



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 23, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Symphonie V (Allegro Cantabile) . . . . . Charles-Marie Widor

How Sweet the Sound . . . . . Jason King

### Introit

“This Is the Day” . . . . . Anonymous (sixteenth-century England)

### \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

One: *God is our refuge and strength,*

All: *a very present help in trouble.*

One: *Therefore, we will not fear,*

All: *though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;*

One: *though its water roar and foam,*

All: *though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*



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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

**\*Hymn 386 . . . . . “Come, Worship God”**

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God’s presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people’s salvation to whom our jubilant praises belong.  
Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains; held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them, God above all gods, who gave us our birth.  
We are your people, the sheep of your pasture; you are our Maker, and to you we pray.  
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you; great is the one whom we worship this day!  
Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.  
Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

God of mercy,  
faith is a journey, and we struggle to keep up.  
The winds are often in our faces.  
Waves of worry and fear can beat against us.  
Remind us once again how to stand tall in the midst of the storm.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle**

**Kyrie . . . . . Hymn 577**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Declaration of Pardon**

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*  
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*  
People: And also with you.  
*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,”*  
*and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

**Anthem**

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” . . . . . John Scott

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Lesson . . . . . Matthew 4:18–22

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: Thanks be to God.

#### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup>  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### Second Lesson . . . . . Matthew 14:22–33

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*

All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

#### Sermon

You Can't Avoid the Chaos . . . . . Tom Are Jr.

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## Responding to the Word

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#### \*Hymn 361 . . . . . “O Christ, the Great Foundation”

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:  
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,  
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,  
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin  
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead  
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:  
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

## **\*Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)*

We are a people of belief and unbelief.  
On our best days, we trust that the light shines in the darkness,  
that hope is stronger than fear,  
that grace is extended to us even in our worst moments,  
that not even death can keep us from you.

But there are other days,  
when fear washes over us like waves,  
and uncertainty is our constant companion,  
and the good that we can do seems powerless.  
But we trust, gracious Christ, that even as we sink in shame and fear  
you stretch out your hand of salvation to hold us fast.  
You continue to call us to walk as you walk,  
even if the world says we cannot walk in your way and survive.  
If you keep calling, we will keep following.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(unison)*

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.

## **Offering**

### **Offertory Anthem**

“Wade in the Water” . . . . . Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

### **\*Offertory Response** . . . . . Hymn 224, v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace,  
there is no end to your generosity toward us.  
Please receive these expressions of our generosity toward you.  
In Christ's name.  
Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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### **\*Hymn 170** . . . . . "You Walk along Our Shoreline"

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."  
  
You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.  
  
We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

#### **\*Choral Benediction**

"God Be in My Head" . . . . . John Rutter

#### **Postlude**

Fugue in G Major . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach



## You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy**, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

**If you are new to us**, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

## Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship. There is an entrance without steps leading to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and at 115 E. Delaware.

### Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

### Parking

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$10 for 6 hours (*and \$20 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$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.

## Worshipping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: [bit.ly/fpcvideos](https://bit.ly/fpcvideos)

### Accessing the service

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service begins. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see [fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning](https://fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning)

### Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

### For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs.

To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks. You can also designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or when giving online at [fourthchurch.org/give](https://fourthchurch.org/give)

## Restoring the 1914 Murals

Another phase of restoration has been completed on the 1914 ceiling murals by Frederic C. Bartlett, and the scaffolding has been removed from the Sanctuary. The new restoration work on a bay of canvases over the south aisle may be apparent to viewers from floor level, but a series of Bartlett panels are also mounted on the wall in the north part of the Commons.

## Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

### In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

### Online

Those worshipping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

## New Survey: Long-Range Plan Progress

When Fourth Church adopted its long-range plan in 2024, leadership also committed to regularly survey the congregation to discern your sense of the alignment of Fourth Church’s ministry with the plan.

Thus we would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete the Long-Range Plan



Progress Pulse Survey by scanning this QR code or using the link on the home page of our website. Your input will help us continue to live into our calling to love God and love one another as we

recommit ourselves to faith formation, connections and belonging, community engagement and partnerships, and church sustainability.

