



The 156th Annual Meeting of THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Sunday, February 8, 2026 • 12:15 p.m.

Camille Cook Howe and Pam Baker, Moderators

Jared Light and Allison Youngblood, Co-Clerks of Session

AGENDA

1. Call to Order *Camille Cook Howe*
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 6, 2025, Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship
 - b. February 9, 2025, 155th Annual Congregational Meeting
 - c. May 18, 2025, Recommendation from Pastor Nominating Committee
3. Pastor's Report *Camille Cook Howe*
4. Report of the Co-Clerks of Session *Jared Light and Allison Youngblood*
5. Recommendation to Amend the Bylaws of Fourth Presbyterian Church
6. Election of Class of 2029 Elder and Deacons
and the At-Large Member of Nominating Committee *Rhonda Faulkner*
7. Temporary Recess of the Congregational Meeting for Corporation Meeting
- Meeting of the Corporation**
8. Call to Order *Pam Baker*
9. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 9, 2025, 155th Annual Meeting Minutes
 - b. August 8, 2025, Manse Disposition Task Force Recommendation
10. Treasurer's Report *Mark Hurley*
11. Election of Class of 2029 Trustees *Rhonda Faulkner*
12. Adjournment of Corporation Meeting *Pam Baker*
13. Resume Congregational Meeting *Camille Cook Howe*
14. Chicago Lights Report *Justin Epps*
15. Adjournment of the Congregational Meeting *Camille Cook Howe*

The Session recommends that Article V, Section 1 (“ELDERS AND DEACONS) of the bylaws be amended as follows:

Number and Term. There shall be a board of Elders consisting of thirty-six (36) thirty (30) adult members and one (1) two (2) youth members which is known as the Session. There shall also be a Board of Deacons consisting of forty-eight (48) adult members and (2) youth members. The adult members of each board shall be divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual ecclesiastical meeting for a three-year term. The youth members of each board shall be elected each year at the annual ecclesiastical meeting for a one-year term. No Elder or Deacon shall be eligible to be re-elected to the respective board at the annual meeting at which a prior full term on that board expires.

Rationale: This recommendation is in response to two developments. First, the member census of 2024 arrived at a church membership total of just over 3200. A session of 30 adult members better suits this membership total. Second, the session committees and joint session/Trustee committees were reorganized in the spring of 2025 so that there are 15 total committees. This proposal allows for two Elders to be placed on each committee.

This amendment will be implemented over a three year period, beginning in 2027. The Nominating Committee will nominate a slate of ten (10) adult Elders beginning with the class of 2030. The amendment will be fully implemented with the nomination of the Elder class of 2032.

Nominees for Board of Trustees

Lloyd Culbertson has been a member of Fourth Church since 1986 where he and his wife, Jan, were married, and their daughters, Madeleine and Samantha, were baptized. Lloyd has served as a Deacon, Trustee, and Elder. He has served on numerous finance and fund-raising committees, and two pastor nominating committees. He currently serves as chair of the Investment Committee and is a board member of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Lloyd is retired from a professional career of more than 40 years in business and finance. He and Jan have been living in Lake Forest since 1997 where Lloyd serves the local community on various volunteer government boards and commissions. At leisure, Lloyd enjoys reading, music, theater, travel, gardening, horseback riding, skiing, hiking, golf, book club, and dinner with friends. Lloyd will be filling a vacancy on the Board of Trustees beginning February 2026 through May 2027.

Danielle Cupps grew up Catholic in Chicago's suburbs. She and her husband, Drew, have been part of Fourth Church for more than twenty years and raised their three children in the children's program. Dani recently co-chaired the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope and serves as a Chicago Lights tutor. As a trustee, a priority of Dani's will be caring for our landmark property, helping the church remain a gathering space for members and neighbors of all backgrounds. Dani had a career in finance, and more recently, an entrepreneurial chapter as co-founder of a children's clothing company. She lives in Lincoln Park with Drew, their three young adult children, and two Sheepadoodles.

Julie Hubbard grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She joined Fourth Church in the summer of 2024, although she had been volunteering with Fourth Church programs for about 20 years. She is most passionate about Meals Ministry, and volunteers with Sunday Night Suppers on a regular basis. She has a spouse named Marc Kaplans and they reside in the Ravenswood neighborhood. She is employed as a finance professional in the non-profit space.

