

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 12, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

- Fanfare Kenneth Leighton
- Rockingham Kenneth Leighton
- Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams

Introit

- Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Traditional Caribbean, Arr. John L. Bell
- Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*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: Christ has taught us to love one another.*
- All: We are called to share God’s love in the world.**
- One: The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God’s work.*
- All: May we be strengthened to witness to God’s love.**
- One: Let us devote ourselves anew to serve our Lord.*
- All: Let us worship and praise our God!**

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

***Hymn #329 God is Our Refuge and Our Strength**

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;
Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.
Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.
Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of love, we confess that we are in bondage to a view of the world that puts our
compromise before your justice; that is unable to name the worth and wonder
of all your children; that places people in positions that threaten the very soul
of who they are—the soul that you see as unique and glorious. We confess that
we're not telling the truth of how some of those calling on your name do so to
cause harm. We ask for your forgiveness. We pray for wholeness. We trust in the
promise of your hope. Grant us, we pray, the courage to speak, the power
to empower, the mercy to love. Amen.

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.*

Children age three through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

Time with Children

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Welcome

*Please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping 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.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments. Thomas Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Luke 11: 1-4

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 Lesson Luke 11: 5-10

Sermon

Holy Practices for Life in the Real World: Prayer Camille Cook Howe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #840** It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood
for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul! (Refrain)

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me. Arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee. And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

***Offertory Response Hymn #288 Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Prayer of Dedication**

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the
promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts
and presence in their lives. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #846 Fight the Good Fight**

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Go Now in Peace Robert Lau
Go now in peace, and may God's peace go with you. Believe, and trust God's holy word. Amen.

Postlude

Allegro marziale e ben marcato Frank Bridge



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in worship on the second Sunday of the month. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. As The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

When we baptize infants, we witness to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

As we celebrate the baptism of these children, we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Harper Anne Hartley

child of Elizabeth Guynn Hartley and Joshua Norman Hartley

Hugo M Schmitz

child of Samantha and Zach Schmitz

Luca Bryant Volonnino

child of Charlotte and Ercole Volonnino

Valencia Olivia Volonnino

child of Charlotte and Ercole Volonnino

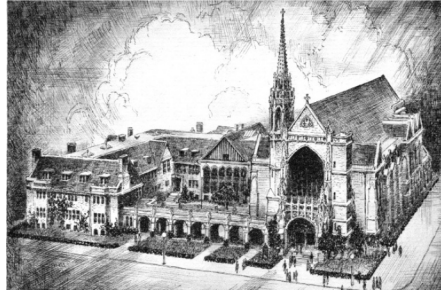
YOU BELONG HERE

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.

WORSHIPING IN PERSON AT FOURTH CHURCH



Let Us Know You’re Here!

All worshipers are invited to check in through the Church Center app (our church’s app for staying connected, exploring events, and check-in).

Please check in through Church Center to let us know you’re worshipping with us today. It’s an easy way to stay connected with our faith community. If you’re checking in for the first time, you can download the Church Center app from the Apple or Android app store or access it through our website homepage at FourthChurch.org

Sound

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

FIRST-TIME VISITOR



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

WORSHIPING ONLINE

Livestream

Watch the 10:00 a.m. service live or anytime on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpconline



Check In

Let us know you’re worshipping online today. Scan the QR code to submit our online check-in form.

Online Giving

Make an offering online at FourthChurch.org/giving

Phone Access (10:00 a.m.)

Listen to worship by phone for those without internet access: 888-916-9166.

Online Coffee Hour (following worship)

Join us via Zoom for conversation and connection: 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 FourthChurch.org/online/connections.

FOURTH CHURCH PICNIC TODAY

Join us after worship today for our annual Church Picnic! Enjoy lunch, live music, a bounce house for children, and fellowship for all ages. This free event is open to everyone, and we'd love to see you there.

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 12 | 11:00 a.m.

Gignilliat Commons, Anderson Hall, and Borwell Dining Room



Save the Date

Mark your calendar for our next Church Picnic on Sunday, August 9. We are still in need of volunteers for our next church picnic in August. Please scan the QR code to sign up through VOMO.

Become a Picnic Sponsor! Your gift helps make this special day of fellowship and community possible. To contribute, email giving@FourthChurch.org or visit FourthChurch.org/give and select "Connecting Ministries" from the dropdown menu.

