

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Air Pour Les Trompettes J. S. Bach, arr. Michael Allen
Stabat Mater Dolorosa Giovanni Palestrina arr. Eric Bell
Procession of the Nobles Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Keith Terret

Introit

Hosannah to the Son of David G. Allen Smith
*Hosannah to the Son of David, Hosannah! Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest, Hosannah to the Son of David, Hosannah!*

*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.† Amen.**

*Call to Worship

One: *Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!*
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
One: *Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*
All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!
One: *The Lord is our God, and has given us light;*
All: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.
One: *Hosanna to the Son of David!*
All: Hosanna! Save us, O God. Hosanna! God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

*Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son, who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and
anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

Time with Children (9:30)

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we approach you with remorse, asking for healing and forgiveness.

We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our
Earth, the care and tending they deserve.

We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness
even here, today.

Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected,
and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in
Jesus’ name. Amen.

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

Kyrie Hymn 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

All: 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

We have launched Check-Ins through Church Center, a new way to engage with our faith community and an easy way to let us know you joined us for worship. To check in, download the Church Center app from the Apple or Android app store.

If you’re a first-time visitor, we’d love to get to know you—scan the QR code on page 7 to complete the visitor form or add your name to a pew pad.

For those worshipping online, you can sign in using the link or QR code on your screen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

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

Second Scripture Reading. Matthew 21: 1-11

Bach Cantata #12 Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen, Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Sinfonia

II. Chorus

Weeping, lamentation, worry, despair, anguish, and trouble are the Christian's bread of tears, that bear the marks of Jesus.

III. Recitativo

We must enter the Kingdom of God through much sorrow.

IV. Aria

Cross and crown are bound together, struggle and reward are united. Christians have at all times their suffering and their enemy, yet their comforts are Christ's wounds.

V. Aria

I follow after Christ, I will not let go of him in prosperity and hardship, in life and mortality. I kiss Christ's shame, I will embrace his cross. I follow after Christ, I will not let go of him.

VI. Aria

Be faithful, all pain will yet be only a little thing. After the rain blessing blossoms, all storms pass away. Be faithful, be faithful!

VII. Chorale

Jesus, my joy, my heart's pasture, Jesus, my treasure! Ah, how long, ah long has my heart suffered and longed for you! God's lamb, my bridegroom, besides you on earth nothing shall be dearer to me. What God does, is well done, I will cling to this. Along the harsh path trouble, death and misery may drive me. Yet God will, just like a father, hold me in his arms: therefore I let him alone rule.

Responding to the Word

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Justi (The mouth of the righteous) Anton Bruckner

*Offertory Response Hymn 652, v. 1

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

In gratitude for the hope and love Christ came into this world to proclaim, we bring these gifts seeking to make that hope and love better manifest in our world. May God's will truly be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 221 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

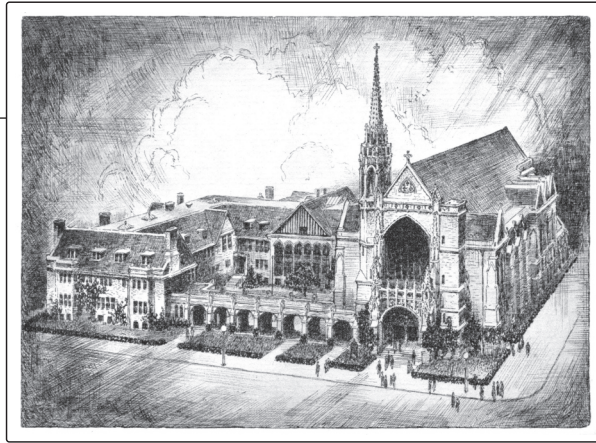
***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Amen John Rutter

Postlude

Sonata Pian e forte Giovanni Gabrielli, arr. Mark King



You belong here!

Whether this is your first time worshipping at Fourth Presbyterian Church or you worship here regularly and call Fourth Church “home,” we are grateful you are here today. Inspired by the **radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, and whatever questions or burdens you carry, we affirm that God’s love is for everyone. **You belong here.**

Each Sunday we gather to hear biblical stories, sing hymns of faith, and engage the world around us through prayer, worship, and preaching. As we connect the story of our lives with the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and joy and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ in our city as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that help us experience Beloved Community, where differences are recognized as assets, celebrated, and experienced as strengths.



If you’re a first-time visitor, we want to get to know you. Scan this QR code to complete our visitor form or add your name to one of the pew pads.

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Let Us Know You’re Here!

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today. Please take a moment to check in through Church Center app. You may also add your name to the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor so worshipers can greet one another by name following the service.

Sound

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

In-Person Coffee Hour

All who are worshipping with us in person are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour— an opportunity to greet one another, connect, and build community with members of the Fourth Church community. Visit our Connection Corner to learn about the ways to get involved.

Prayer with a Deacon after Worship

If you would like to meet with a Deacon for prayer, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Worship and Connect Online

Livestream

Watch the 9:30 a.m. service live or anytime on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpconline

Check In

Let us know you're worshipping with us by using the link below the video or scanning the QR code during the Welcome.

