

January 14, 2024



# The Gathering

## Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

### Gathering Music

**Song** "Shall We Gather at the River" (Hymnal 375, verses 1, 3, 4)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:*

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *(Refrain)*

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *(Refrain)*

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



**FOURTH**  
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**CHURCH**  
A Light in the City

*Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.*

**\*Song** "To God Be the Glory" (Hymnal 634)

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

**\*Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

And also with you.

**Song** "O God, You Search Me" (Hymnal 29)

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me: ever the maker and keeper of my days.  
You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life or death, you are.  
Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past, and future, too.  
Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight.  
For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

## We Hear.

**Scripture** John 1:43–51

**Sermon** Nancy Benson-Nicol

## We Respond.

**Offering** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (Hymnal 240)

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *(Refrain)*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *(Refrain)*

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *(Refrain)*

*The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate or, upon leaving today, in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits.*

*Gifts also can be given online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give) or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church).*

## Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the juice).*

*Gluten-free bread is available.*

## The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Communion Song "Going Home" (Mary Fahl)

We Go.

### \*Song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow ...

no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me ...

no turning back, no turning back.

### \*Blessing

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## Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

## The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Bryan Doherty, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, drums

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**Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service,** God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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# You are invited!

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

**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 we make the Sunday morning **service and sermon 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

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. this Tuesday and Wednesday. ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](http://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

## Resources for personal reflection

Our **daily devotions** ([fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions)), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are 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) ✨ Our weekly **“Rhythm and Word” video series** offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer for your viewing at home. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous series. To receive the videos by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail); you can also **subscribe to our YouTube channel** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos))

## Long-range planning: proposed strategic directions

Your continued input is essential to the long-range planning process! Thus we encourage you to join the **Long-Range Planning Task Force** for one of their **upcoming listening sessions**, as the task force shares the **proposed strategic directions and goals** and **welcomes your feedback**. There will be identical sessions this **Thursday, January 18** at 6:30 p.m. (*Zoom*); **Sunday, January 21** at 10:45 a.m. (*in person*); **Sunday, January 28** at 12:30 p.m. (*in person*); **Tuesday, January 30** at 8:00 p.m. (*Zoom*); and **Sunday, February 4** at 12:30 p.m. (*in person*). To ensure group sizes enabling all to be heard, **registration is required**. For registration links, see [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); to learn more, email [longrange@fourthchurch.org](mailto:longrange@fourthchurch.org)

## The Life and Legacy of Dr. King

Today we join churches and communities across the nation in **honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, who was born ninety-five years ago on January 15. Signs with Dr. King's image and words stand along Michigan Avenue as public witness for all who pass by. They are a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways.

## Sunday opportunities

**"Finding Faith in Hard Times: When Bad Things Happen to Good People"** is the topic of an Adult Education class led by Amy Pagliarella, which meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/aefindingfaith](http://www.bit.ly/aefindingfaith) ✨ **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. ✨ **Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (grades 6–7) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and at 11:00 a.m. **Senior High** also meets in the Bumpus Room. ✨ Rehearsing on Sunday mornings 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; **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4G; and the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft. Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ On exhibit in the Loggia is **"Light in the Darkness,"** featuring the artwork of Jan Brandt and Amy Hanks.

## Get connected

**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom Wednesday, January 24 at 12:00 and 6:30 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, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. ✨ Join us on Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we cohost with the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy a panel discussion on **"Chicago's Newest Neighbors: Examining the Migrant Crisis."** ✨ **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** gathers on Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for pizza and a movie. ✨ **"The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Future of American Democracy"** will be the topic of our next **Michigan Avenue Forum**, which will be held on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our speaker will be **Robert P. Jones**, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*. ✨ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program on **"Do You Hear What You're Saying?: A Discussion of Microaggressions,"** led by Robert Crouch and Regan Burke, on Friday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Registration ([www.bit.ly/cornerstones224](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones224)) is required.

## Stay connected

For **ways to connect** with one another and this congregation as well as for **resources and opportunities**, watch **our website: [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)** ✨ To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, be sure to bookmark our **church calendar**, which is accessible from at **[fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar)** and from our website's home page. ✨ The **church campus and offices will be closed** tomorrow, Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. ✨ We invite you to **follow us** on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://instagram.com/fourthchurch)).

## Pastoral care and a listening presence and witness

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, 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)). ✨ Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence for **those facing life's challenges**. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ Our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** facilitates **grief groups**. 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).

## About Fourth Church

To **learn more about this congregation or become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ([register at www.bit.ly/inquirers207](http://register.at/www.bit.ly/inquirers207)). For more information about joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)).



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