News and Resources



- For the forseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at **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)** and **YouTube (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)**; you can also receive our sermons **by email (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.
- During worship this morning we welcome the **new Fourth Church members** who were received into membership at the September 27 meeting with Session: Will Bartels, Katie Carrier, Emily Dowden, Rita Flessner, Lyndsi Hay, Jim Jansma, Madelyn Jansma, Mark Knievel, Laura Jones, Anne Stelle, and Brian Traynor. * Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a two-session Inquirers' Class beginning next Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life and the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer1020**
- 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** (Zoom details are also posted at 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 to six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining one of the new groups that will be forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@ fourthchurch.org*).
- We wish all the students, tutors, and staff of **Chicago Lights Tutoring** a wonderful school year as they kick off Tutoring's fifty-sixth year this Tuesday, October 13! This fall their mentoring relationships and academic growth programs will take place online.

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- "Putting Our Faith into Action," our 2021 stewardship campaign, is underway! Look for information in your mailbox about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge—which you can make online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge by Sunday, November 8, when we will celebrate all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives.
- Volunteers are needed to help cook our Fourth Church Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper and to distribute the grab-to-go meal outdoors. You can sign up online to cook (app.vomo.org/project/ cooking-for-sunday-night-supper) or serve (app.vomo.org/project/5da1181f63f6a) or contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org for details. * During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, purple bows on the tree trunks and fence along Michigan Avenue, outside the Manse, are our public witness to this issue and all those affected by it.
- Sunday School and family activities are being held online. For details, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about youth groups and Confirmation, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * TwentiesThirties offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Details about the Center for Life and Learning courses, lectures, and exercise classes for adults sixty and over are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/cll; for more information, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). * Online Noonday Concerts are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms; this week's program will be an organ concert.
- A new online adult education opportunity begins today and continues over the next four weeks: "Women in the Book of Judges" meets via Zoom on Sundays through November 8 at 9:30 a.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/womeninjudges for this class taught by Dr. Steed Davidson of McCormick Theological Seminary. *** "Varying Voices of the Prophets: Cries for** Justice, Lamentation, and Consolation" is the new theme in our "Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible" class, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Jeff Doane will lead this exploration of texts in Amos, Jeremiah, and Isaiah on Sundays, October 11–25. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 *** Men's Bible Study** meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. *Horizon's* Bible Study for women meets via Zoom this Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these studies, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

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- Grace from the Rubble by Jeanne Bishop will be the topic of conversation at the next monthly Zoom gathering of Books by Women, which meets this Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Later this month, on Thursday, October 22, Women at Fourth will have their monthly Zoom gathering at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these gatherings, email Anne Ellis (*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 taking part in this group, email David Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*). * Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for those 50 and older, will gather via Zoom on Friday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. for a program by Paul Hamann, President and CEO of the Night Ministry, which works with those struggling with poverty or homelessness. Register by Thursday, November 5 at www.bit.ly/cfpc1120 to receive Zoom details.
- 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*) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. *** 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.
- On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for weekly Morning Prayer via Zoom. Email Carol Allerton (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*) for the details. * Our daily devotions are available as a resource for personal meditation and prayer. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).
 * A virtual Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing
- Watch our **website** (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** We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.

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