Online Giving

Make an offering online at fourthchurch.org/giving

Phone Access (9:30 a.m.)

Listen to worship by phone for those without internet access: 888.916.9166

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for a time to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom immediately following the livestream of worship for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

Opportunities to Connect Online

Whether you live out of state, are traveling, worshipping from home, or simply want to enrich your online experience—we invite you to explore opportunities to deepen your faith and strengthen your connection with others at www.fourthchurch.org/online/connections.html

Caring for One Another

Pastoral Care

If you would like to speak with a pastor or share a concern, illness, or life update, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org).

For urgent needs, call 312.787.4570 to be connected with the Minister on Call.

Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests with our prayer ministries by emailing gfleming@fourthchurch.org.

Morning Prayer

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom as we pray for members of our congregation, those in need, and mission partners around the world. If you are interested in joining, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org) to receive the link.

Homebound Visitation

Deacons offer ongoing care through phone calls, visits, and prayer for members who are homebound.

For more information, contact Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Church Center

Church Center is a simple way to stay connected at Fourth Church. Use it to check in for worship, register for events, and check children into Sunday School.

Download the Church Center app or visit fourthchurch.org to get started.

In the coming weeks, Church Center will become our primary tool for event registration and engagement.



Connections and Belonging

We invite you to connect with others at Fourth Presbyterian Church as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, you are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers' Class:

Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Register: <https://bit.ly/inquirer52026>

Sunday, June 7 at 12:15 p.m. (Room 4G)

Register: <https://bit.ly/inquirer60726>

For more information about membership, visit fourthchurch.org/joining or contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

Events with the Center for Life and Learning

CLL is on break this week. The spring session begins April 7.

The Center for Life and Learning offers a wide range of programs for adults age 60 and over, including fitness classes, lectures, discussion groups, and arts programming.

View classes and register at fourthchurch.org/cll

Friday Noonday Concert

There is no Noonday Concert on Good Friday.

Join us on Friday, April 10 at 12:10 p.m. for the **Ferrer Miller Duo** (cello and piano). Attend in the Sanctuary or watch via livestream: bit.ly/fpcvideos

More Opportunities to Connect

Benevolent Guild

Creates items for those in need and meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Books by Women

Books by Women will discuss *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali on April 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Deep Listening Dinner

The April Deep Listening Dinner will be hosted by the LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (W.O.W.) Group.

Deep Listening Dinners are grounded in a commitment to share and hear the stories of our lives. Through a shared meal and conversation, we build community and experience belonging.

Everyone interested in supporting and understanding the LGBTQIA+ community is welcome.

April 10 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall

Register: bit.ly/wowdinner041026

Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art

Fourth Church's LGBTQIA+ group (Widen Our Welcome, W.O.W.) is organizing a trip on Sunday, April 26 to the Museum of Contemporary Art to see *City in a Garden: Queer Art and Activism in Chicago*, an intergenerational exhibition highlighting the city's vital role in queer art and activism.

Museum admission includes access to all exhibits. Discounted rates apply for Chicago residents and seniors. Adult admission is \$22 for non-residents, \$14 for non-resident seniors, \$19 for Chicago residents, and \$10 for resident seniors.

Register: <https://bit.ly/WOWMCA4262026>

Choir Tour 2027 Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the Fourth Church Choir Tour in February 2027.

This 12-day journey through Slovenia, Hungary, and Croatia is open to everyone—both singers and non-singers.

Registration is open through November 1, 2026, with final payments due November 15, 2026. Learn more and register at bit.ly/choirtour2027.

For more information, contact Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).



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 a quieter space, the Hospitality Suite (second floor, Gratz Center) offers a place where the service is livestreamed.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available during morning worship for infants through age two (fourth floor, Gratz Center).

Sunday School

Children (age 3 through grade 5) begin in worship at 9:30 a.m. and then depart for their classrooms with teachers.

Youth Groups

Junior High (grades 6–8): 9:20 a.m. | Bumpus Room

Senior High (grades 9–12): 11:00 a.m. | Fifth Floor Lounge

Adult Education

There are no Adult Education classes on Palm Sunday or Easter.

Classes resume April 12 with the Care of Creation series, as Pastor Amy Pagliarella discusses **Earthkeeping as a Spiritual Practice**.

Register: <https://bit.ly/Creation2026>

Zoom Bible Studies

To receive information on how to join, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Horizons Bible Study: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Labyrinth Walk

Sundays during Lent
12:30–1:30 p.m. | Buchanan Chapel

All are invited to walk the labyrinth. This practice reminds us that transformation comes not through study alone, but through attentiveness to the Spirit's work within us—often experienced through meditative movement. No prior experience is required.

Resources for Your Personal Reflection

Daily Devotions

Receive daily reflections by email: bit.ly/fpcdevotions
Follow on Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch

Weekly Rhythm and Word

Each week during Lent, members of our community reflect on questions of faith and life.

Watch: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Listen: fourthchurch.org/podcasts



Community Engagements & Partnerships

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

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer, contact Robert Crouch, Volunteer Ministry Director, at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org.

