

# You are invited!

February 18–24, 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](https://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](https://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. ✨ Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on the first Wednesday of the month (March 6) we also gather 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 on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

## Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gflaming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gflaming@fourthchurch.org)) or Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Also email Gloria if you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ **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. ✨ **New grief groups start March 13 and May 15** and are facilitated by our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [www.reploglecenter.org](http://www.reploglecenter.org)

## Observing the season of Lent

**Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✨ 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 New York Times bestselling book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage***. We will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **beginning this Tuesday, February 20**; the February 20 and March 26 sessions will be both via Zoom and in person; the February 27–March 19 sessions will be via Zoom. For planning purposes, registration for this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and make meaningful connections with others is 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 this season. To receive those meditations daily via email, simply subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is 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 are released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)

## 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. ✨ A new Adult Education class begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*), with Jeff Doane leading us in a discussion of **Jon Meacham's *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle***. Join us as we look at how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. ✨ The **World Mission and Social Justice Committee** invites you to learn about volunteer opportunities using your professional skillset with the **Neighborhood Entrepreneurship Lab (NEL)**. For information about how you can help increase job opportunities in under-resourced Chicago communities, attend a presentation by NEL today at 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in Room 5F. ✨ **Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ Rehearsing weekly on Sundays are **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten–grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ✨ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ 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*).

## 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.

## Chicago Lights Gala of Hope

**This Saturday, February 24 is the last day to reserve Gala of Hope tickets** or become an event sponsor. This year’s gala will be held on Friday evening, March 1 at the Old Post Office (433 W Van Buren) and supports the life-changing work of **Tutoring and Summer Day**, the **Urban Farm**, and the **Elam Davies Social Service Center**, programs of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church. To **reserve tickets** for this evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions, stop by Coffee Hour or visit [one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024](http://one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024); for more details, email Caryn ([cblomquist@chicagolights.org](mailto:cblomquist@chicagolights.org)).

## Youth summer trips

**Registration has begun for our summer youth mission trips!** Register for the **Senior High trip to Youngstown**, New York (June 26–July 2) at [www.bit.ly/shtrip24](http://www.bit.ly/shtrip24); for the **Junior High trip to St. Louis**, Missouri (July 14–19) at [www.bit.ly/jhtrip24](http://www.bit.ly/jhtrip24); for the **Montreat Youth Conference** (July 27–August 3) at [www.bit.ly/montreat24](http://www.bit.ly/montreat24); for details, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

## Can you help?

**Adult trip leaders are needed** to be part of our summer youth mission trips. The leader application form can be found at [www.bit.ly/tripleader24](http://www.bit.ly/tripleader24) ✨ **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is in particular need of **volunteers for Monday Night Supper** as well as for the various Meals Ministry programs. Opportunities are posted at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)

## The gift of music

The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished 113-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. ✨ Our Organ Scholar, Michael Rees, will present this Friday’s Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*and also livestreamed*).

## 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))

## Easter flowers

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgift](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift) and must be received by Sunday, March 17 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente ([gvicente@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gvicente@fourthchurch.org); 312.252.3571).

## Walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain

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. See [www.fourthchurch.org/spirituality](http://www.fourthchurch.org/spirituality) to learn more or contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). **Registration is due by this Wednesday, February 21** at [www.bit.ly/caminotrip24](http://www.bit.ly/caminotrip24)

## Get connected

Next Sunday, February 25, Women at Fourth will host “**Dementia 101: Understanding Cognitive and Behavioral Changes, along with Effective Communication Strategies,**” presented by Jeannine Forrest, Ph.D., R.N., at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. For details, register at [www.bit.ly/fpcwaf224](http://www.bit.ly/fpcwaf224) ✨ **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** next meets via Zoom on Wednesday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **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.* ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m. Email Simon for details.

## 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)