

# You are invited!

February 25–March 2, 2024



*The following pages are our invitation to you—an invitation to explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church as well as an invitation to connect with one another, our staff, and the varied resources available to you here.*

*We hope you will spend a few minutes looking over the opportunities and identifying those that interest you!*

## Welcome!

**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and invite you to continue 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. ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation!

## 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](http://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](http://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. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship! If you need **to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. ✨ **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 ushers.

**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](http://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. 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 (*after exiting full-screen view*); 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.

## Worship podcasts and sermon text

During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** ([fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons)) **by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

## Prayer and meditation

Those who would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today** are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ✨ Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on the first Wednesday of the month we also gather at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. (March 6 will be the next in-person gathering.) For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Buchanan Chapel is 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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

## Pastoral care and a listening presence

**New grief groups start March 13 and May 15** and are facilitated by our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker ([stucker@fourthchurch.org](mailto:stucker@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gflaming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gflaming@fourthchurch.org)) or Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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. ✨ To **explore options for counseling**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit [www.reploglecenter.org](http://www.reploglecenter.org)

## Welcome, New Members!

This morning **we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family:** Carol Ackerberg, Karen Canham, Janell Cardinal, Matt Gauen, Mark Greenwood, Shane Hackenberg, Kate Hall, John Hofteig, Paul Talley, and Jane Zimmer. We are grateful you have chosen to join us in our life together and look forward to continuing to welcome and connect with you in the days ahead!

## Observing the season of Lent

**Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✨ We invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for **personal reflection** during this season. To receive those meditations daily via email, simply subscribe online at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is a **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences (*approximately ten minutes each*)—led by Rocky Supinger, Matt Helms, and the Gathering musicians—weave together scripture, prayer, and music and are released on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail)

## Sunday opportunities

Those worshipping in person are encouraged to greet one another during **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship, where there is opportunity to learn about ways to get connected with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ This morning’s Adult Education is based on **Jon Meacham’s *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle***. Led by Jeff Doane, the class meets at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*) and looks at how spirituality influenced Lincoln’s decision on the Emancipation. ✨ This morning Women at Fourth is hosting “**Dementia 101: Understanding Cognitive and Behavioral Changes, along with Effective Communication Strategies**,” presented by Jeannine Forrest, Ph.D., R.N., at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/fpcwaf224](http://www.bit.ly/fpcwaf224) ✨ **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. ✨ Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (*grades 6–7*) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m. ✨ Rehearsing on Sundays are **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; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ✨ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service (*also livestreamed*).

## Black History Month

Among the ways we celebrate **Black History Month** is the **art exhibition** “The Boldness of Being: The work of Natalie Jackson and Natasha Giles Somerville,” two African American women artists. Their work will be on display in the Loggia through March, which is Women’s History Month. ✨ The **flag and signage** along Michigan Avenue bear public witness to the Black history that we honor this month.

## The gift of music

The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished 113-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. ✨ Cellist Geirthrudur Gudmundsdottir will present this week’s free **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*also livestreamed*).

## Youth summer trips

**Registration has begun for our summer youth mission trips!** Register for the **Senior High trip to Youngstown**, New York (June 26–July 2) at [www.bit.ly/shtrip24](http://www.bit.ly/shtrip24); for the **Junior High trip to St. Louis**, Missouri (July 14–19) at [www.bit.ly/jhtrip24](http://www.bit.ly/jhtrip24); for the **Montreat Youth Conference** (July 27–August 3) at [www.bit.ly/montreat24](http://www.bit.ly/montreat24); for details, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).

## Can you help?

**Adult trip leaders are needed** to be part of our summer youth mission trips. The leader application form can be found at [www.bit.ly/tripleader24](http://www.bit.ly/tripleader24) ✨ **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is in particular need of **volunteers for Monday Night Supper** as well as for the various Meals Ministry programs. Opportunities are posted at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)

## Easter flowers

You are invited to **remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/fpcgift](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgift) and must be received by Sunday, March 17 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente ([gvicente@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gvicente@fourthchurch.org); 312.252.3571).

## Joining Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person on Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (*register at [www.bit.ly/inquirers324](http://www.bit.ly/inquirers324)*) or 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 joining, contact Associate Pastor Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org))

## A message from Tom Are

This week we emailed to our newsletter list a **brief video message from Interim Pastor Tom Are**. In it he offers reflections that look ahead to, among other things, the **Long-Range Plan**, the **Financial Transformation Plan**, and the **formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee**. You can read the email, which includes reports on the two plans, as well as view the video at [www.bit.ly/meetingreflections224](http://www.bit.ly/meetingreflections224)

## Get connected

**Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. \* **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for this group or the Bible studies, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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.* \* **"The Sacraments"** is a new two-week Adult Education class, **taught by Nancy Benson-Nicol**, that will begin Sunday morning, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For details, register at [www.bit.ly/aesacraments324](http://www.bit.ly/aesacraments324)

## 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](http://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 from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar) \* We also invite you to **follow us** on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://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 [ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://ww.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

### What's the best place to hear about everything that's happening at Fourth Church?

Right here in the **"You Are Invited!"** pages of our weekly worship bulletin  
**and in our weekly email newsletter**, "News at Fourth Church."

In them you will find information about upcoming events and how to get involved.

In "News at Fourth Church" you will also discover snapshots and reflections of what has been happening in our life together and in the wider community.

**Want to learn more?** Check out our news archive at [www.fourthchurch.org/news](http://www.fourthchurch.org/news)