

April 7, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Morning Has Broken" (Hymnal 664)

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.

**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.

Psalter Psalm 136:1-16

***Song** "This Is the Day"

This is the day (this is the day)
that the Lord has made (that the Lord has made) .
I will rejoice (I will rejoice)
and be glad in it (and be glad in it).
This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day (this is the day)
that the Lord has made

***Peace**

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

Song "In the Garden"

And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own
and the joy we share as we tar - ry there none o - ther has ev - er known.

We Hear.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1–12

Sermon “What I Couldn’t Tell You Last Week” 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)

Song: “Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory”

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 “Revelation 19:1” (A. Jeffrey LaValley)

***Song** "Standing on the Promises" (Hymnal 838, v. 1 and 4)

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 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*)

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

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 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.

- ✨ 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. 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, May 1 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). ✨ During the week we make the Sunday morning **service and sermon available via podcast** at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms. ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons. ✨ We invite you to use our **daily devotions** as a resource for **personal reflection**. To receive them daily via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Also available 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.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please take a moment today to submit your suggestions of individuals to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), as **April 7 is the deadline** for submissions. **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. The election of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** later this spring will be the first step in our search for a new pastor. Your suggestions of individuals to serve on that committee will help the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of recommended PNC candidates to present for election.

Get connected

Books by Women will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus this Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ **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. ✨ An **Art Hour Showcase** will feature the work of **Chicago Lights Social Service Center** participants on Thursday, April 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ The Adult Education class **"Troublesome Texts and Gender: Interpretive Strategies across the Abrahamic Faiths,"** taught by Susan Ross, begins next Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/aetexts424 ✨ A new Sunday noon opportunity, **"Sermon Discussion and Fellowship,"** is led by Matt Helms and meets in person to discuss the morning's sermon and texts. These gatherings are held on April Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Registration for upcoming Sundays is requested at www.bit.ly/sermondiscussion424 so we can ensure we have plenty of refreshments.

Jim Wallis on *The False White Gospel*

Jim Wallis—bestselling author, renowned preacher and commentator on ethics and public life, and the founder of Sojourners—will talk about his new book, *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*, this Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*in person only*). A book signing will follow in the Commons.

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

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. To learn more about this pilgrimage, which will deliver a deeper understanding of and insights into the historic movers and movements of the historic and ongoing civil rights struggles, see the trip description at www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024; trip application: www.bit.ly/civilrightstrail2024

Exploring the Bible

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays; **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ☼ Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their **"Bible Top Ten" podcast** (fourthchurch.org/podcasts). This lively and informative podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Making music

All who enjoy singing are invited to join the **Fourth Church Choral Society** in rehearsing on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 25 in preparation for singing in morning worship on Sunday, May 19. ☼ Rehearsing on Sundays are **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G as well as **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten–grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; and the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft.

Children and youth

Sunday School for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ☼ Also on Sundays **Junior High** gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m., also in Bumpus. ☼ Fall enrollment has opened for our **Day School preschool**; for details contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

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

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 this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at 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 (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. ✨ **A new grief group starts May 15** and is facilitated by our **Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org). ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replegle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.repleglecenter.org

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