

# You are invited!

February 11–17, 2024



*The following pages are our invitation to you—an invitation to explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here.*

*We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!*

## Welcome!

**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and invite you to continue 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. ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

## Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see [fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning](http://fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)) ✨ Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

## Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ✨ The **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to each service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship! If you need **to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*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 ushers.

**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)

## Let us know you're worshipping with us!

Please 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.

## Worship podcasts and sermon text

During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons)) **by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

## Prayer and meditation

Those who would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today** are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ✨ On Wednesdays we gather 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)). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

## Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@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, email Gloria Fleming ([gfleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gfleming@fourthchurch.org)) or Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call our **Replogle Center Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 ([www.reploglecenter.org](http://www.reploglecenter.org)). ✨ The Replogle Center also facilitates grief groups; **new grief groups start March 13 and May 15**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)).

## A time of sabbatical

Please join us as we hold in prayer **Rocky Supinger, who begins his sabbatical today** (through May 6). During his time away, please direct questions about Youth Ministry to Amy Pagliarella ([apagliarella@fourthchurch.org](mailto:apagliarella@fourthchurch.org)) and questions about worship to Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

## Sunday opportunities

Those worshipping in person are encouraged to greet one another during **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship, where there is also opportunity to learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ The Adult Education class **“Christians’ Role in Combating Antisemitism”** concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For the Zoom link, register at [www.bit.ly/aeantisemitism](http://www.bit.ly/aeantisemitism); you need not have attended the previous sessions in order to take part today. ✨ **Sunday School** children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship today before departing to classrooms with their teachers; at 11:00 a.m. children gather on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service featuring a breadth of musical expressions (*also livestreamed*).

## Annual meeting

At 12:15 p.m. today the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. The **Zoom link is [www.bit.ly/fpcannualmeeting2024](http://www.bit.ly/fpcannualmeeting2024)**; you can also access the meeting via the Zoom Meeting ID 845 1710 6278 and Passcode 132 184. For audio only, you can **dial in by phone** by calling 1.312.626.6799 (*see ID and code above*). The meeting will include the **election of new officers** and **three proposed amendments to the bylaws** regarding the number of youth Elders and extending tenured officers past their full term to fulfill an unexpired term created by the early withdrawal of an officer in a different class. Those amendments as well as the recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee are **posted on our website** at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), as are the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting and the Zoom link for today’s meeting. ✨ On Sunday, February 12, 1871—**153 years ago—the congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was dedicated**. Today we remember and give thanks for that day and for the legacy that inspires our vision for the future. (One of the ways in which we mark this anniversary is by each year holding our Annual Meeting of the Congregation on the second Sunday of February.)

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Today is also **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**. Our youth will be in Coffee Hour to collect your contributions to **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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give)

## Black History Month

Among the ways we celebrate **Black History Month** is the **art exhibition “The Boldness of Being: The work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,”** two African American women artists. Their work will be on display in the Loggia through March, which is Women’s History Month. ✨ The **flag and signage** along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to the Black history that we honor this month.

## Ash Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday**, February 14, We will gather for **worship at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m.** (*an hour earlier than last year's evening service*). Both of these Ash Wednesday services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes; the 6:30 service will also be livestreamed. ✨ If you would like to **volunteer to impose ashes outside the Sanctuary and greet passersby** on Michigan Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, please sign up at [app.vomo.org/opportunity/aotg](http://app.vomo.org/opportunity/aotg)

## Lenten opportunities and resources

Our annual **Path of Discipleship** is an invitation to six weeks of **spiritual growth in Lent**. This year our time will be grounded in **James Martin's book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage***; we will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 20. The February 20 and March 26 sessions will be both in person and via Zoom; the February 27–March 19 sessions will be via Zoom. Registration required at [www.bit.ly/fpcpod24](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod24) ✨ We also invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for **personal reflection** during the upcoming season. To receive those meditations daily via email beginning on Ash Wednesday, simply subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) (*if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically*). ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season will be a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences (*approximately ten minutes each*), led by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, weave together scripture, prayer, and music and will be released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on February 14. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail)

## Meals Ministry volunteers needed

**Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, is in need of **volunteers for Monday Night Supper**, which has seen an increase in meal distribution of 21 percent since 2022. Volunteer opportunities with Meals Ministry, whose programs served more than 40,000 meals in 2023, are posted at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)

## Youth summer trips

On February 15, **registration opens for this summer's youth mission trips**: Senior High trip to Youngstown, New York (*June 26–July 2*); Junior High trip to St. Louis, Missouri (*July 14–19*); Montreat Youth Conference (*July 27–August 3*). For details, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). **Adult trip leaders are needed** to be part of these trips, as well. You can apply at [www.bit.ly/tripleader24](http://www.bit.ly/tripleader24)

## Joining Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers' Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (*register at [www.bit.ly/inquirers324](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers324)*) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at [www.bit.ly/inquirers424](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers424)*). For more information about joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org))

## Gala of Hope

This year the annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held on Friday evening, March 1 at the Old Post Office (433 W Van Buren). This 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** for this evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions or to become an event sponsor, stop by Coffee Hour or visit [one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024](http://one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024) by February 24. For more information, email Caryn Blomquist ([cblomquist@chicagolights.org](mailto:cblomquist@chicagolights.org))

## Get connected

**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).  
\* **Books by Women** will discuss **West with Giraffes: A Novel** this Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. \* **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary.* \* **A new Zoom Small Group** will discuss **Robert P. Jones' The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy** starting this Wednesday, February 14. For details, email Simon Crow. \* Beginning next Sunday, Jeff Doane will lead a three-week Adult Education class discussing **Jon Meacham's And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle**, focusing on how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. The class, which will be in-person only, will meet February 18–March 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. \* The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites you to learn about volunteer opportunities using your professional skillset with the **Neighborhood Entrepreneurship Lab (NEL)**. To learn how you can help increase job opportunities in under-resourced Chicago communities, attend a presentation next Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in Room 5F. \* This June a group from Fourth Church will spend **six days walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago** in Spain, one of Christianity's oldest pilgrimage routes. To learn more, contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). Registration is due by February 21 at [www.bit.ly/caminotrip24](http://www.bit.ly/caminotrip24)

## Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities**. \* To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar) \* We also invite you to **follow us** on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)). \* Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at [ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)