



For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**.

In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) (where the service is available throughout the week), we also make the service available via **Facebook Live** ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by **listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (toll-free) at the time of the service (the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.). During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)); you can also receive our sermons **by email** ([www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)).

Today we continue our **sermon series "To What End? Being Church in These Days."** This series explores the Six Great Ends of the Church, a series of statements crafted in the early twentieth century to define and guide the life and work of the Presbyterian church: who we are and what we are called to do. Last week we considered the first of the Great Ends: "The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind." Today we look at the second: "The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God."

On Sunday afternoon, October 4 we will hold our annual **Blessing of the Animals**. This year we will do so virtually, via Zoom, as we gather online with pets to thank God for the gift of special creatures in our lives. For the Zoom details, please register at [www.bit.ly/animalblessing20](http://www.bit.ly/animalblessing20)

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following worship today, please join us online following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** We will be gathering online at [www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship) (Zoom details are also posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone**: dial (312) 626-6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. \* Another opportunity to connect with others is through our **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for four weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining the new small groups that will be forming this autumn, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* A new **Men's Faith Discussion Group** will also be meeting via Zoom beginning October 26. Six to eight men will share life stories and discuss the Gospel of Luke on Monday mornings from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. for three months. To express interest in this group, email David Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)). \* Women at Fourth will gather via Zoom this Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation by Rocky Supinger and three Fourth Church youth discussing what adults need to know about being a teenager today. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

Wednesday, September 30 is the deadline to submit to the **Officer Nominating Committee** recommendations of individuals to serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your leadership recommendations by completing the form at [www.bit.ly/nominating2020](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2020)

Thank you to all whose generous contributions have enabled **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** to continue providing bag lunches to our hungry neighbors. We are currently **in need of additional donations to support this ministry**; details on how to **order and ship needed items** can be found at [www.bit.ly/mealsdonations](http://www.bit.ly/mealsdonations) (*as we are presently unable to accept donations dropped off by individuals*).

We hold in prayer all **those affected by the wildfires in the west**. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is at work in the area, helping to support feeding programs and emergency housing for displaced residents as well as working with local presbyteries to assess and address needs in their communities. **Gifts to support these efforts** can be made online through PDA. The link is posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

A new program year of online activities for **children, youth, and families** is underway! For information about Sunday School and family activities, contact Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). For details about youth groups and Confirmation, contact Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties** offers a variety of online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* Details about the **Center for Life and Learning** courses, lectures, and exercise classes as well as virtual tours for adults sixty and over are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll); for more information, contact Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)).

Two **new online adult education opportunities** begin today and continue next week. **“The Great Divide: A Look at Inequity within Chicago Public Schools”** meets via Zoom on Sundays through October 4 at 9:30 a.m. To join in this exploration of why there is a great disparity among CPS schools and what can be done for all CPS students to get a high quality education, register at [www.bit.ly/3bTHnZd](http://www.bit.ly/3bTHnZd) \* **“Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible”** meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Each week Fourth Church Associate Pastors take turns hosting three-week thematic studies of biblical texts. To begin the series, David Handley is leading a discussion of texts around the theme “Knowing God, Loving God, Serving God” (September 20 and 27, October 4). For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/fpcff20](http://www.bit.ly/fpcff20) \* **Men’s Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

Watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) for other resources and additional ways to connect. Upcoming online events are posted on the church calendar at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([www.instagram.com/fourthchurch](http://www.instagram.com/fourthchurch)) for updates.

**Online Noonday Concerts** are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) \*

**Cornerstones**, a fellowship opportunity for those 50 and older, will gather via Zoom on Friday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a program by two of Chicago’s **gifted cabaret artists—Carla Gordon and Beckie Menzie**—performing “Songs of Protest and Patriotism.” Register by Wednesday, September 30 at [www.bit.ly/cfpc1020](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc1020) to receive Zoom details. \* Knitting and Crocheting will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* The Fourth Church Legacy Society will be hosting “**Living Well into the Future,**” a free online presentation that will provide an opportunity to learn about the variety of options that are available to make planned gifts to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or other nonprofit organizations. For the Zoom details for this Tuesday, September 22 event at 7:00 p.m., register at [www.bit.ly/3k9GD57](http://www.bit.ly/3k9GD57) \* On Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m., the **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** will host a Zoom **SoulCollage-and-poetry workshop** led by Elise Magers and Margaret Brennan. Preregister at <http://bit.ly/rccwscp920> for Zoom details and information about obtaining the necessary materials.\* The Equitable Education Committee at Fourth Church is hosting a **Zoom panel discussion on the Illinois Graduated Tax Amendment**, which will be on the general election ballot in Illinois this November. For Zoom details for this forum moderated by David Greising on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m., register at [www.bit.ly/taxamendment](http://www.bit.ly/taxamendment)

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you! If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. \* On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for details. \* **If you would like to have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \* **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). \* **If you would like to explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, please call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

**We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry.** Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes contributions to Fourth Church as of August 31, 2020.

<b>Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of August 31, 2020</b>				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>YTD Variance</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>
Pledged contributions	\$1,923,803	\$1,961,901	(\$38,098)	\$3,111,000
General contributions	\$1,071,458	\$1,232,029	(\$160,571)	\$2,270,929
Restricted contributions	\$305,495	\$320,968	(\$15,473)	\$573,100
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>\$3,300,756</b>	<b>\$3,514,898</b>	<b>(\$214,142)</b>	<b>\$5,955,029</b>