



We are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

✳️ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✳️ We invite you 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.



All seating for worship is socially distanced, in both the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. and Buchanan Chapel at 4:00 p.m., as we as a community respond to the current COVID-19 surge. ✳️ On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone continues to be required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth**. Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know that some people make the decision to worship with us in person—or participate in other in-person activities—based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. This is but one of the ways we continue to live out our commitment to value the health and safety of all. ✳️ For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing during your time on the Fourth Church campus if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



The **congregation is invited to sing while masked**. We encourage those who are concerned about being around those who are singing to join those who worship with us from home via livestream. ✳️ **For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. *For those who have been viewing at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, we will be discontinuing availability at www.bit.ly/FPCworship mid-February and livestreaming only on our YouTube channel.* ✳️ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. ✳️ During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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. ✨ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel.



For those who are seeking a time for prayer, on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. We are also holding **in-person Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Buchanan Chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✨ Devotions written by church members and staff for you to use as a **resource for meditation and prayer** are available **daily by email** (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) and at fourthchurch.org/devotions ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons



For those who are facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ To explore options for teletherapy, please call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✨ If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ If you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.

This morning we conclude our four-session class on “The 1619 Project,” discussing slavery’s continuing legacy of injustice and inequality. It takes place at 11:15 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel (*seating is socially distanced*) and via Zoom. (*For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/1619class; the class will also be available for viewing on our website in the days ahead.*) Guest speakers have been leading conversation about the history of slavery; cultural and religious practices brought to America from Africa; the history of the Great Migration in Chicago; the 1919 race riot and its origins; and present-day socioeconomic struggles in America’s and Chicago’s Black community. **Today’s speaker is Bradford Hunt,** History Department Chair at Loyola University.



The Mark Lomax Quartet will be in concert at Fourth Church this Friday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Their performance of “**Let There Be Light**” will welcome in-person attendance as well as be livestreamed on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*). “Let There Be Light” was written by Dr. Lomax, a critically acclaimed composer, recording artist, and drummer. He is also an activist and educator specializing in the sociopolitical and spiritual aspects of African American art, music, and race, as well as the role of the arts in building community. A seven-movement tone poem inspired by the biblical creation story found in Genesis, “Let There Be Light” is presented through an aleatoric compositional technique that presents unstructured themes to the musicians, who interpret them in real time based on the macro narrative of the work. Each of the themes suggests a soundscape particular to each day of creation and evolves as a collective artistic creation to reflect the act of divine creation. ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue this week with our flutist **Elise Blatchford** and pianist **Maria Lyapkova** presenting the in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, February 4. The concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel (to which you can subscribe to receive notification of our new concerts) and are available to view afterwards. For a complete concert schedule, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday, March 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. To **reserve tickets or become an event sponsor**, visit bidpal.net/clgala2022; this annual event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the **Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and Social Service Center programs**—as well as the work of the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. ✨ The Gala is looking for individuals to **donate unique items and services for the silent auction**. If you have something you would like to offer or would like details about the Gala, please email Laura Woods (*lwoods@chicagolights.org*).

Youth programs meet on Sunday mornings, with **eighth-grade Confirmation** meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G, **Junior High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, and **Senior High Youth** at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For youth group details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Sunday School** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets **via Zoom** at 9:00 a.m. (email Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org for details) and **in person** at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another online**. In response to the COVID surge, we will not be inviting in-person worshipers to greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons following the 10:00 a.m. service. Instead we **encourage you in the coming week to make a point of reaching out and connecting with someone via text, a phone call, or a written note**—be it someone from Fourth Church, someone with whom you have not been in touch for a while, or someone you think might be feeling lonely or isolated. ✱ The **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ The **First Tuesday Book Club** will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ***Sanctuary: Being Christian in the Wake of Trump*** by Heidi Neumark, which explores what it looks like to live out essential Christian convictions in community with others. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday222 ✱ **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evening, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***The Girl Who Wrote In Silk*** by Kelli Estes. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet via Zoom on Friday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a presentation by Joe Morrow, Associate Pastor, and Jose Morales, Professor of Church History at Chicago Theological Seminary, about **recent debates over Critical Race Theory**. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones221



For resources and additional ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org), **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✱ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar ✱ To ensure you **receive the latest updates from Fourth Church**, including our **weekly email newsletter**, add your email address to our distribution list by signing up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

A new adult education course begins next Sunday, exploring the **Presbyterian Church (USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith**. To register for this class, which will meet in person and via Zoom on Sundays, February 9–20 following morning worship, register online at www.bit.ly/briefstatement222



Those interested in joining the new Fourth Church Gospel Choir, which will be directed by Bryan Johnson, are asked to contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). The choir, which will sing monthly in Fourth Church worship services, will begin with Zoom gatherings to get to know one another, and when COVID numbers improve, rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. ✨ For those who would appreciate a **fifteen-minute midweek worship experience**, we invite you to explore our “Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” videos, which you can find on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). New videos in this series—which weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will launch on Wednesday, February 2. To **receive these new videos by email** each week, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail



The Chicago Lights Elam Davies **Social Service Center** is in need of **men's pants, sweaters, coats, gloves, scarves, and backpacks**. New and gently used donations that are clean and free from any rips, stains, or tears can be dropped off at the church reception desk on Mondays through Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For details, email Lynn Milligan (lmilligan@chicagolights.org).



Volunteers are needed to help with the **Meals Ministry Bag Lunch program**. Bag lunches and hot drinks are served in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with limited seating to allow for social distancing. You can sign up to help with Bag Lunch or with Sunday Night Supper by using VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers), our Volunteer Ministry platform. *All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org* ✨ The Social Service Center also needs volunteers to help with **sorting, sizing, and organizing** donated clothes for distribution to participants. If you are interested in volunteering on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., please sign up at www.bit.ly/sscsorting2022



Fourth Church currently has a variety of **job openings**. If you know someone who would be a good fit for one of the roles, please let them know about the postings, which can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/about/employment.html and via www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Our congregation is celebrating its sesquicentennial! During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read **historical accounts** and **view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically! ✨ **On Sunday, February 13, 2022**, we will conclude our sesquicentennial celebrations with a festive service of worship at 10:00 a.m. **John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus, will preach** that morning, and we hope that current and former members and staff will come together in worship that day—whether online or in person—as we give thanks for this congregation’s legacy and look toward our future. The service will be followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**, at which we will elect new officers. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on February 13. The Zoom link will be posted on our website closer to the date of the meeting. The recommended slate of officers that will be presented by the Nominating Committee will also be posted on our website prior to the meeting.



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class next Sunday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass221; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).