

News and Opportunities

April 9–15, 2023



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.



We hope you will join us again for worship next week and in the months ahead. We regularly gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service (*with Communion*) in Buchanan Chapel. ✳️ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. ✳️ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*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. ✳️ **Children** are always welcome in worship. **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is also available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✳️ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✳️ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our weekly Sunday morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. (*On Easter, we livestream the 9:00 a.m. service, which is also available for viewing any time afterwards.*) ✳️ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.

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

We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form**, which also ensures we have current contact information. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!**—included in the descriptive text below the video (*if you are viewing full screen, you will need to briefly exit full-screen view to see the description and link*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to 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.



Today we continue the sermon series “I believe . . .”—an opportunity for us to take **a closer look at the Apostles’ Creed**, which we use as one of our Affirmations of Faith. If you have ever wondered why we often say this ancient creed in worship, have found yourself pausing after stating “I believe,” or maybe have at times thought that perhaps you did not believe all of the phrases, we hope you will continue to join us in worship this Eastertide as we explore what we believe together.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at **www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts** ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons ✨ Available by podcast as well is Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s “**Bible Top Ten**,” a lively, informative, and occasionally funny podcast about the Bible as explored through a rotating series of top ten lists.



We gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



Opportunities to engage in Bible study include **Men’s Bible Study**, which meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., and **Women’s Bible Study**, which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and meets this Wednesday, April 12. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

We invite you to use our **Easter devotions**, written by members and staff, as a **resource for meditation and prayer**. These devotions are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Another resource provided for your **midweek pause and reflection** is our **new Easter “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief videos (*approximately 10 minutes each*) are led by Shannon Kershner and our Fourth Church Jazz Quartet and will be available beginning this Wednesday, April 12 on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where you can also find our previous “Rhythm and Word” series. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail



We offer a variety of ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. Included among them are **Knitting and Crocheting**, which next will meet on Tuesday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. ✨ **Books by Women** meets in Room 5F and via Zoom on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *When Women Ruled the World: Making the Renaissance in Europe* by Maureen Quilligann. For Zoom details for Knitting and Crocheting or Books by Women, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Benevolent Guild** meets this Wednesday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and older, meets on Friday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a program by aquatic ecologist Timothy Hollein. Registration is required: www.bit.ly/cornerstones423 ✨ A new adult education class, **“Aging and Spirituality,”** taught by Annette Mileski and HD Mitchell, will begin Sunday, April 16 at 11:15 a.m. in person and via Zoom. ✨ Registration is open for the **Spring Session of the Center for Life and Learning** (*April 11–June 29*), which offers a wide variety of weekly classes and exercise opportunities as well as lectures and events for those sixty and over: www.bit.ly/cllspring23 ✨ For **additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar



The **Fourth Church Choral Society** will present a concert of coronation music written by Handel, Parry, and Vaughan Williams with singers from St. James Cathedral (*65 E. Huron*) on May 21. **All who enjoy singing are invited to the first rehearsal** this Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ Our **free Friday Noonday Concert series** will feature our **Organist John Sherer** this Friday, April 14. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with **information about that afternoon service**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews

To learn more about Fourth Church or become a member, join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom this Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. For details, register at www.bit.ly/inquirers423; for more information, email Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our **Member Census** is underway, to help paint the picture of who Fourth Church is today as well as to provide information that will assist us in strengthening connections in our Fourth Church community. While some Member Census forms were sent out last month, the vast majority have yet to be mailed: we are sending these out in batches this spring and early summer rather than delivering them all at once, as this helps us better process the hundreds of replies and respond to inquiries along the way. If you do not receive your form this month or next, do not be concerned: by the time this project is complete, we will have invited every member to take part—and encourage you to do so!



At its March meeting, Session voted to **add a second Sunday morning worship service after Labor Day. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. ✨ Beginning Memorial Day our **4:00 p.m. service will enter a summer sabbatical season** for renewal and refocusing, a time to discern how to further strength our afternoon worship opportunity, which will then return on September 10.



Those who enjoy expressing their faith through hospitality or are interested in being **a welcoming presence at Coffee Hour** are encouraged to sign up online at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour to be a **Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.



To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org ✨ 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. ✨ To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✨ **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.