

# News and Opportunities

July 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.



**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](http://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](http://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. ✨ Following the service, those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour**, which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



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](http://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 Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.). ✨ In August, the Chapel will be open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. (*It is not available for walking the remainder of July due to Chicago Lights Summer Day use of the Chapel.*)



To **talk to a pastor or notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 School Supply Drive is underway!** This annual effort organized by Women at Fourth gathers school supplies for children taking part in the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Summer Day, and Tutoring** programs. For lists of items needed, see [www.bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc](http://www.bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc); monetary contributions for the team to purchase supplies can be made by designating either a check (*payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church*) or online gift ([www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give)) to School Supply Drive. For more information, contact Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**Come enjoy the outdoor concerts of our Music by the Fountain series** on July and August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard! Wonderful musical artists from across the Midwest and beyond will treat us to an hour of great music, song, and joy throughout the summer. The **Elaine Dame vocal jazz ensemble** will perform this Friday, July 21, with **jazz vocalist Libby York** in concert the following week on July 28. A full concert listing is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/concerts](http://www.fourthchurch.org/concerts), with details posted weekly at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch). ✨ While the outdoor concerts are not livestreamed, those looking for online concerts during the summer are invited to **explore videos of our previous Noonday concerts** archived on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets in person today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and via Zoom next Tuesday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for the Bible study or Knitting and Crocheting, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Bible study and Knitting and Crocheting are but two ways in which to build community with others through Fourth Church. For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar)



Another way to connect with others at Fourth Church is through volunteering. Currently we are **in need of Cookie Table Hosts, Servers, and Hospitality Coordinators** for Coffee Hour. If you would be interested in being a welcoming presence at these Sunday morning fellowship gatherings, contact Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)) or sign up online at [app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour](http://app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour) or. ✨ We also invite you to **explore other volunteer opportunities** by visiting [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or by contacting Robert Crouch ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3382), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

**Encore! returns to Fourth Church** on Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. This annual fundraising event for our Center for Life and Learning supports CLL programming and provides scholarships that make it possible for more adults sixty and over to participate in CLL activities. To join in this evening of fun, which will feature local singer performer Peter Oprisko and his jazz ensemble, make your reservations at [www.fourthchurch.org/clk](http://www.fourthchurch.org/clk); for more information, call the Center at 312.981.3391.



The **Fourth Church Day School has openings in its preschool programs** this fall. For enrollment details, contact Kathy Hager ([khager@fourthchurch.org](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org)).



**Join Fourth Church conversations on Threads** ([www.threads.net/@fourthchurch](http://www.threads.net/@fourthchurch)) by following us at [@fourthchurch](https://www.threads.net/@fourthchurch). ✨ We also invite you to follow us on **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for news, updates, photos, and favorite quotes from recent devotions, sermons, and prayers. You can also find us on **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)) and **Twitter** ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)).



**Our July “Rhythm and Word” video series**, focusing on **the beauty of creation** and our relationship to it, offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer **led by Nanette Sawyer**. A new video, with music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble, is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous “Rhythm and Word” series; to receive the videos by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail); you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). ✨ Our **daily devotions** ([fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions)), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are also available as a **resource for your personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)



**The scaffolding** on the Fourth Church campus is to enable tuckpointing, flashing, and window repair over the next two months.

**Two new 10-foot-long banners** hang on the pillars in the back of the Sanctuary. Representing Illinois **prairie grasses and sky**, they are part of the Ordinary Time banner collection commissioned in 2021 for our 150th anniversary. Designed by Ellie Cotey, with additional sewing done by members of the Benevolent Guild, **the collection evokes this congregation's call to be a light in the city.** The pulpit parament, which **incorporates a map of Chicago**, is created from 150 pieces, one for each year of our sesquicentennial history. In it, the rays of light radiate from the church location and spread throughout Chicago's neighborhoods, representing an impact that stretches beyond the borders of our great city. The bright colors are inspired by and celebrate **Chicago's native landscape**: the blue of Lake Michigan and the green of prairie grasses encompass a city composed of both the colors of six native wildflowers and the colors present in Fourth Church's logo. The banners hanging from the balconies offer images of those local wildflowers.



This morning Shannon Kershner preaches for the first time at her new congregation, Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. As we shared in a letter to that congregation earlier this month ([www.bit.ly/fpctocentral](http://www.bit.ly/fpctocentral)), **we hold Shannon and Central in our prayers** as they embark on their shared ministry.



The **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)** is at work identifying and having conversations with candidates to consider for the role of Interim Pastor. The Interim Pastor, who will be hired by Session, will not be our next Senior Pastor. Rather they will be someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor. You can read about the IPNC work and find the latest transition updates at [fourthchurch.org/transition](http://fourthchurch.org/transition) ✨ If you have **questions or comments about the transition**, please email them to [transition@fourthchurch.org](mailto:transition@fourthchurch.org)



**After Labor Day** we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.