(Note that this collection of responses is separate from the Online Church Family Survey for which we asked your input in previous weeks. If you completed that one, please complete this one also.)





## Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

### Children, Youth, and Family

#### Children in worship

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.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

#### Sunday school

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

#### Youth gatherings

Youth groups meet weekly, with Junior Highs gathering at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Today the youth will have opportunity to meet Nancy Bartell, our new Youth and Young Adult Director. As you see Nancy around campus, please give her a warm Fourth Church welcome.

### Meditation

#### Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for a time of meditative walking this Wednesday and Thursday between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

#### Sacred Pause

Sacred Pause meditation is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

### Adult Education

#### “Comparing the Gospels”

The adult education class “Comparing the Gospels” concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Join Associate Pastor Matt Helms as he continues our exploration of each of the four Gospels, looking at the unique lenses each writer brings to the life and teachings of Jesus and expanding our understanding of Jesus’ ministry. For the Zoom link, register at [bit.ly/gospels32025](https://bit.ly/gospels32025)

To view recordings of the previous sessions, see [bit.ly/gospelvideos32025](https://bit.ly/gospelvideos32025)

#### “Classics of Lenten Music”

Next Sunday morning, March 30, Oliver Comacho, Musical Director of Classical WFMT, will speak about masterpieces of Lenten music in our adult education class at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/lentenmusic](https://bit.ly/lentenmusic)

### Bible Study

#### Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week’s worship service or the upcoming Sunday—meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

#### Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study—which includes time each month discussing the *Horizons* study “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”—meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, March 26. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



## Holy Week Ushers Needed

During Holy Week we will gather for worship on Maunday Thursday and Good Friday, April 17–18. If you would be willing to usher that week, please sign up online at [bit.ly/holyweekushers25](http://bit.ly/holyweekushers25)

## Prayer

### Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

### Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)) for details.

### Prayer requests

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming ([gflaming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gflaming@fourthchurch.org)).

## Upcoming Opportunities



Looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church? Visit our Events page—[fourthchurch.org/events](http://fourthchurch.org/events)—and bookmark it for future reference!

## Lenten Resources

We invite you to use our daily Lenten devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://bit.ly/fpcdevotions); you can also find them online at [fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions) as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

### Lenten “Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast

During Lent our weekly five-minute video and podcast reflections explore the book of Psalms and are offered by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow.

Sign up at [bit.ly/rhythmandword](http://bit.ly/rhythmandword) to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://bit.ly/fpcvideos)). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast ([fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts)).

## Podcasts

### Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our “Rhythm and Word” reflections (*see above*) are available on multiple podcast platforms and at [fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://fourthchurch.org/podcasts). During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are available via podcast on those platforms as well.

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast, a lively and informative exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

## Reading Sermons

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see [fourthchurch.org/sermons](http://fourthchurch.org/sermons) or, to receive the sermon by email, subscribe at [bit.ly/fpcsermon](http://bit.ly/fpcsermon)

## News, Updates, and Snapshots

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and visit our news archive at [fourthchurch.org/news](http://fourthchurch.org/news)



## Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

### Lenten Commitment to Justice Seeking

As we prepare to celebrate Easter with its promise of new life, the forty days of Lent offer a time to take on practices that draw us closer to God and God's vision for our world. Part of that vision includes doing justice for and with our neighbors.

Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn about upcoming opportunities to take part in justice seeking and join in signing a commitment to do so.

### Community Partner Impact

#### Zoom gathering with our partners

As part of our observance of Women's History Month, World Mission and Social Justice partner organizations Deborah's Place, Sista Afya, and Sarah's Circle will join us via Zoom this Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. to talk about how their organizations support women. Register for impact presentation at [bit.ly/wmsj32025](https://bit.ly/wmsj32025)

### Meals Ministry Pop-Up

Through the Bag Lunch program on Tuesdays through Thursdays as well as Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, Fourth Church Meals Ministry provides nutritious meals and welcoming hospitality to neighbors who are hungry. During 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 6, stop by and sample a Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.

### Micah 6:8 Circle

Micah 6:8 calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God as a gathered church community and in our everyday lives. Grounded in that calling, we are forming a small group to support each other in everyday acts of justice seeking and doing good in the world.

