

News and Opportunities

June 18–24, 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.



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.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ✳️ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✳️ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 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. ✳️ In the Sanctuary **worship can be heard** through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✳️ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



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 available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✳️ **Sunday School** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor as well.

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.**

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 (*after exiting full-screen view*); 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. ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during our Juneteenth Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship.



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.



Following worship a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ Also following the service **Deacons are available in Stone Chapel** (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with those 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 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. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



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. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org ✨ **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.

The church office is closed Monday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. ✨ **The Juneteenth-colored ribbons and sign** along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to this celebration of freedom and to the call to reflection and recommitment to racial equity and the purposeful inclusion of all people.



Next Sunday all are invited to join Fourth Church in taking part in the annual Chicago Pride Parade, as we again walk with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. This year the parade takes place at noon on June 25. For details about when and where to meet, contact Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The **Pride flag signs and rainbow ribbons** outside Fourth Church, along Michigan Avenue, are public witness to the inclusive hospitality we extend to all and to our welcome of all of God's children into the life of the church.



LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) Brunch takes place today at a nearby restaurant. All who would like to take part are invited to meet at the church reception desk following worship to walk to brunch together. ✨ Our free **Friday Noonday Concert** features pianists Katrina Sudman and Vincent Catalano this Friday, June 23 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets Tuesday, June 27 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For 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 and opportunities**, 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



We are in need of Sunday morning Cookie Table Hosts, Servers, and Hospitality Coordinators. If you are able to help, please sign up at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour ✨ Our **Women's Choir** is singing during worship through July 9; the **Men's Choir** will sing the remainder of the summer. Those **interested in singing** with the choirs are asked to email John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).



Our "Rhythm and Word" video series offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos); sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail to receive the videos by email. ✨ Our daily devotions (fourthchurch.org/devotions) are available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ **Men's Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).