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 is Commitment Sunday, the day when we lift up our pledges to "Putting Our Faith into Action," our 2021 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. During worship today we will dedicate our pledges to the work of God's kingdom, celebrating all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. If you have not already made your pledge for 2021, we encourage you to take this opportunity to do so online at www. bit.ly/fpcclpledge; additional details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org and are also available from Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and learn about Fourth Church congregational life, mission, and history as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer1120** 

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 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 in 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 groups forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

John Sherer will present an online organ recital celebrating Chicago composers on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms to mark the fifth anniversary of the dedication of our Andrew Pipe Organ. \*\* Online Noonday Concerts are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, where the performances can also be viewed later in the week. This week's concert will feature David Griffin, horn, and Mio Nakamura, piano.

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- We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html
- If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \* As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another, 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 talk to a pastor, please call the church (312.787.4570). \* To explore options for teletherapy with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, 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)
- Fourth Church is exploring the possibility of opening a "day shelter" in our Sanctuary space for a limited number of guests this winter: December–February, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. One of the factors that will determine whether we are able to offer this is whether we can guarantee significant and ongoing volunteer help during those months. If you would be interested in making a commitment to serve as a "day shelter" volunteer, please let us know via www.bit.ly/daysheltervolunteers or by contacting Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). \* Volunteers are also 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 email Robert Crouch for details. \* Additionally volunteers are needed to serve as adult leaders for the Senior High Youth Group, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. To learn more about this opportunity, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). \* Benevolent Guild, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar**; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.

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- **Sunday School and family activities** are being held online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). \*\* **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\* For details about the **Center for Life and Learning** lectures and exercise classes for adults sixty and over, see www.fourthchurch.org/cll or email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org).
- "Women in the Book of Judges," which meets via Zoom, concludes this morning 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. \* Matt Helms is leading us in an exploration of "From Pentecost to Constantine: How the Early Church Grew," the current 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. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 \* Beginning next Sunday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m., David Handley will lead a Sunday morning class on Harry Emerson Fosdick's The Meaning of Prayer. For Zoom details, register at www. bit.ly/prayermeaning \* Men's Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the Horizons Bible Study for women meets this Wednesday at 12:00 noon via Zoom. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).
- The First Tuesday Book Club continues this Tuesday, November 10 (since the first Tuesday of the month was Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion in both November and December will focus on the book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone and will be led by Nanette Sawyer. Register for Zoom details at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks \*\* Books by Women will also meet via Zoom this Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).
- Women at Fourth will meet via Zoom on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation by Maggie Shreve on Fourth Church's Jail Ministry. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). \* The Spiritual Formation Council is hosting a morning workshop on "Rites of Passage: Creating Sacred Ritual in a Time of Pandemic" via Zoom on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. This Advent exploration of how to use ritual making as a way to reconnect us to ourselves, our faith, and our God will be led by Lois Snavely, a former seminary intern at Fourth Church. For Zoom details, contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

  \* Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for those fifty and older, will next gather via Zoom on Friday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a Christmas concert by John Sherer and tenor Cole Seaton. Register online by Thursday, December 3 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1220 to receive Zoom details.

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