Kelley Lynch has been a member of Fourth Church since 2009 and has served as a Moderator of Woman at Fourth, Nominating Committee member, Deacon, Treasurer, Elder, and Stephen Minister. She currently serves on the Mission and Justice and Legacy Society committees. Her career experience includes more than 20 years in Director of Attorney Hiring positions at two of Chicago's largest law firms and she currently is a real estate broker at Berkshire Hathaway. Kelley has one grown daughter, Kelsey, and she has lived in the Lincoln Park/Old Town neighborhoods since graduating from Indiana University. A passionate (and erratic) golfer, she also enjoys many sports (including soccer), cooking, painting, and reading.

Brad Pierce grew up literally in the Presbyterian Church, as his dad was a Presbyterian pastor. His church high school youth group was formative, his faith grew while attending a Lutheran University, and then further deepened once attending Fourth Church in his late twenties. A member of Fourth Church since 2006, Brad has been involved in a variety of ways and roles since. Brad is particularly passionate about how Fourth Church markets itself to the community, and how Fourth Church's historical campus can be as welcoming and engaging to everyone who shares it for long to come. Creative Director with HAVEN Home Staging, through his design expertise, Brad enjoys helping to maximize the appeal and functionality of residences, including Fourth Church's manse last year. Brad is grateful to share his church experience with his wife Melanie and 13-year-old daughter Sarah – they live in Lakeview's Graceland West neighborhood.

Joshua Reilly has been a regular attendee at Fourth Church since 2008, when he lived down the street on Chestnut right out of college. Along with his wife Nicole, he took the plunge into membership in 2019 ahead of the baptism of their first child. Since then, he has had his two subsequent children baptized at Fourth Church, and his family can be found on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 a.m. service, where in the fall they are very appreciative of Fourth Church's predictable timing which allows them plenty of time to get home to Logan Square ahead of a noon Bears kickoff!

Norah Satre and her husband, Brian, were married at Fourth Church and have been members for more than thirty years. She spent many years volunteering with the Sunday School program. A retired attorney specializing in financial matters, Norah has owned a company providing estate sales, auction placements, and valuation services. She is excited for the opportunity to assist in the upkeep and preservation of the church's facilities. Norah and Brian live in Batavia, with children Owen, Anne, and Livia, all now adults.

Kent Stevens has been a member of Fourth Church since 2018 and has served on the Session, the Pastor Nominating Committee, the Racial Equity Council, and the Adult Education Committee. He has served as an Administrative Commissioner for the National Capital Presbytery Committee on Ministry and on the General Assembly's Mission Committee on the Congo (years ago). Kent enjoys a semi-retired life with his wife, Liz Gilbert, in the Buena Park neighborhood. A former practicing attorney for both the federal government and in private practice, he now serves as a mediator on the federal government's roster of mediators for international trade disputes. Kent enjoys entertaining with his spouse, grilling, gardening, his goldendoodle pups, the Fourth Church Men's Bible study, and everything about the Chicago Bears.

Nominees for Session

Samantha Borg-Breen (Youth) lives in the Lakeview neighborhood. She's a sophomore at Lane Tech and is part of the Alpha STEM program and just participated in her second science fair. She is a runner and competes year-round in cross country, indoor and outdoor track, and she also plays basketball in the winter. She plays the piano, reads, and hangs out with friends in her spare time. Samantha has two younger sisters who are twelve and are in seventh grade at Sacred Heart. During the summer she participates in church mission trips as well as the Montreat Youth Conference, which is one of her personal favorites! She has been attending Fourth Church since she was born and has been baptized and confirmed here.

John R. Dallas Jr. was baptized, confirmed, and married in the church where generations of his ancestors were active, First Presbyterian of Pittsburgh (founded in 1773). From pre-teen years, he was a boy soprano soloist and a peer-elected officer of youth groups. At New York's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, he was ordained a Deacon, and at Fourth Church, an Elder (nominated within the year he became a member, 2000). He chaired Session committees, task forces, and other initiatives. Currently, he's a Commissioner on the Chicago Presbytery's Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). Since 2017, John is CEO of Enclave Academy, a microlearning community for the psychology of leadership. Having served as CEO of Chicago Title Credit Services and president of three earlier national businesses on the east coast, he brings to servant leadership exceptional depth of secular experience. John lives in Schaumburg. He's divorced. His daughter, Jennifer Gray Dallas, resides in Pittsburgh.