This Zoom group will be a place to process and discern for those wanting to make a difference in their neighborhood, workplace, or networks on social issues ranging from hunger and housing to racial equity, climate change, and good governance. For details, email Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org))

### Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

### Joining Together in Service

Each of us has gifts and talents to share with our community. Perhaps it is lending a listening ear, serving meals, or (as highlighted on page 9), ushering. As you think about your vision for ways you might contribute and connect with one another as well as new things you might explore, we invite you to browse the various volunteer opportunities matching your interests at [bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](https://bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or contact Robert Crouch ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)), Director of Volunteer Ministry.



## Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

### Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us online today, we would be delighted if you would join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Online Coffee Hour. We will be gathering via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. today (and each Sunday throughout Lent), immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of online fellowship.

Zoom link: [bit.ly/coffeehourzoom](https://bit.ly/coffeehourzoom)

### In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

### Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at [bit.ly/inquirers42025](https://bit.ly/inquirers42025)) or via Zoom on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at [bit.ly/inquirers52025](https://bit.ly/inquirers52025)).

For additional information, contact Matt Helms ([mhelms@fourthchurch.org](mailto:mhelms@fourthchurch.org)), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries.

### Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is meeting weekly to continue to narrow a field of excellent candidates. In this season of discernment please hold the PNC and candidates in prayer.

### Easter Flowers

You are invited to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Contributions can be made at [bit.ly/fpcgift](https://bit.ly/fpcgift) and must be received by Sunday, April 6 for names to be listed in the bulletin. For details, contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).

### Caring for One Another

#### Pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming ([gffleming@fourthchurch.org](mailto:gffleming@fourthchurch.org)). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

#### Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)), Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

#### Counseling, well-being, and grief groups

To explore options for counseling and well-being, including grief groups, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425) or visit [reploglecenter.org](https://reploglecenter.org)

## Get Connected

### TwentiesThirties

The TwentiesThirties fellowship group for young adults will meet for brunch today at 12:15 p.m. at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) for fellowship and opportunity to meet the new Youth and Young Adult Director, Nancy Bartell, who joins us in ministry today.

### Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship

All are invited to take part in a time of fellowship with Chicago's Japanese community at 11:00 a.m. today in the Manse.

### Cornerstones

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall on Friday evening, April 4 for dinner and the program "When Welcoming the Stranger Is Uncomfortable," by Beth Brown, who serves as Pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church. Register (required) at [bit.ly/cornerstones202504](https://bit.ly/cornerstones202504)

### Books by Women

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Clouds of Witness* (A Lord Peter Wimsey Mystery) by Dorothy L. Sayers.

## Video Update from the Co-Clerks

As we continue to live out our calling to love God and love one another, Fourth Church Session Co-Clerks Jared Light and Allison Youngblood have taken a few moments to share some updates on our life together. You can view their video message at [bit.ly/coclerks32025](https://bit.ly/coclerks32025) to hear about the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee, various expressions of our long-range plan, and more.

If you did not receive this video by email on March 15, subscribe at [bit.ly/newsfromfpc](https://bit.ly/newsfromfpc) to ensure you don't miss future updates!

## Connecting Online

We invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church, whether through Zoom Coffee Hour, Bible studies, or Morning Prayer or as part of in-person classes with a Zoom component. Browse [fourthchurch.org/online/connections](https://fourthchurch.org/online/connections) to learn more!

## Music and the Arts

### Making music

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 4B; and Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:30 a.m. in 4G.

The Handbell Choir, which rehearses on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft, welcomes newcomers to join in ringing.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Free Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary (and also livestreamed) features our Interim Organist, Doug Cleveland.

### Art Exhibition

On display in our Loggia Gallery through March is the work of Chicago artist Candace Hunter: "Chlee: Of Girls and Men."

## Summer Youth Trips

Next Sunday, March 30 is the deadline for junior and senior high students to sign up for our 2025 summer youth trips!

