

March 3, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place" (Hymnal 408)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (*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** "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 "Kum Ba Yah" (Hymnal 472)

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

We Hear.

Scripture John 2:13–22

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

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)

"God Is" (Robert Fryson)

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 Me to the King" (Kirk Franklin)

***Song** "Guide My Feet" (Hymnal 741)

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide my feet . . .

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

The Music Today

Voices of Light; Cicely Perry, director

Ensemble: 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

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You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence today.** Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons.

By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more.

Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”

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.

✨ A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with **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. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.

✨ **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.

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. If you are worshipping with us via livestream you 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*). If you are worshipping with us in person, please 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**; this Wednesday, March 6 we will also gather at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel for our monthly **in-person Morning Prayer**. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is also 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**. To receive those meditations daily via email, subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is a **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series**. These ten-minute videos, which include music by the the Gathering musicians, are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail

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.

Easter flowers

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary. 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 be listed. For information, contact Gloria Vicente (gvicente@fourthchurch.org; 312.252.3571).

Celebrating the arts

If you have not done so already, take a moment to stop by the Loggia Gallery, where you will find the art exhibition “**The Boldness of Being: The Work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,**” two African American women artists, whose work was on display for Black History Month and now Women’s History Month. ✨ You won’t want to miss the stirring performance in the Sanctuary on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. when the **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be in concert. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. ✨ Our **Organ Scholar Michael Rees** 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** meets via Zoom on Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets on Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **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. ✨ “**The Sacraments**” is a new two-week Adult Education class, taught by Nancy Benson-Nicol, that will begin next Sunday morning, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/aesacraments324 for details. ✨ **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, rehearses on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ✨ **Books by Women** discusses *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day* by Winifred Watson on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ **To become a member of Fourth Church**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers324*) or via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*). For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Tom Dozeman** will talk about “**Christian Nationalism: How Did It Evolve, and What Does It Mean Today?**” when **Cornerstones**—a fellowship group of those fifty and over—meet on Friday evening, April 5 in Borwell Dining Room. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cornerstones424

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**. Opportunities are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

Restoring ceiling panels

A few small, lightweight pieces of the trim surrounding the **1914 Bartlett ceiling panels** at the back of the Sanctuary fell to the floor earlier this week. Those particular panels are scheduled to be restored this year; a protective canopy has been installed below them in the meantime.

Spring forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour as we “spring forward”: we don’t want to start worship without you!

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

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Pastoral care and a listening presence and witness

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). ✨ **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. ✨ 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. ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.reploglecenter.org

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