Kat Evans began attending in 2006, officially joined Fourth Church in 2008, and since then has served on the Nominating Committee, Adult Education, an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, the 150th Anniversary Committee, two terms as a Deacon, and has been a Stephen Minister since 2021. Ask her anytime about Fourth Church history—she spent a lot of time during lockdown researching our stories. Kat is a playwright and working actor; she serves as an Artistic Associate at City Lit Theatre. She also teaches in the Humanities Department of Illinois Tech and coaches businesspeople in tech and finance in communication. She lives in Uptown with roommate Luke and husband Adam.

Amanda Felt is a life-long Presbyterian and Fourth Church member for more than 20 years. Amanda is involved with Chicago Lights and Mission and Justice. Her husband Michael Siurek, son Finley, and daughter Grace live in East Lakeview. Amanda is an executive coach and organizational consultant.

Rowan Foley (Youth) grew up always going to church, but for a long time he did not really love his time in church.

He started going to Fourth Church around 2020, when he was in fifth grade. Since he has been in high school, he has regained his love for church. He joined the church last spring, and he is very passionate about Meals Ministry and providing food to those in need. He lives with his parents, Colm and Amy, and his brother, who is in college, in Lincoln Square. He is a junior at Lane Tech and is very excited to become an Elder.

Jenny Giblin is a lifelong Presbyterian, and she joined Fourth Church in 2016. She previously served on Session, the Racial Equity Council, and the Nominating Committee. Jenny is especially passionate about Children and Family Ministry, which has deepened her faith and connected her to a wonderful community of parents doing the shared work of raising faithful, thoughtful children together. She lives in Roscoe Village with her husband, Adam; their sons, Cooper and Cameron; and their energetic pup, Milo. Jenny works as a general manager at Realtor.com, leading strategy and operations for products that support real estate agents and brokers.

Terry Gubbins was five years old when John Buchanan baptized him at his first church in Dyer, Indiana, on November 3, 1963. He attended Sunday School consistently and even won a Bible for 100% attendance one year. He became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Dyer in 1973 and was ordained a Deacon there in 1975. Fifty-one years later, he is proud to be nominated to become an Elder. He became a member at Fourth Church in 2007, while he was living in Illinois for three years. He has been living in Florida since mid-2009 and remains an active member of Fourth Church. He has participated in serving Communion since 2007, has supported Meals Ministry weekly, is a member of the Legacy Society, and is currently on the Legacy Society Advisory Council. He is a retired Walgreens pharmacist, a lifetime Cubs fan, and a servant leader in numerous non-profit organizations.

Brenda Mauldin was raised in the Christian faith since childhood and has found a spiritual home within the Presbyterian tradition, where she values thoughtful theology, meaningful worship, and a strong commitment to service and community. She has been a member of Fourth Church since January 2012. Serving as a Deacon has been the most meaningful ministry for her, both personally and in her faith journey. Over five years of service, this role deepened her understanding of compassion, presence, and faithful care, and strengthened her commitment to walking alongside others through prayer, support, and service. Her immediate family lives in Norman, Oklahoma; Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Seattle, Washington. She has been a residential real estate broker in Chicago since moving here in 2007. She is honored to be recognized among Baird and Warner's top 1% of agents for the past 15 years, and she values the opportunity her vocation provides to serve individuals and families during important transitions in their lives.

Todd Maxwell, originally raised Lutheran in Minnesota, was drawn to Fourth Church's commitment to genuine community transformation and its inclusive ministry. First walking through the doors of Fourth Church in the 1990s, he joined as a member this past year. Todd's passion lies in pursuing real change within our community through Fourth Church's volunteer programs and fostering connections with other faith-based organizations. He has nearly three decades of experience in health services and human services, primarily in operations, finance, and technology. He lives in Lincoln Park, next to DePaul University, in Chicago.