Junior High Mission Trip to St. Louis; June 15–20; sign up at [bit.ly/jhsummer25](https://bit.ly/jhsummer25)

Senior High Mission Trip in Chicago, hosting Youngstown Youth Group; June 28–July 3; sign up at [bit.ly/shsummer25](https://bit.ly/shsummer25)

Montreat Youth Conference; July 26–August 2; sign up at [bit.ly/fpcmontreat25](https://bit.ly/fpcmontreat25)

## Calendar for March 23–29, 2025

<b>Sunday</b> March 23	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room. . . . .	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery. . . . .	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School. . . . .	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering. . . . .	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour. . . . .	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir . . . . .	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Worship . . . . .	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering. . . . .	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship . . . . .	Manse
	11:00 a.m.	"Comparing the Gospels" . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer . . . . .	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour . . . . .	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee . . . . .	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	New Officer Training. . . . .	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	Twenties/Thirties Brunch . . . . .	Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan)
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Council . . . . .	Room 5F
	12:15 p.m.	Youth Committee. . . . .	Morse Conference Room
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry. . . . .	Parish House
	12:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee . . . . .	Room 4F
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30). . . . .	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
<b>Monday</b> March 24	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French . . . . .	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French . . . . .	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps. . . . .	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French . . . . .	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History . . . . .	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge . . . . .	Room 5B
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga . . . . .	Room 4G / Zoom
	3:15 p.m.	CLL: Dark Money in US Elections . . . . .	Room 4D / Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b> March 25	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic. . . . .	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors . . . . .	Zoom

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10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen . . . . .	Room 5G
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish . . . . .	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. . . . .	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts. . . . .	Room 4F / Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry. . . . .	Showers
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
1:30 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness and Meditation . . . . .	Room 4E
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship. . . . .	Zoom

### Wednesday March 26

7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study . . . . .	Offsite
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild . . . . .	Room 5B
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer . . . . .	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing . . . . .	Zoom
11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation . . . . .	Room 4D
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. . . . .	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events . . . . .	Room 4G
12:00 p.m.	Women's Noon Bible Study . . . . .	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Destination: 1965. . . . .	Room 5G / Zoom
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series. . . . .	Room 4G
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing . . . . .	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+. . . . .	Room 4F

### Thursday March 27

9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making . . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program. . . . .	Morse Lounge
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre . . . . .	Zoom
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves. . . . .	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health. . . . .	Room 4E / Zoom
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch. . . . .	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting . . . . .	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History. . . . .	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) . . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi. . . . .	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal. . . . .	Buchanan Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Community Partners: Women's History. . . . .	Zoom



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<b>Friday</b> March 28	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program . . . . .	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia . . . . .	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room. . . . .	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: March Lunch Meet-Up. . . . .	Offsite
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert . . . . .	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Hooray for Hooks . . . . .	Fourth-Floor Lounge
<b>Saturday</b> March 29	8:30 a.m.	Sacred Pause . . . . .	Online
	<i>(There are no other events scheduled for Saturday)</i>		

**Preaching on Sunday, March 30:** Tom Are Jr.

### *Join Us for the Journey to Easter*

#### **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13**

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship with palm processional  
*(the 9:30 service will also be livestreamed)*

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service  
*(also livestreamed)*

#### **Good Friday, April 18**

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service  
5:30 p.m. Children's Program in Buchanan Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Choral Service *(also livestreamed)*

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach  
9:30 a.m. Children's Program in the Gratz Center  
9:30 a.m. Easter Service *(also livestreamed)*  
11:30 a.m. Easter Service

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## Worship Leaders

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Nancy Benson-Nicol, Anita Balodis (9:30), Tomoko Kizawa (11:00), Rocky Supinger, Tom Are Jr.

## The Music Today

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The Bell Choir

Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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WE ARE EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE at the front of the Sanctuary each Sunday during Lent. 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: Jesus walked on water, which is quite a trick! But more impressively, Peter walked on water. He's not as good at it as Jesus is, but for a while he was dancing on the waves. In a world that is as broken and chaotic as this one, some water walking might just be what is needed.

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in the plates passed during the service, or, afterwards, in an offering box at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [fourthchurch.org/give](https://fourthchurch.org/give)

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**Rocky Supinger** Senior Associate Pastor

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