

March 24, 2024
Palm/Passion Sunday



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Hymnal 197)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

**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've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

Refrain:

And I'm so happy, so very happy!

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

And I'm so happy, so very happy!

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

And if the devil doesn't like it, he can sit on a tack . . .

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart . . .

I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart . . .

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song "God Is So Good" (Hymnal 658)

God is so good,

God is so good,

God is so good,

God's good to me.

God cares for me . . .

God loves me so . . .

We Hear.

First Lesson Matthew 21:1–11

Second Lesson Philippians 4:8–9

Sermon The King of Humility 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)

“Take My Life” (Hymnal 697, v. 1, 6)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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 "The Old Rugged Cross" (George Bennard)

We Go.

*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 . . .

Jesus gave it to me . . .

*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

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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 and speak to fellow worshipers or 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. (*except on Easter Sunday, when the second morning service will be at 11:30 a.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. On **Easter Sunday morning**, entry to the Sanctuary will be through the Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue. ✨ **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) 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. 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.

Prayer, meditation, and sermons

Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on Wednesday, April 3 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 ✨ 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.

Observing the season of Lent

We invite you to use our **Holy Week 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 this season and throughout the year is a weekly **"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/rhythmwordemail

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.

How do you prefer to learn information from Fourth Church?

There's a lot going on at Fourth Church! There are worship services, classes, trips, concerts, and gatherings, not to mention Long-Range Planning work and the formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee. **We want to make sure you feel connected** to all of these initiatives and have **all the latest information** about them. So we ask that you **please take 1 minute to reply to a simple survey** to let us know how you want to access the latest news and information from us: fourthchurch.org/inform

Pastor Nominating Committee

The first step in our search for a new pastor will be the election of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC) later this spring. To help the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of recommended PNC candidates, the committee asks that you take a moment between now and April 7 to submit your suggestions of individuals to serve on the PNC. **Forms for self-nomination and for recommending someone else** can be found at fourthchurch.org/pnc, where you will also find information about PNC responsibilities and the process of selecting a PNC.

Get connected

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, and **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, March 27 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, March 26 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. ✨ **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—meets on Friday evening, April 5 in Borwell Dining Room. Preregistration required at www.bit.ly/cornerstones424 ✨ "**Dying Gracefully**," an Adult Education class presented by HD Mitchell, will meet in person and via Zoom on Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ "**Sermon Discussion, Feedback, and Fellowship**" led by Matt Helms will meet in person on April Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ Our **Day School preschool** is beginning **fall enrollment** for the 2024–2025 school year; for details contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Also this fall Fourth Church and the Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills are cosponsoring an October 18–27 **Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage** to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. For details, see bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

Join Us for the Journey to Easter

Maundy Thursday March 28	12:10 p.m. Communion service with optional foot and handwashing 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service (<i>also livestreamed</i>)
Good Friday March 29	12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service 5:30 p.m. Children's Program in Buchanan Chapel 6:30 p.m. Choral Service: <i>Stabat Mater</i> by Francis Poulenc (<i>also livestreamed</i>)
Holy Saturday	7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday March 31	6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach 9:30 a.m. Children's Program in the Gratz Center 9:30 a.m. Easter Service (<i>also livestreamed</i>) 11:30 a.m. Easter Service 2:00 p.m. The Gathering with Communion (<i>also livestreamed</i>)

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 www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Joining Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers' Class held 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 about the class and joining Fourth Church, contact Associate Pastor 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 (gffleming@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. ✨ **A new grief group starts May 15** and is 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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