Kevin Reome was raised Catholic and has been coming to Fourth Church since 1999 when his wife, Kim Reome, introduced him to this warm community with the extraordinary preaching of John Buchanan. The Reome family continued to regularly attend Fourth Church even after moving to Glenview, Illinois, in 2004, where they still live. Daughters Katie and Emily were baptized at Fourth Church and were active in choir and youth group. Kim Reome was a Trustee from 2017 to 2020. Kevin officially became a member in 2021. He chaperoned the senior high trips to Memphis, Tennessee; and Paris, France; and became a youth leader in 2022. Besides enjoying working with youth, Kevin has volunteered unloading food trucks for the Meals Ministry. Kevin has been teaching improvisation at the Second City Training Center in Chicago for 20 years and facilitates corporate improv workshops in Chicago and around the country. In 2013 he produced an improv show in Buchanan Chapel that raised money for the Chicago Lights dance program.

Emma Richardson is a lifelong Presbyterian who has been a member of Fourth Church since 1997. Along with her parents, Hilary Richardson and Mark Meyer, and brothers Owen and Luke Meyer, she has been very involved in family and youth ministries for more than two decades. The Richardson Meyer family resides in Evanston. Emma has served in leadership positions on the Board of Deacons from 2018 to 2023 and the Nominating Committee from 2024 to 2025. Emma is a Senior Content Strategist at One North, a digital agency in Chicago. She lives in Lakeview with her husband Jon and their dog Addie.

Sally Scott was raised in the Christian Reformed Church (sometimes known as Dutch Reformed). She started attending Fourth Church in 1990 and became a member in 1992. Sally has served as a Chicago Lights tutor, a Deacon, and a Trustee; served on the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee and is currently Vice-Chair of the Personnel Committee. The ministry she is most passionate about is the faith formation of our church community through the preached Word, music, and sacrament, as it is from this foundation that our other ministries take shape. Sally and her husband Charles LeHew live in the Old Irving Park neighborhood in Chicago. She is an attorney, practicing labor and employment law.

Laura Sturrus is a lifelong Presbyterian who joined Fourth Church in 2014. Her faith journey has been rooted in a celebration of intellectual curiosity and fostered a spirit of inquiry. She is passionate about the power of youth ministry to build the foundation for a life of faith rooted in a strong sense of belonging. Laura's intellectual curiosity has also been a hallmark of her career, which focuses on corporate strategy and marketing. She currently leads Value and Affordability at a global restaurant company. She lives in Roscoe Village with her husband David, their children Graham, (12) and Ellie (10), who were both baptized at Fourth Church, and their two dogs. She enjoys reading, Pilates, and Mahjong. Her favorite hymn is "I Danced in the Morning."

Josh Williams joined Fourth Church in 2025. Before joining Fourth Church, Josh was active at United Methodist churches nationwide, including Urban Village Church in Chicago, First United Methodist Church in Evanston, and the Church of the Village in New York City, where he served as Finance Co-Chair, Minister of Care, and a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Nominees for Board of Deacons

Laureen Cleary grew up in the Reformed Church where Christian education and leadership development were important. During her university years, she was active in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship which was part of her faith journey. She has been a member of Fourth Church since 2002 and has served as a Deacon. Laureen has volunteered for the Meals Ministry on Sunday and Monday evenings. She is also involved in the Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship and the Women at Fourth Bible Study. Since retiring from the Chicago Public Schools, she teaches English as a Second Language (TESOL). Laureen currently lives in Galewood-Oak Park Community. Laureen will be filling a one year-vacancy on the Board of Deacons.

Jacquelyn Delphos began attending Fourth Church shortly after moving to Chicago in 2021 and became a member in 2025. She grew up attending a variety of churches but was most actively involved in the Methodist church in both New York and San Francisco while living and working in both. Jacquelyn is an office manager by day and when not walking the Camino, ushering, administering Ashes on the Way or caroling on the church steps she enjoys staying fit, baking, keeping in touch with friends, and being open to trying new things. One of her intentions this year is to make time for moments of quiet so she can listen to where God is directing her steps.

Tyler Harding joined Fourth Church as a member in 2025 and has been attending regularly for the past year.

Raised in a Christian household, Tyler is relatively new to Presbyterianism. Since joining Fourth Church, he has especially enjoyed serving the community through the Meals Ministry as part of the Baking Team. Tyler lives in the Loop with his partner, Lindy Girman, and works professionally in Democratic politics.

