

November 12, 2023



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Call to Worship “There Is a Redeemer” (443)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain:

Thank you, O Creator, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. (*Refrain*)

When I stand in glory, I will see God’s face;
There I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. (*Refrain*)

Welcome

**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** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” (350)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain:

Sisters, don’t grow weary; brothers, don’t grow weary;
children, don’t grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

It’s our faith makes us happy; it’s our faith makes us happy;
it’s our faith makes us happy, for the time is drawing nigh. (*Refrain*)

We are climbing Jacob’s ladder; we are climbing Jacob’s ladder;
we are climbing Jacob’s ladder, for the time is drawing nigh. (*Refrain*)

Every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher, for the time is drawing nigh. (*Refrain*)

***Confession and Assurance** (*sung litany*)



***Response** “Glory to God” (Hymnal 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end... (without end...) Amen.

***Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Hear.

Scripture Matthew 25:1–13

Sermon Rocky Supinger

We Respond.

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 via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at www.fourthchurch.org/give

Song “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” (458)

The congregation sings this refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

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 Anthem “Landslide” (Fleetwood Mac)

***Song** “Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Rocky Supinger

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!

November 12–18, 2023



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), 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 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ✨ On Sundays 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 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. 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 worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. ✨ For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our website: fourthchurch.org

Worship podcasts and sermon text

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

Prayer and meditation

On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. we come together for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (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 by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).

Resources for personal reflection and spiritual formation

Our **daily devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your **personal meditation and prayer**. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✨ Our **November “Rhythm and Word” video series** offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer for your viewing at home. This month **Lucy Forster-Smith is guiding our reflections on giving thanks**. A new video is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous series. To receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail; you can also **subscribe to our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)

Exploring the Bible

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to their **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** (www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts). This lively, informative, and often amusing podcast explores the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

Organ anniversary concert

This Friday **world-renowned organist Isabelle Demers** will present the annual **Andrew Pipe Organ Dedication anniversary concert**, which is cosponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Taking place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 17 in the Sanctuary, the concert will also be livestreamed. ✨ Earlier in the day, the **Roosevelt University Choirs** will present the free **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m., also in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. ✨ For a **complete listing of performances** at Fourth Church, **including holiday concerts**, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

Pilgrimage

This **Saturday morning**, November 18 our **Spiritual Formation fall workshop “Pilgrimage”** will provide opportunity to learn how a pilgrimage can **deepen your faith and prepare the way to step out of the busyness of life**; come find the sacred within while building community. This 10:00 a.m. workshop will be held in Buchanan Chapel as well as via Zoom (Zoom link: www.bit.ly/pilgrimage1123).

Singing in the season

This Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. we will be **singing carols on the steps of the Sanctuary** prior to the 5:30 p.m. **Tree-Lighting Parade** that is part of the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival. Come join us in spreading holiday cheer to those gathered for the Michigan Avenue festivities!

Get connected

Books by Women meets this Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Crying in H Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets next Sunday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. **Women at Fourth** will be gathering next Sunday morning, November 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G for a program on “**Nurturing Responsibility in Children: Strategies and Considerations**” led by Dr. Margaret (Peg) Griffiths. Register at www.bit.ly/waf1123 ✨ An in-person workshop on “**You and Your Spiritual Gifts**” will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5G. To register for this in-person-only opportunity to discover your spiritual gifts and find ways to **connect with the programs and ministries in the church specifically related to your God-given gifts**, sign up at www.bit.ly/spiritualgifts122 ✨ A **Holiday Deep Listening Dinner** will be held Saturday evening, December 2 in Anderson Hall. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/holidaylistening23 ✨ For **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources and opportunities**, watch our website: fourthchurch.org

Stay connected

To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, be sure to bookmark our **online church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar ✨ We also invite you to follow us on **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch).

World mission and social justice

Our refugee family—Paul, Flora, Leila, and Nolan, originally from the Ivory Coast and Cameroon—are celebrating their one-year anniversary in Chicago and continues to welcome our prayers, encouragement, and support. Interested in learning more about Refugee One, with whom we have cosponsored this family, and **becoming a mentor to a new refugee family**? Contact refugeeproject@fourthchurch.org. ✨ We have learned that the city will be using the Selina Hotel next door to the church to **provide shelter during the winter months to those experiencing homelessness**. While the city is still working out the details, we look forward to identifying ways in which we might strategically partner to **help provide services that may be needed by our new neighbors** as part of this important initiative. ✨ Our annual **Meals Ministry Christmas Gift Bag Drive is underway!** A list of items needed by December 4 can be found at <https://qrco.de/mealsministry>. We are also in need of 475 McDonald's gift cards of \$10 each; cards can be dropped off or mailed to the church to the attention of Meals Ministry.

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org. ✨ **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. ✨ Our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** facilitates **grief groups**. To learn more or add your name to the list for new groups being formed, email Sharon Crawford-Tucker (stucker@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor**, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit www.reploglecenter.org



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