

News and Opportunities

April 16–22, 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 via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at 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

We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form**, which also ensures we have current contact information. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!**—included in the descriptive text below the video (*if you are viewing full screen, you will need to briefly exit full-screen view to see the description and link*); a QR code is also 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.



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. ✨ To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with **information about that afternoon service**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews ✨ 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. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship. **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is also 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**, this week in Stone 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. this Tuesday. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org

Today is Volunteer Recognition Sunday at Fourth Church, a day when we give thanks for the many individuals who so generously give of their time and talent to bring to life the mission and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. For all of you who share of your gifts in this way, thank you! ✨ **If you are a volunteer** and you did not receive a volunteer badge when entering the church this morning, please ask one of the ushers for a badge or stop by the Volunteer Ministry table during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. ✨ **If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church or if you would like to know more about **getting connected with the Fourth Church community**, please stop by Connection Corner or the Volunteer Ministry table during Coffee Hour. You can also explore volunteer opportunities by visiting VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry software platform, or by contacting Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382), Director of Volunteer Ministry. There are numerous ways to engage in the life of Fourth Church!



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).



This morning a new Sunday adult education class begins: Annette Mileski and HD Mitchell will be leading **“Aging and Spirituality,”** which takes place at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5F and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aeaging ✨ Our **Center for Life and Learning (CLL)**—a **weekday community education and fellowship program** open to people aged sixty and older—offers classes and events in different formats and on various topics, including arts, music, fitness, health, nutrition, literature, singing, and dancing. To learn more about opportunities with the CLL, visit www.fourthchurch.org/cll or call the CLL office at 312.981.3389. ✨ Opportunities to engage in Bible study include **Men’s Bible Study**, which meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., and **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 and next meets Wednesday, April 26. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



You will notice over the next few weeks that **Borwell Dining Room and some other spaces in the Gratz Center will be temporarily closed**. This is so that we can do some spring refreshing of those rooms, which have seen much use since we opened the Gratz Center more than ten years ago!

Our Easter season “Rhythm and Word” video series, which offers a ten-minute midweek worship experience, is **led by Shannon Kershner**, with a new video released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail ✨ Our **daily devotions** (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions



We offer a variety of ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. Included among them are **Benevolent Guild**, which meets this Wednesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets on Tuesday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom; for Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Women at Fourth** will gather via Zoom on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a program on the **Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center**. For the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/waf0423 ✨ **Cornerstones** will be hosting an **intergenerational Deep Listening Dinner** on the evening of May 5 in Borwell Dining Room, with conversations centered around the theme of generations. There is no charge for the meal, to which all are invited; however, seating is limited to seventy-two people and thus advance registration is required at www.bit.ly/cornerstones523. ✨ 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 fourthchurch.org/calendar



The **Fourth Church Choral Society** will present a concert on May 21 with St. James Cathedral singers. **All who enjoy singing** are invited to Thursday rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ The Morning Choir and Tower Brass will perform, with organists John Sherer and Michael Rees, in this Friday evening’s **Hymn Festival** of the Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Tickets will be \$20 at the door; the festival takes place in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on April 21. ✨ Our **free Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature Morning Choir member **Carol Carpenter** this Friday, April 21 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



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 requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.