Jude Kelley is excited and honored to be a Deacon nominee. Jude grew up in the Southern Baptist Church; her parents were missionaries to Rio, Brazil, where she was born. She has been a member of Fourth Church since November 2024. She is a retired attorney, most recently from being a Labor Negotiator for the City of Tacoma, Washington. She is a widow and lives in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago. The Fourth Church ministries she has come to know and love are assisting with serving meals on Monday nights, ushering, co-chairing the Cornerstones Steering Committee, being a member of the Adult Education Council, and taking part in the Women's Bible Study.

John Killpack, raised in the Disciples of Christ church, has worshipped with Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Methodist congregations as he's moved around the country. Now retired, his career was in marketing and government relations. He and his husband, Keith Lesnick, moved to Streeterville in late 2023, and he became a member of Fourth Church in June 2024. He currently enjoys serving as an usher and is looking forward to becoming engaged in the caring ministries of the church.

Gwen Bailey Knorr is a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and was raised by parents who were heavily involved in Christian ministry. She attended Fourth Church on and off from 1983 until 2002 and then officially joined it through its Adult Membership class in 2002. Gwen is an academic advisor at DePaul University and she also serves as adjunct faculty. Gwen loves Chicago Lights. She lives in Lakeview with her husband Richard and they have three grown children.

Jim Kulich has been a member of Fourth Church for 22 years. Before coming to Fourth Church, Jim was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Jim was drawn to Fourth Church by its powerful preaching, genuine inclusivity, and firm commitment to justice for all. Jim has a strong interest in interfaith relations, finding ways we can all learn from each other's faith traditions. Jim initially served on our church's Interfaith Resources Committee and later served as an Elder and on the church's Personnel Committee. Jim is married to Dawn Kulich and has an adult daughter, Melody Kulich. Jim and Dawn live in Chicago's UIC neighborhood. Jim recently retired from Elmhurst University where he last served as founding director of Elmhurst's master's program in data science.

Marcus Mason brings his passion for service and community building to support the congregation's mission. A licensed real estate broker specializing in divorce real estate and first-time homebuyers, Marcus helps Chicago families navigate major life transitions with compassion and expertise. He serves on the board of directors for Chicago Lights, leading resource development efforts for programs that support youth and families across the city. Marcus holds a master's degree in Global Strategic Communication from Loyola University Chicago and a bachelor's degree in Communication from Northwestern University. Before transitioning to real estate in 2020, he spent a decade in higher education operations, managing teams and driving strategic initiatives focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Marcus is committed to using his skills and platform to strengthen communities and create pathways for others, believing that meaningful change happens when we invest in people and build systems that support their success.

Susanna A. McColley, MD believes God is love. Love is patient, love is kind. Love your neighbor. Every Sunday morning of her childhood, she and her five siblings were whisked to Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church in Champaign, Illinois, for services, Sunday school, and choir. Prolonged education, training and practicing medicine reduced her church attendance but never her faith. Over many years in Chicago (currently, Streeterville), she intermittently attended Fourth Church. The solace and meaning of services and new friendships during the pandemic anchored her commitment, and she became a member in 2022. As a pediatric lung specialist who cares for children with life-threatening disease; mother of two adult sons; and family member to people who are LGBTQIA+ and with disabilities, Susanna is most passionate about ministries that focus on equity and social justice, serving those who are marginalized, and spreading Christ's love through action.

Marcella McGuinn has been a member of Fourth Church for many years and previously served as a Deacon. She has volunteered in the Medical Ministry during Sunday Night Supper and has been a member of the Spiritual Formation Committee. She works as an infectious disease physician in the Chicagoland area.

Mark Meyer and his wife, Hilary Richardson, had the pleasure of teaching Sunday School to Fourth Church kindergartners for 17 years. Mark has also served on Session and on the Nominating Committee, as well as on several task forces and a previous term on the Deacon Board (2010–2013). Mark and Hilary live in Evanston, where he is the director of design for Northwestern University Alumni Relations and Development. Their three adult children, Emma, Owen, and Luke, were active in Fourth Church choirs and youth programs throughout their childhood.

