25, 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.fourthchurch.org/podcasts). ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✳️ Available by podcast as well is Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s **“Bible Top Ten,”** a lively, informative, and occasionally funny podcast about the Bible as explored through a rotating series of top ten lists.

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 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 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. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. 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 also Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



We ask all those who are worshipping with us to **please fill out an information form so we might know you are here** and to ensure we have current contact information. Those worshipping with us online will find **a link to the online form** included in the descriptive text below the video player; a QR code will also be displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

Those worshipping in person are 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 online at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour to be a **Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Do you have your tickets for the annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope? This year's event is less than two weeks away! To be held Friday, March 3 at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*), the Gala will be a fun and festive evening, with dinner and dance, all in support of 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**, stop by Coffee Hour today or visit one.bidpal.net/galaofohope2023 org ✨ In preparation for the **Mystery Wine** event at the Gala, Chicago Lights is in need of additional donations of bottles of wine (valued at \$50 or more), which can be ordered and shipped directly from www.juicechicago.com/collections/frontpage



Thank you to all who contributed to last week's Souper Bowl of Caring! Because of your generosity, our youth collected more than 100 food items and \$5,326.61 for the Chicago Lights Social Service Center Food Pantry and the Fourth Church Meals Ministry program.



To support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in providing **emergency relief and short-term recovery in Syria and Turkey** in the aftermath of the February 6 earthquake—and in also remaining active there throughout the entire recovery process—you can give a gift online at www.bit.ly/earthquakepda



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of **volunteer Spanish translators**. 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.

The season of Lent begins this week. **Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** on Wednesday, February 22. 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). ✨ As part of **"Ashes on the Way,"** pastors and members of the congregation will be present outside the Sanctuary between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. 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 mark your calendar for the **Lenten Path of Discipleship** series that will be offered via Zoom on Tuesdays, February 28 through April 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and led by Associate Pastors Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow, this year's six-week series will explore Connie Foure's eighty-seven-page book ***The Spiritual Resilience Handbook***. To participate, please register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2023 by Friday, February 24.



We also invite you to use our **daily Lenten devotions** (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions) as a resource for reflection during the upcoming season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, simply subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions (*if you already receive our devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Available for your reflection as well during the season will be a **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series**. These brief online worship experiences (*approximately fifteen minutes each*) are **led by Rocky Supinger** and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet and weave together scripture, prayer, and music. A new video will be released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. beginning on February 22. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



A quiet **candlelit Lenten Taizé service**—a contemplative time of meditative song, silent reflection, and prayer for peace, reconciliation, and unity—will be held on Friday evening, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.



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—next meets this Wednesday, February 22. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

A **new one-session adult education class** takes place today following morning worship. Stephen Hauser and Michael Kazanjian will be using Eastern and Western religious art featured in the book *Resurrecting Easter* by John and Sarah Crossan to lead us in an exploration of **“The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Individual or Universal?”** Meeting next Sunday, February 19 this morning at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom, the class will study first millennium religious art that portrays Christ’s resurrection as both individual and universal, Western religious art that conveys the resurrection as Christ alone, and Eastern/Orthodox art that conveys the resurrection as a universal event bringing Adam, Eve, Abel, David, Solomon, and others with Christ. To register (*and to receive the Zoom link*), sign up online at www.bit.ly/aeresurrection23



Next Sunday morning, February 26, Betsy Storm and Kat Evans will be presenting the one-session class **“Faces at the Cross”** at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only; this class will not be recorded*). We know the story of the resurrection well from oft-told Bible stories, but what about hearing them from the breaking heart of Mary, whose beloved son has died brutally, or Pontius Pilate, the man who sentenced Jesus to death? How did these major characters experience Holy Week and the resurrection itself? In poetic and often riveting words, author J. Barrie Shepherd’s book *Faces at the Cross: A Lent and Easter Collection of Poetry and Prose* regales us with clearly imagined stories in the voices of Mary, Pilate, and others. Join us as we share, aloud, several selected readings from Shepherd’s well-loved book. There will also be time for small-group discussion. To register, sign up at www.bit.ly/aefaces226



Looking ahead, in March, **Tom Dozeman will teach a class on “The Ancestors in Genesis.”** The ancestors in the book of Genesis are meant to provide identity both for ancient Israel and for contemporary readers. Thus this course will explore the themes of identity that emerge in the three cycles of stories about Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebekah; and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel—stories that are complex and hardly heroic. We will also look at the aim of the biblical authors in composing the literature and different ways in which readers have found identity in the stories. The class will meet in person only on Sundays, March 5–19 in Borwell Dining Room. To register, sign up at www.bit.ly/aegenesis323

Ghost Ranch New Mexico in the spring. Finding ways to care for creation. Awakening the inner terrain of God's Spirit. Kindling connections with others from Fourth Church. If this sounds intriguing, consider joining Nancy Benson-Nicol and Lucy Forster-Smith for a **Ghost Ranch Pilgrimage of Faith and Learning this May 15–19** in Abiquiu, New Mexico. Mornings will be spent in conversation with a speaker; there will be hiking and exploration of the area in the afternoon; and evenings will offer time together as a group with guided conversations and worship. There will also be one afternoon and evening in Santa Fe enjoying the museums, dining, and wonder of that city. To express interest and learn more, complete the simple “Expression of Interest” form at www.bit.ly/ghostranchinterest23; an application, which will be due March 15, will be available in the coming days. ✨ Those interested in taking part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024** can find trip details at www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf or by emailing Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).



An **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) Brunch** will be held today at a nearby restaurant (*meet at the church reception desk following worship*). ✨ **Benevolent Guild**, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets this Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Sewing experience is not required. ✨ The **Knitting and Crocheting** group will meet next Tuesday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **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



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.