



**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

\* Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God’s grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. \* For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



We are currently offering **two in-person worship services:** a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel.** \* In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing,** with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. \* Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel;** those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



**Nursery care** is not available at this time. \* **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. \* Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. \* Following the morning service, those who would like to do so are invited to **greet one another outside** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**You can read more** about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities **at [www.fourthchurch.org/reopening](http://www.fourthchurch.org/reopening)**

**For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. \* **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. \* During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).



The church campus remains closed as we continue to develop our reopening plans. \* On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors.



**Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)). \* For those who would appreciate a fifteen-minute midweek worship experience, we invite you to view our summer 2021 **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer” videos**, which you can find on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). **New videos in this series**—which weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet—will launch on Wednesday, October 6. To receive these new videos by email each week, sign up online at [www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail)

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Our **Zoom “Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gatherings** are underway! Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., each session highlights a different area of opportunity at the church, areas in which you are invited to learn more, become engaged, get involved, and connect with one another. The complete schedule is posted on our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), and the same Zoom link—[www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21)—is used for all of them. We hope you will join us in making time to connect with friends both new and familiar this fall!



Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—partners with youth and adults to build brighter futures through supportive relationships and life-changing programs. Among these are the Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Urban Farm, and the Tutoring program. To learn more about them join our next **Zoom “Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gathering—“Chicago Lights Tutoring and Urban Farm”**—this Tuesday evening, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21) and discover how you can be part of this work, whether as a tutor or by purchasing produce at the Farmstand!



Do you have time one evening a week to **mentor a student through Chicago Lights Tutoring?** **Tutoring will take place online** this fall, and the Tutoring Volunteer Application can be completed at [www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21](http://www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21); for more information, contact Mark Dennison ([mdennison@chicagolights.org](mailto:mdennison@chicagolights.org)). \* To purchase fresh produce and support the work of students and young adults gaining on-site job skills at the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, stop by their **Farmstand on Fridays** between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. (444 W. Chicago Ave.). *Guests are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing while at the Farm.* \* The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center** is in need of **donations of clean, gently used adult clothing and men’s shoes.** (We are not accepting children’s clothing, household supplies, or used underwear or used socks at this time.) Donations can be dropped off inside the entrance at 126 E. Chestnut on Sundays through Fridays (not Saturdays) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please do not leave donations on the church steps. Ring the receptionist bell to be buzzed in and directed to where to leave the donations. *Masks are required while on the campus.*

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Fourth Church lives out its call to be a light in the city through its Meals Ministry and world mission activities. How might you support and be involved in the work of Meals Ministry, Shower Ministry, Jail Ministry and Public Safety, or world mission and social justice efforts? Come hear from people working in these program areas. **Our Thursday Zoom “Reconnect, Renew, and Reawaken” gathering—“Meals Ministry and World Mission”**—will take place at [www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21](http://www.bit.ly/fpcgetconnected21) this Thursday, September 23 at 5:30 p.m.



Meals Ministry will resume offering limited indoor dining—in addition to the continued to-go option—for Sunday Night Supper starting on October 10. That means additional **volunteers are needed to help serve Supper guests on Sundays**. You can sign up to volunteer on Sundays or for other Meals Ministry programs using VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) \* Effective October 15, 2021, **all Fourth Church volunteers serving in person must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19**. If you are volunteering this fall please send a copy of your vaccination certification to [vaxproof@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vaxproof@fourthchurch.org) by October 15. Your information will be received directly by our Human Resources Department and kept confidential, only used to confirm your ability to volunteer with the church. Please direct questions about to Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



**Sunday School** for three-year-olds through fifth graders meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. For details about online Sunday School, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). \* **Eighth-grade Confirmation** meets at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. \* **Junior High Youth** meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High Youth** meet at 11:15 a.m. For additional details about about youth groups, including Sunday evening Senior High Zoom time, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **Cherub and Children’s Music Time** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, and **Youth Music Time** (grades 6–12) meets on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Room 4F. \* **Youth parents** are invited to a time of fellowship on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the fifth floor lobby.

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**New Zoom Small Groups**, which will meet weekly for six weeks, begin the week of October 11. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom** for a time of **fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, please email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* The **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects sewing face masks and making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. \* **Women at Fourth** gathers via Zoom this Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Susan Pieters from **Between Friends, an agency providing domestic violence prevention programming**, will talk about the agency's work. \* **Knitting and Crocheting** gathers online on Tuesday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m. for a time to work on knitting or crocheting projects while sharing in conversation. \* On Tuesday, October 12 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **A Room of One's Own** by Virginia Woolf. Newcomers are always welcome to join in these conversations. For Zoom details for any of the above gatherings, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets online on Wednesday, September 22 at 12:00 p.m. This week the *Horizons* Bible Study welcomes guest speaker Magdalena I. Garcia, pastor of Ravenswood Presbyterian Church and author of the leaders guide for this year's study on **"What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus."** A **6:30 p.m. evening Bible study for women** is also being formed. For more information or Zoom details for Men's or Women's Bible studies, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available by email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)).



**Our organist, John Sherer**, will present this week's **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance.* Our concerts can also be enjoyed online live and afterwards on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms), and on Facebook Live.

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