SANCTUARY TOURS

This summer, discover the rich history and architecture of Fourth Church's Sanctuary with member Ken Hazlett, who will lead a 15-minute presentation followed by a guided tour.

Tours will take place following worship at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday July 19, August 9, and August 30.

CHURCH CENTER UPDATE

To ensure you receive the latest news and updates from Fourth Church, please take a moment to verify and update your contact information in Church Center.



To update your Church Center profile, scan this QR code. Once you are logged in, you can easily update your address, phone number, and email. Thank you for helping us keep our records current!

Church Center is our new primary tool for event registration and engagement.

You can now use Church Center to check in for worship and view the church calendar. Worship check-ins take place through the app; Sunday School check-ins take place at the check-in station in the Gratz Center's Gignilliat Lobby (by the elevators).

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Pastoral Care

If you have a prayer request or would like to alert the pastoral staff to a care need, illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 312.787.4570 or email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@FourthChurch.org). For emergencies, please call the church to be connected with the Minister on Call.

Fourth Church maintains a practice of praying for each member's household throughout the year. On Wednesday mornings, you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@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 (gffleming@FourthChurch.org) to receive the link.

Connections and Belonging

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

MUSIC AT FOURTH

Join us each Friday in July and August in our courtyard. This week's concert on July 17 will feature cabaret singer, Carla Gordon.

For a full list of concerts this summer, please visit FourthChurch.org/concerts

Summer Noonday Concerts by the Fountain
Each Friday through August 28 | 12:10 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather, outdoor concerts will be moved indoors to the Sanctuary.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

There are two ways to support the Women at Fourth Back-to-School Drive! You can make a financial gift to help purchase backpacks and school supplies for Chicago Lights students, or volunteer with Women at Fourth on Sunday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m., in Room 4G to help assemble the backpacks. Pizza will be served.



To make a gift, please scan the QR code and select "Belonging Ministries (School Supply Drive)." Thank you for helping Chicago Lights students start the school year prepared and ready to learn!

To volunteer and for more information please contact Nanette Sawyer, nsawyer@fourthchurch.org

CENTER FOR LIFE AND LEARNING

Summer Session Registration

Join us this summer! Registration for the Center for Life and Learning's Summer Session is still open.

The 7-week session begins July 13 and offers a wide range of classes in art, music, language learning, mindfulness, and wellness. Classes are available both in-person and online. For more information or to register, visit FourthChurch.org/cll

CLL Dance for Hunger

Join Center for Life and Learning instructor Anne Pringle Burnell for a fun, energizing dance class while supporting the Chicago Lights Social Service Center and its efforts to help feed our neighbors in need.

To register, scan the QR code.



CLL Dance for Hunger

Monday, July 20 | 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Anderson Hall

Admission is two nonperishable food items, which will be donated to the Social Service Center.

ARTIST TALKS IN JULY

Artist Talk by Dorothy Straughter

Following worship on Sunday, July 19, join art quilter Dorothy Straughter in Buchanan Chapel for a presentation of her American History Quilts, which explore Black history through fiber arts.



American History Quilts

Artist Talk by Dorothy Straughter

July 19 | 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Buchanan Chapel

Free

Please register by scanning the QR code.

Save the Date for our next Artist Talk

Artist Talk by Dorothy Bury Shaw

July 26 | 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Borwell Dining Room

Free

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 (2nd 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 (4th floor, Gratz Center).

Summer Sunday School

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School following Children's Time in the Sanctuary. Classes meet on the 4th floor of the Gratz Center.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Holy Practices for Life in the Real World Sundays through August 30

Life is busy. The demands on our time, attention, and energy can leave us feeling disconnected from ourselves, one another, and God.

This summer, we are exploring **Holy Practices for Life in the Real World**—a sermon series focused on simple, meaningful Christian practices that help us live with greater purpose, peace, connection, and faith. Together, we will reflect on Jesus' invitation to slow down, reconnect, and grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Join us each Sunday as we discover practical ways to cultivate a deeper and more abundant life.

YOUTH TRIP TO SIX FLAGS

Join the Fourth Church Youth Group (6th-12th graders) at Six Flags Great America on August 12. Spend the day at the "Thrill Capital of the Midwest" riding roller coasters, seeing spectacular shows, and more fun.



