

January 21, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (Hymnal 418)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

(Refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

(Refrain)

**Please rise in body or spirit.*



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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** "I Danced in the Morning" (Hymnal 157)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. (*Refrain*)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (*Refrain*)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Song “Be Still My Soul” (Hymnal 819)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord;

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

We Hear.

Scripture Mark 1:14–20

Sermon Izett Sama Hernandez

We Respond.

Offering “Great God of Every Blessing” (Hymnal 694, verses 1, 3)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,

you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:

sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,

transforming broken people into the holy church.

For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:

sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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 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 (solo) "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

We Go.

*Song "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (Hymnal 853)

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.

*Blessing

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger, Izett Sama Hernandez

The Music Today

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

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!

January 21–27, 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), 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) ✨ **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

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 ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at 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). ✨ 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 on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Resources for personal reflection

Tom Are invites us to reflect on joy as he leads our new “**Rhythm and Word**” video series, ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer created for your viewing at home. In the first video we ask, “**What can we learn about joy in a letter written from Caesar’s prison?**” You can find the video and future ones in this winter series—released on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.—**on our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel. ✨ Our **daily devotions** (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

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 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 and a summary, see fourthchurch.org; to learn more, email longrange@fourthchurch.org

Get connected

Zoom Small Groups are starting again! These groups of six to ten people meet via Zoom for four to six weeks to discuss various topics. One group will discuss Robert P. Jones' *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy* following his presentation at the January 31 Michigan Avenue Forum. Different groups will start after Easter. To learn more or express interest in joining a group, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** gathers next Sunday, January 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for pizza and a movie: *State of Pride*. ✨ **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) is required.

Learn with us

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."** RSVP at har.rs/3SaE5Y9 (link also on the home page of the church website). ✨ **"Christians' Role in Combating Antisemitism"** is the topic of a three-week Adult Education class beginning next Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/aeantisemitism ✨ **"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 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*. A **book signing** with Robert Jones will also be held that evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons.

Walk the Camino de Santiago

This June an intergenerational group of members and friends of Fourth Church will **spend six days walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago**, following the Portuguese pilgrimage route to the historic Christian site in northwestern Spain. To learn more about participating in this opportunity, attend an information session this Wednesday, January 24 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom ([register at www.bit.ly/caminoinfo124](http://www.bit.ly/caminoinfo124)) or in person next Sunday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5F ([register at www.bit.ly/camino128](http://www.bit.ly/camino128)) or contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Gala of Hope

This year the annual **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope** will be held on Friday, March 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at a fun new venue—**the Old Post Office** (433 W Van Buren)! This annual 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 silent and live auctions or to become an event sponsor, visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2024 by February 24 or email Caryn (cblomquist@chicagolights.org)

Stay connected

For **ways to connect** with one another and this congregation as well as for **resources and opportunities**, watch **our website: 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** and from our website's home page. ✨ 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*). For more information about joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms (*mhelms@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ Look for **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

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*); 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*) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (*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*). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.reploglecenter.org.

Annual meeting

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held in person and via Zoom following the 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, February 11**. *Details will be posted on our website closer to the meeting date.*

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