

February 4, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
it's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

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**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.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. (*Refrain*)

***Song** "Abide with Me" (Hymnal 836)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***Peace**

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

Song “Spirit of the Living God” (Hymnal 288)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Hear.

Scripture Mark 1:29–39

Sermon Rocky Supinger

We Respond.

Offering

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 Take on Me — Pal Waaktar/Magne Furuholmne (A-ha)

***Song** This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go...

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me...

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

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!

February 4–February 10, 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 worshippers 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. this Wednesday and Thursday. ✨ 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 current “**Rhythm and Word**” video series, ten to fifteen minutes of music, scripture, and prayer created for your viewing at home. In the most recent video we look at Paul's letter to the church in Philippi and **what it means to rejoice and experience joy**. You can find the videos—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/rhythmandwordemail; 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

Annual meeting

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held in the Sanctuary and via Zoom next **Sunday, February 11 at 12:15 p.m.** The Zoom link is posted on our website, as are the minutes from the 2023 meeting 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. The congregation will be voting on those amendments as well as the **recommended slate of officers** that will be presented by the Nominating Committee. That slate will be posted online closer to the meeting date.

Observing Lent

This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14, when we will gather for **Ash Wednesday services at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m.** Both services will include Communion and the imposition of ashes, and 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 ✨ 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. Registration required at 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 (if you already receive our daily devotions, you will be sent the Lenten ones automatically)

Black History Month

An **opening reception for a new art exhibition** in observance of Black History Month—"The Boldness of Being: The work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville"—takes place this Friday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Loggia. The exhibit will remain up through Women's History Month.

Get connected

A new Zoom Small Group will discuss Robert P. Jones' *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. For details, email Simon Crow. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss *West with Giraffes: A Novel* next Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ This June a group from Fourth Church will spend **six days walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago**, one of Christianity's oldest and most popular pilgrimage routes. To learn more about this pilgrimage in Spain, contact Associate Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). Registration is due by February 14 at www.bit.ly/caminotrip24

Souper Bowl of Caring

Next Sunday, February 11 is also the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, when our youth will be in Coffee Hour to collect your contributions of cans of soup, nonperishable food items, or monetary 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-online

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 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.

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**, 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 at fourthchurch.org/calendar and from our website's home page. ✨ We invite you to follow us on **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (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

Joining Fourth Church

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

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 (gffleming@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 (gffleming@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.

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