

February 25, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Every Praise"

Every praise is to our God;
every word of worship, with one accord;
every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God;
glory hallelujah is due our God;
every praise, every praise is to our God.

*Song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Hymnal 339)

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

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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.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

***Peace**

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

Song "We Shall Overcome" (Hymnal 379)

We shall overcome;
we shall overcome;
we shall overcome someday.
O, deep in my heart
I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand...

We shall live in peace...

We are not afraid...

God will see us through...

We Hear.

Scripture Psalm 137

Sermon

A Safe Place for Hatred Tom Are Jr.

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)

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Hymnal 729; v. 1, 2, and 4)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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 "Precious Lord" (Thomas Dorsey)

We Go.

*Song "Soon and Very Soon" (Hymnal 384)

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there; we are going to see the King...

No more dying there; we are going to see the King...

Soon and very soon; we are going to see the King...

*Blessing

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

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 25–March 2, 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, stories, and snapshots 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

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

Observing the season of Lent

We 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, Matt Helms, and the Gathering musicians—weaves 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/rhythmmandwordemail

One Great Hour of Sharing

We are receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** (OGHS) throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support **Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry**; and the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People** programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” when giving via fourthchurch.org/give or Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or by writing OGHS on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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.

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. ✨ Cellist Geirthrudur Gudmundsdottir will present this week’s free **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*also livestreamed*).

Get connected

Men’s Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women’s Bible Study** next meets via Zoom this Wednesday, February 28 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for this group or the Bible studies, 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.* ✨ On Sunday, March 3 we will gather at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*) for the Adult Education class discussing **Jon Meacham’s And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle**. Jeff Doane is leading us in this closer look at how spirituality influenced Lincoln’s decision on the Emancipation.

Can you help?

Adult trip leaders are needed to be part of our **summer youth mission trips**. The leader application form can be found at www.bit.ly/tripleader24 ✨ **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is in particular need of **volunteers for Monday Night Supper** as well as for the various Meals Ministry programs. Opportunities are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

A message from Tom Are

This week we emailed to our newsletter list **a brief video message from Interim Pastor Tom Are**. In it he offers reflections that look ahead to, among other things, the **Long-Range Plan**, the **Financial Transformation Plan**, and **the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee**. You can read the email, which includes reports on the two plans, as well as view the video at www.bit.ly/meetingreflections224

Easter flowers

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary for worship on Easter Sunday. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, March 17 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente (gvicente@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3571).

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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