

April 21, 2024



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

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 . . .

Psalter Psalm 23

**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** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" (Hymnal 248)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Hymnal 187; verse 2 refrain only)

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your child - ren when we pray. Bless-ed
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We Hear.

Scripture Reading John 10:11-18

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)

Song "How Can I Keep from Singing" (Hymnal 821)

**My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

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 "One Bread, One Body" (John Foley)

***Song** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Hymnal 700)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so...

I'm gonna pray so...

I'm gonna sing so...

***Blessing**

Worship Leader

Nancy Benson-Nicol

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

April 21–27, 2024



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; you can also find them daily on Facebook and Instagram. ✨ Available as well 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.

Get connected

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.* ✨ **Women at Fourth** gathers this Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room to view and discuss the short film **There Are No Words**. Register at bit.ly/waf424 ✨ A **"Specialist in Aging Ministries"** program taught by Beth Truett will be offered on Fridays, April 26–May 10 at 12:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. To register, contact Amy Pagliarella (apagliarella@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The Adult Education class **"Troublesome Texts and Gender: Interpretive Strategies across the Abrahamic Faiths,"** taught by Susan Ross, meet Sunday, April 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/aetexts424 ✨ **"Sermon Discussion and Fellowship"** will be led by Matt Helms in person on Sunday, April 28 to discuss the morning's sermon and texts. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ At the Friday evening, May 3 **Cornerstones** fellowship gathering for those fifty and over, **Ron Bottrell** will talk about the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** program. Register (*required*) at bit.ly/cornerstones524 ✨ Two new **Adult Education** opportunities will be offered Sunday, May 5: The class **"Food and Religion"** at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom and a staged reading of **Perseverance of the Saints**, written by **Kat Evans**, at 3:00 p.m. at Chicago Temple and also livestreamed. For details and registration links, see fourthchurch.org/adult-education

Thank you, Volunteers!

On this **Volunteer Appreciation Sunday** we not only recognize and give thanks for all who give of their time and talent to connect others with God's love, but we also invite you to **learn about our varied volunteer opportunities** — including ushering, tutoring, serving with Meals Ministry, and more! — at fourthchurch.org/volunteer ✨ A recently added opportunity is for an individual with **digital marketing** expertise to help the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. If interested, contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

Celebrating music

All who enjoy singing are invited to join the **Fourth Church Choral Society** this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. as it begins weekly rehearsals in preparation for singing in worship on Pentecost, May 19. This will be John Sherer's final season of directing the Choral Society before he moves to Rochester, New York, in late June. ✨ Be sure to also mark your calendar with the following **opportunities to enjoy John's music!** Friday, June 14 at 12:10 p.m. for a **Friday Noonday Organ Concert** played by John. ✨ Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. for an **Organ Recital** played by John and followed by a **festive reception**. ✨ Sunday, June 23 for **John's last Sunday as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church**. If you would like to sing with the choir that Sunday, please join the 8:45 rehearsal that morning.

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 24 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.

Walking for hunger

Join Fourth Church in **walking for hunger with Breakthrough**, one of our community partners. Each walker in the Saturday, April 27 event (9:00 a.m. in Garfield Park) will earn \$27 for Breakthrough's efforts to provide much-needed food for that community. To learn more, visit breakthrough.org/walkforhunger or email Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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 the historic movers and movements of the historic and ongoing civil rights struggles, see the trip description at www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024

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).

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**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, May 12 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F (*register at bit.ly/inquirers524*). 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 **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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