Veronica Palumbo, a member for more than 13 years. Veronica and her husband have twin hockey boys who will be ten. Her boys attended the Day School and they love Sundays with Pastor Matt and staff. They recently moved to Wilmette but they make it back into the city for at least one Sunday a month. Veronica is most passionate about young teenagers as their boys are growing so fast. She also loves chatting with members and loves the kindness her family has received over the years.

Annie Peck and her husband, Staunton, are newer members of Fourth Church. Before having children, they served together with the Meals Ministry and Annie is grateful for the opportunity to continue serving within the Fourth Church community. Annie is a licensed therapist and the owner of a personal styling company. She lives in Roscoe Village with her husband and their three fun, energetic children and is also involved with the Chamber of Commerce. Annie enjoys staying active, concerts, coffee, art, and, most of all, being with the people who mean so much to her.

Jennifer Pinto moved to Chicago after college and, after hearing a sermon by John Buchanan, knew Fourth Church would become her spiritual home. She joined in 1993 by being baptized as an adult, and has spent more than three decades volunteering, taking classes, and substitute tutoring. In 2000, she married her husband, Perry, in the Sanctuary in a ceremony officiated by Pastor Dana Ferguson. Their three children were baptized, grew up in Sunday School, and were later confirmed at Fourth Church. Last year, Jennifer co-chaired the Gala of Hope supporting Chicago Lights, a highlight of her long commitment to service at Fourth Church. Her areas of interest include equity within the church community and strengthening interfaith relationships with partner organizations. Considering herself a lifelong student, she enjoys travel, reading, and giving back to her community through volunteer work.

Peter Pinto (Youth) is a rising high school senior. In May, he will return from a year studying abroad in Viterbo, Italy. He was baptized as an infant at Fourth Church and became a member of the church upon his confirmation in eighth grade. He has spent countless hours volunteering at Sunday Night Suppers, assisting in the food pantry, and helping at coffee hour. He looks forward to serving the church as a Youth Deacon. Outside of church and school, Peter enjoys travel, sports, music, and playing the trumpet.

Thomas Prenzno, a native of Chicago who currently lives near Millennium Park, was raised in the Catholic Church, practicing for many years. Over the past several years he was drawn by the values of the Presbyterian Church and has been a member of Fourth Church since 2018. Tom was widowed this April and has no children. He is passionate about Fourth Church's Social Services ministry, regularly volunteering at the Share Shop as well as providing general stewardship. Tom is a retired international project manager, who enjoys creating objects in glass and discussing books, film, and theater.

Hilary Richardson is a Presbyterian pastor's daughter who joined Fourth Church on Reformation Sunday in 1998. She and her husband, Mark Meyer, raised three children, all of whom were active in Fourth Church's youth programs and choirs—and who now live in the Chicago area and attend Fourth Church as young adults. Among other positions here, Hilary has served on Session and the Nominating Committee, but she remains fondest of the 17 years she and Mark taught Sunday School to kindergarteners. Hilary has also greatly enjoyed being a Deacon for the past three years and is gratified that she was asked to extend her tenure on the board. She and Mark live in Evanston, where Hilary is the editor of case publishing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Hilary will be extending her term for one additional year on the Board of Deacons.

Grace Siurek (Youth) is a life-long Presbyterian, and a Fourth Church member for more than two years. Grace is involved with Chicago Lights and Youth ministry. Her mom Amanda Felt, dad Michael Siurek, and brother Finley live in East Lakeview. Grace is a student at Lane Tech.

Caroline Ullem grew up attending Fourth Church from birth through age six, and was baptized here. She joyfully rejoined the Fourth Church community in 2024 after moving back to Chicago following her graduation from Hamilton College. Caroline works as a strategy consulting analyst at Accenture, focusing on the financial services industry. She is a member of Lurie Children's Hospital's Junior Board and recently joined the Junior League to deepen her engagement in community service. She lives in Old Town and enjoys exercise classes, visiting the Art Institute, needlepoint, and traveling. Caroline is excited to serve as a Deacon and looks forward to contributing to her church community!

