



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life**, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Worshipping in Person

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with 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*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 115 E. Delaware.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Parking

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*) for \$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.

Worshipping Online

We livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime 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

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out the information form.

In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the information pads in the pews, passing them down their pew so worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. If your contact information has changed, please indicate that too.

Online

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Sunday Opportunities

Sunday morning fellowship

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall following the service for Coffee Hour, where there is opportunity greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Praying with a Deacon

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today, you 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.

Adult education

The class “Troublesome Texts and Gender: Interpretive Strategies across the Abrahamic Faiths” meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at bit.ly/aetexts424.

Our April “Sermon Discussion and Fellowship” gathering time concludes today at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Pipe organ tour

Following the 11:00 service a pipe organ tour begins at the front of the Sanctuary.

Afternoon worship service

We invite you to join us this afternoon for The Gathering: Communion at 2:00, a casual, intimate service. Beena David and the Gathering Ensemble lead our music; Amy Pagliarella will be preaching.

Children and Youth

Children in worship

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.

Nursery care

During the morning services nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday school

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. The 9:30 classes also come together for a “Children’s Chapel” time of worship in Buchanan Chapel.

Youth groups

Junior High (grades 6–7) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and Senior High (grades 8–12) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Prayer, Reflection, and Meditation

Daily devotions

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them daily at fourthchurch.org/devotions and on Facebook and Instagram.

Weekly “Rhythm and Word” videos

Each Wednesday evening we release a ten-minute video of music, scripture, and prayer led by our staff and Gathering musicians. You can receive notice of new videos by subscribing to our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos; to receive them in your inbox sign up at bit.ly/rhythmword

Meditation Opportunities

You are invited to a Sacred Pause time of meditation is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/repleglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

If you would like to walk the labyrinth, Buchanan Chapel is open for that opportunity between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). This Wednesday, May 1 (*and the first Wednesday of each month*) we gather for in-person Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Podcasts

During the week the Sunday morning service and sermon is made available via podcast on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

You will also find there Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s podcast “Bible Top Ten.” This lively, informative, and often amusing podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

Welcome, New Members!

This morning we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family: Carol Ackerberg, Anna Campbell, Constance Christian, Eric Clausen, Nicole Clausen, Annie Frances, Melissa Graham, Michael Graham, Jim Marotz, Su Marotz, Staunton Peck, Samantha Wade, Ed Zehr, and Ruth Zehr. We are grateful you have chosen to join us in our life together and look forward to continuing to welcome and connect with you in the days ahead!

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, May 12 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F (register at bit.ly/inquirers524). For more information, email Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Making Music

Sing with the Choral Society

All who enjoy singing are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. as they rehearse for singing in worship on Pentecost, May 19.

Celebrate John Sherer's music ministry

John Sherer's last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. As we celebrate and give thanks for his twenty-eight years of ministry among us, we hope you will mark these special opportunities on your calendar. This will be John Sherer's final season of directing the Choral Society before he moves to Rochester, New York, in late June.

- Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.: John directs the Choral Society.
- Fridays, May 31 and June 14 at 12:10 p.m.: John plays his last Friday Noonday Organ Concerts.
- Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.: John plans an Organ Recital followed by a festive reception.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John's last Sunday leading us in worship music. If you would like to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that morning.

Interim Music Director search

An Interim Music Director Search Committee has been formed to look for someone to lead us in music while we shape the search for our next Organist and Director of Music. We are grateful to have Organ Scholar Michael Rees leading worship music while the interim search committee undertakes its work!

Get Connected

Cornerstones fellowship

At the Friday evening, May 3 Cornerstones fellowship gathering for those fifty and over, Ron Bottrell will talk about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones524

Handcrafts

Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create sewn and crafted items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary. Knitting and Crocheting meets in person on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Bible studies

Three Bible studies meet via Zoom: Men's Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and *Horizons* Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, May 8 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Adult education

The one-week class "Food and Religion" meets next Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at bit.ly/aefoodreligion

A staged reading of *Perseverance of the Saints*, written by Kat Evans and based on the 1874 heresy trial of Fourth Church pastor David Swing, takes place at Chicago Temple on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's reading will also be livestreamed. For details and registration links for the two readings, see fourthchurch.org/adult-education

Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation — whether in person or online — as well as discover various resources and opportunities on our website: fourthchurch.org

Weekly newsletter

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

Calendar

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

YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram

We invite you to follow us on various platforms.

- YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos
- Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch
- Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

Caring for One Another

Stephen Ministry

For those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling or well-being offerings, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit repluglecenter.org

Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@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.

News and Updates

Pastor Nominating Committee

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m., both in person and via Zoom, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the search process for our next pastor.

Summer worship schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the weekend of Labor Day. From May 26 through September 1, we will gather for two worship services: at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. This will give us opportunity to experience community during a season when many travel or have different schedules, impacting not only attendance but also the number of worship volunteers available.

Generosity Update

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you!

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENEROSITY REPORT Year-to-date (YTD) Contributions as of March 31, 2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2024 Budget
Pledged:	\$792,533	\$792,217	\$316	\$2,845,476
General:	\$121,419	\$101,200	\$20,200	\$937,703
Restricted:	\$143,951	\$156,324	(\$12,373)	\$691,450
Total:	\$1,057,903	\$1,049,741	\$8,143	\$4,474,629