Wednesday, August 12

10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

1 Great American Pkwy, Gurnee

\$65 or free with season pass

To register, scan this QR code.

Getting there: Attendees should plan to arrange their own transportation to and from Six Flags. A limited number of seats are available on the church van.

DAILY DEVOTIONS



Daily Devotions

Start your day with reflections written by our pastors and church members. Subscribe to receive daily devotions by email by visiting: bit.ly/fpcdevotions or scan this QR code.

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.

Summer Women's Bible Study

Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings
July 22, and August 12 and 26 | 12:00 p.m.

Climate Justice Climate Hope: Building a Moral Economy

July 22, and August 12 and 26 | 6:00 p.m.

FOURTH CHURCH PODCASTS

Looking for inspiration, thoughtful conversation, or a chance to revisit Sunday's message? Explore Fourth Church podcasts.

Weekly Worship Service Podcast

Missed a service or want to worship again during the week? Listen to our complete Sunday worship services on demand.

Bible Top 10

Join Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger as they count down and discuss some of the Bible's most memorable stories, characters, themes, and teachings—with insight, humor, and engaging conversation.

Salt & Light

Hosted by Pastor Joe Morrow, this podcast explores faith, discipleship, and what it means to live as followers of Christ in today's world.

Listen wherever you get your podcasts or visit FourthChurch.org/podcasts to learn more.

Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Ministry

Meals Ministry is seeking volunteers to help serve meals on Sundays and Mondays to our neighbors in need this summer. Volunteers assist with setting up the dining room, serving meals and beverages, and helping with cleanup.

Sundays: Volunteers are needed from 3:00–6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.



Mondays: Volunteers are needed from 3:30–6:00 p.m. to help serve a meal at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle St.). To sign up, via VOMO, please scan this QR code.

Coffee Hour Hosts (Anderson Hall)

Following Sunday worship, Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall offers a time for connection and community. Hosts help prepare and serve refreshments, welcome guests, and assist with light setup and cleanup. We are especially in need of additional volunteers this summer.

You do not need to be a member of Fourth Church to volunteer and serve — all are welcome.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Robert Crouch, Director, Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@FourthChurch.org or 312-981-3382.

URBAN FARM

Get your favorite produce at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm this summer! Choose from a variety of locally grown, seasonal vegetables, herbs, and even flowers. Every purchase from the Farmstand directly supports the Urban Farm's job-training programs while helping strengthen our local food system and the economy.

For more information, please visit the Chicago Lights website chicagolights.org/urban-farm

Urban Farm Farmstand

Saturdays through October 31 | 1:00–3:00 p.m.
444 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago

CHICAGO LIGHTS SUMMER DAY



Save the Date! Join us on Friday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as Chicago Lights Summer Day students celebrate the conclusion of this year's Summer Day program with a special performance and art showcase.

Now in its 45th year, Summer Day provides Chicago youth with a vibrant summer experience filled with academic support, enrichment, and community. Come cheer on these incredible students as they showcase all they've learned and accomplished this summer!

THE CHICAGO IMMIGRATION STORY

The 2026 Galloway Lecture: The Chicago Immigration Story

Featuring Rev. David Black of First Presbyterian Church of Chicago and immigration attorney, Maureen Graves.

Join us for the 2026 Galloway Lecture as Rev. David Black and Maureen Graves share perspectives on immigration in Chicago and beyond. Drawing on their work with immigrants and asylum seekers, they will explore the challenges, opportunities, and stories shaping our immigrant communities today. The lecture will take place in Buchanan Chapel, followed by lunch in Borwell Dining Room.



Saturday, July 25, 2026

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Lecture (free)

Buchanan Chapel

12:45–1:30 p.m. Lunch \$30

To register, scan this QR code.

Worship Leaders

Camille Cook Howe, Matt Helms, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Joe Morrow, Rocky Supinger, Nanette Sawyer

Beadle: Cheri Lundin

Liturgist: Annette Bacon

The Music Today

Ross Updegraff, guest organist

Summer Choir

Fourth Church Calendar



Stay up to date with worship services, programs, and special events by visiting the full Fourth Church online calendar. Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view upcoming events.

FourthChurch.org/calendar

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 can also 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

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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.