

February 18, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Hymnal 475)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**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** "Standing on the Promises" (Hymnal 838)

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

***Peace**

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

Song "Jesus, We Are Here" (Hymnal 392)

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

Savior, we are here . . .

Teacher, we are here . . .

Spirit, we are here . . .

We Hear.

Scripture John 4:16–30

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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)

"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)*

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 "As the Deer"

***Song** “We Are One in the Spirit” (Hymnal 300)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: *(Refrain)*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: *(Refrain)*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *(Refrain)*

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

The Music Today

Sarah van der Ploeg, 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 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), 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

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).

✨ 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

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; for more details, email Caryn (cblomquist@chicagolights.org).

Observing the season of Lent

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 ✨ 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 ✨ 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) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail

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

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*).

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 ✨ Our current Sunday morning Adult Education class, which meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*), is a discussion of **Jon Meacham's *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle***, with Jeff Doane leading us in a closer look at how spirituality influenced Lincoln's decision on the Emancipation. ✨ **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). ✨ **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**, 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 in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. ([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, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Pastoral care and a listening presence and witness

To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (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). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.reploglecenter.org

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