Holy Week Hospitality

We are seeking volunteers to usher for Holy Week and Easter services as we welcome many members and visitors.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/hwusher>

Meals Ministry Volunteer Openings

Volunteer opportunities for April–June are now open on VOMO. Each program page includes details, schedules, and helpful information for new volunteers.

All programs: <https://app.vomo.org/initiative/fourth-meals>

Holy Week & Easter Hospitality (Ushers Needed)

Help us extend a warm welcome during Holy Week and Easter services as we receive many members and visitors. Ushers greet worshipers, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, and support the flow of worship.

No prior experience is needed—training is provided.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/hwusher>

Sunday Ushers (Ongoing Need)

We are also seeking volunteers to serve as ushers on Sundays, with the greatest need at the 11:00 a.m. service. Ushers offer a welcoming presence, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, and support the flow of worship.

No prior experience is needed—training is provided.

Join Us for the Journey to Easter

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Worship with palm processional and Bach Cantata #12

9:30 *also livestreamed via fourthchurch.org*

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Service in Buchanan Chapel

Good Friday, April 3

5:30 p.m. | Children's Program in Buchanan Chapel

6:30 p.m. | Tenebrae Service

also livestreamed via fourthchurch.org

Easter Sunday, April 5

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 in the Sanctuary

also livestreamed via fourthchurch.org

11:30 a.m. | Easter Service in the Sanctuary

www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

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 may be made at

fourth-presbyterian-church.square.site

Donations must be received by today, for names to be included in the bulletin.

For more information, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for March 29- April 5, 2026

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir	Room 4G
March 29	9:30 a.m. Worship Bach Cantata	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m. Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. Jr. High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m. Youth Choir	Room 4G
	10:30 a.m. A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Online Coffee Hour	Zoom
	10:30 a.m. Donut Sunday Gathering	Room 4C
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m. Sr. High Youth Group	5th Floor Lounge
	11:00 a.m. Worship Bach Cantata #12	Sanctuary / Online
	12:00 p.m. A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:30 p.m. TwentiesThirties Faith @Work Book Discussion	Room 4E
	12:30 p.m. A Path of Practice	Buchanan Chapel
	3:00 p.m. Sunday Supper	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m. Medical Workshops	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom
March 30	12:00 p.m. Sounds Good Rehearsals	Room 4G

Tuesday	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
March 31	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool	Classroom
	9:30 a.m. SSC Drop In Services	Anderson Hall
	9:30 a.m. Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	10:30 a.m. Good Memories Choir Rehearsal	Room 4G
	11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
	1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m. Shower Ministry	Showers
	6:00 p.m. Career Development Workshop	Room 4G

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)
 SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center (chicagolights.org)

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Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom
 April 1 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Zoom
 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop In Services Anderson Hall
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
 12:30 p.m. SSC: Living Room Borwell Dining Room
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chapel
 6:00 p.m. AA: LGBTQIA+ Room 4F
 6:00 p.m. Career Development Workshop Room 4G

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom
 April 2 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop In Services Anderson Hall
 11:30 a.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
 12:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F
 12:00 p.m. SSC: Living Room Borwell Dining Room
 1:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Buchanan Chapel
 6:15 p.m. AA Meeting Room 4F

Friday 9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool Classroom
 April 3 9:30 a.m. SSC: Drop In Services Anderson Hall
 11:30 a.m. SSC: Living Room Borwell Dining Room
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. Children's Good Friday Program Buchanan Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service Sanctuary

Calendar for March 29- April 5, 2026

Saturday, April 4 *No public events are scheduled for today*

Sunday 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Oak Street Beach
April 5 9:30 a.m. Worship Camille Cook Howe Preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Children's Easter Program Room 4C
9:30 a.m. Nursery Room 4A
11:30 a.m. Worship Camille Cook Howe Preaching Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Sunday Supper Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m. Medical Workshops Borwell Dining Room

The Fourth Church calendar is also available online at fourthchurch.org/calendar
or by scrolling to the bottom of fourthchurch.org

Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Camille Cook Howe, Nanette Sawyer, Joe Morrow, Rocky Supinger, Matt Helms
Liturgists: 9:30 Gretchen Wahl, 11:00 Stephanie Buck

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Children's Choir; Youth Choir; Doug Cleveland, Interim Music Director;
Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's Choir Accompanist; Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for
Children and Youth; Members of the Civic Orchestra; Soloists: Leah Dexter, Ian Murrell, Brett Potts

Worship Notes

Today's musical performances were made possible through the generosity of Judith Monroe.

Giving to Support the Ministry of Fourth Church



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

Camille Cook Howe Pastor
Rocky Supinger Senior Associate Pastor
Nancy Benson-Nicol Associate Pastor
Matt Helms Associate Pastor
Joseph L. Morrow Associate Pastor
Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor
Amy Pagliarella Parish Associate for Caring Ministries

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Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton; online payment only*) for \$11 for up to 6 hours between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. when using the Metropolis Parking app (iPhone) or metropolis.io/join (Android) to scan the discount QR code at left no more than 10 minutes before leaving the garage. The code is also available on cards from the ushers; you might leave a card in your car for future Sunday use.

Sunday parking is available at the Hancock garage (*enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by using a validation ticket from the ushers.