Lisa Williamson grew up in Long Beach, California, attending Brethren Christian School from age five until approximately fifteen. This institution, alongside the church, not only provided her education but also vital spiritual guidance through daily prayers, Bible studies, and youth programs. She experienced God's love through these enriching activities and the dedicated leaders. After relocating to Orange County, she started her own family and joined a small Presbyterian Church, where she became a Deacon. In June 2024, she moved to Chicago to be closer to her adult children, Emily and Grant. She became a member of Fourth Church in September 2024 and currently resides in the Gold Coast, where she enjoys walking with her beagle, Winston. She has developed a passion for oil painting and has volunteered in Meals Ministry, aspiring to share God's love and cultivate a welcoming environment for all.

Mary Zeltmann has been a member of Fourth Church for several decades. She is currently concluding a three-year term as Deacon. Mary has actively participated in the Deacon ministry committees, including chairing Calling Ministry this past year. Additional volunteer activities have included consistently serving meals at Sunday Night Supper and ushering for Sunday morning services. Mary lives in Lincoln Park. She is a retired educator serving as a teacher and principal for the Chicago Public Schools. Mary will be extending her term for one year on the Board of Deacons.

Nominees for 2026–2027 Nominating Committee

Melanie Oh Pierce has been attending Fourth Church for more than 20 years and joined the church in 2005. She has served as a Deacon, Elder, and Stephen Minister in recent years. Melanie met and married her husband Brad at Fourth Church and they live in Lakeview with their 13-year-old daughter Sarah. In her spare time, Melanie is a calculus teacher in Chicago Public Schools who enjoys cooking and baking for her friends.

Jessica Wang is a cradle Presbyterian and a member of Fourth Church since 2019, after going to Cuba and celebrating her 30th birthday there with Fourth Church and our sister church. Her mother is Connie Chang who brought Jessica to Fourth Church from Hyde Park since 1998 with the promise of going to the Water Tower afterwards. Her boyfriend and partner in faith is Kevin Le Coq. She lives on the far north side in Rogers Park. She is the Manager of Recruitment Operations in Healthcare Market Research. She is also an aspiring writer/poet.

James J. Young has been a member of Fourth Church for two years. Hospitality is the ministry he feels most compelled to participate in at Fourth Church. It provides him with numerous opportunities to serve with intention to all within the church. James lives in the River North area and his vocation is Information Technology (IT) Software Application Manager for water utility.

The Nominating Committee thanks everyone who nominated candidates for church office! All of your descriptions of peoples' gifts and abilities helped the committee envision the leaders being called in this season to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees.

We urge you to keep church leadership in mind as you engage in Fourth Church's ministry, so that you will be ready with **new nominations this fall.**

May we all grow in our faith and in our connections to one another, worshiping and serving together. **To find new ways to engage,** stop by the Deacons Connection Corner during Coffee Hour, explore our website and Sunday bulletin, browse our Volunteer Ministry platform at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers, or contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382).

		2025 Unaudited Actual (\$000)	2026 Approved (\$000)
Fourth Church Operating	Revenues		
	Pledged Contributions	3,141	3,135
	Other Contributions	1,538	1,849
	Total Contributions	<u>4,679</u>	<u>4,984</u>
	Program Receipts	553	498
	Other Income	55	75
	Draw from Invested Funds	3,125	3,470
	Total Revenues	<u>8,412</u>	<u>9,027</u>
	Disbursements		
	Wages and Benefits	5,099	5,571
	Direct Program	932	1,174
	Building and Administrative	2,509	2,391
	Total Disbursements	<u>8,540</u>	<u>9,136</u>
	Surplus (Deficit)	-128	-109
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Capital Projects	Revenues	753	1,127
	Disbursements	753	1,127
	Surplus (Deficit)	-	-
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Chicago Lights	Revenues	2,748	2,960
	Disbursements	2,492	2,960
	Surplus (Deficit)	256	-
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Day School	Revenues	267	259
	Disbursements	267	259
	Surplus (Deficit)	-	-
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Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being	Revenues	162	-
	Disbursements	162	-
	Surplus (Deficit)	-	-
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Fourth Church Consolidated	Revenues	12,342	13,373
	Disbursements	12,214	13,482
	Year-End Surplus (Deficit)	128	(109)

Please note the current version includes:

1) Adjusting journal entries posted after the release of the December 2025 Financials
to Program Expense, Wages and Benefits and Administration.



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