## **News and Resources**

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October 31-November 6, 2021

We are glad to be worshiping 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,



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 worshiping 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.



If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather for 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. \*\* The congregation is invited to sing while masked. Singing has been identified as one of the riskiest behaviors during this pandemic, due to the high level of aerosol spread while people sing, and that risk remains. However, as COVID infection rates in Chicago continue to decrease and the vaccination rate continues to increase, we can resume singing as long as we continue to wear masks. We invite those who are concerned about being near those who are singing even though masked to consider the socially distanced seating section or join those who worship with us from home via livestream. \*\* 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.

**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** 

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, Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and YouTube (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).



The church campus remains closed at this time. \*\* 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 doors to the Sanctuary 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.



Each Wednesday we release a new video in our "Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer" series, a fifteen-minute worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel and watch the videos there (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings or during the week or receive them by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail). \*\* Also on Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom. For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

- \*\* 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
- \*\* Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available by email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) as well as online (*www.fourthchurch.org/devotions*), via Facebook (*facebook.com/fourthchurch*), and Twitter (*twitter.com/fourthchicago*).

**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** 

On this **Reformation Day**, as we give thanks for the Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith, we recall the ways in which the Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and Scotsman John Knox. As part of the remembrance of our denomination's Scottish roots, **bagpiper Brian McKee is playing outside the Sanctuary** both before and after today's 10:00 a.m. service.



Today is also Commitment Sunday, the day we lift up our pledges to "Called to Be a Church Alive," our 2022 stewardship campaign for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. During worship we will dedicate our pledges to the work of God's kingdom, as we each answer the invitation to join in God's re-creating and reconciling work in this world through our financial support. If you have not already made your pledge for 2022 indicating your support for and investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, 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).



**Next Sunday, November 7 is All Saints' Sunday,** a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2021 will be read during morning worship.



Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday; be sure to set your clocks back an hour!



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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. \*\*

To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. \*\* If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570).

\*\* **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.

Our congregation is **celebrating its sesquicentennial!** During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page **www.fourthchurch.org/150** to read **historical accounts** and letters from **Chicago's faith leaders**. There you can also hear greetings from **Fourth Church friends from across the globe** and view videos of **pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically.



As part of our sesquicenntial celebrations, a Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (and livestreamed) will present "Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century," a conversation among notable church and community speakers that commemorates our 150th anniversary and looks at Fourth Church's history as a citizen of Chicago. Moderated by Lucy Forster-Smith, this panel discussion will bring together Shannon Kershner; Pastor Emeritus John Buchanan; Felicia Davis Blakley, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and William Schweiker, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School. \*\* This Michigan Avenue Forum will be followed by an in-person "The Next 150 Years" program on Saturday morning, November 13. This opportunity to further explore the topics discussed on Tuesday evening will invite participants to exchange ideas in conversations led by Fourth Church members and program partners focusing on arts and culture, community, racial justice and diversity, equity and inclusion, and well-being. After an introductory greeting from Shannon Kershner, two breakout sessions will be held, and after a break, a second pair of sessions will convene. For more information, contact Lewis Hamer (lhamer@fourthchurch.org).



John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman conclude their class on the Old Testament figure David: "Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch" this morning at 11:15 a.m. This class meets in person in Borwell Dining Room and is also recorded for viewing online at a later date. \*\* Next Sunday, November 7 at 11:15 a.m. Lois Snavely will lead us in looking at how to discern vocational calling in a secular workplace, what unique "ministerial" challenges we may face at work, and how to bring the church out into the world in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. Cohosted by the Adult Education Committee and the TwentiesThirties fellowship group., this three-week "Discerning Vocation" class will meet via Zoom on November 7 (email Lewis Hamer at lhamer@fourthchurch.org for details) and then meet in person the following two Sundays.

This Tuesday, November 2 the First Tuesday Book Club will discuss A Gentle Answer: Our "Secret Weapon" in an Age of Us against Them by Scott Sauls at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, register online at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1121 \*\* Next Tuesday, November 9 Books by Women will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey by Kathleen Rooney. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). Newcomers are always welcome to join in these conversations \*\* Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the Center for Life and Learning's online weekday classes, lectures, and exercise opportunities. For details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and the *Horizons* Bible Study for women offers two online sessions on Wednesday, November 10: one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for Men's or Women's Bible studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). \*\*

On Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. TwentiesThirties Bible Study for young adults meets online. Email Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*) for details.



Sunday School (ages 3 through grade 5) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. For details about online Sunday School, email Briana Belding-Peck (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 details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). **\*\* Youth parents** gather for fellowship at 9:15 a.m. on the fifth floor. **\*\* Cherub and Children's Music Time** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, where Youth Music Time (grades 6–12) meets at 10:45 a.m.



An organ concert by Aaron David Miller on Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Andrew Pipe Organ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Sherer as Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church. This in-person concert will also be livestreamed and will include Aaron David Miller premiering his composition "Sonata for a Sacred Space," commissioned by the congregation in honor of John Sherer's twenty-five years at Fourth Church. \*\* This Friday mezzo-soprano Anna Christine Laurenzo and pianist Shannon McGinnis will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m., in a performance cosponsored by Musicians Club of Women. Masks must be worn by all in attendance. Our concerts are also livestreamed and available at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), and on Facebook Live.

An **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** Happy Hour will be held via Zoom this Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). **\*\*** At the **Cornerstones'** online November gathering for adults fifty and over, author Greg Borzo will be talking about his book **Lost Restaurants of Chicago** this Friday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1121 **\*\*** On Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. we will be **singing carols** (*while masked*) on the steps of the Sanctuary as part of the **Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.** 



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 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. Masks are required while on the campus. \*\* Volunteers are needed to serve Sunday Night Supper in upcoming weeks. You can sign up to help with Meals Ministry by using VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry platform (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). All individuals volunteering in person must be vaccinated against COVID-19; proof of vaccination can be sent to vaxproof@fourthchurch.org



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (required for membership), sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1121; for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\* For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) \*\* Online events are posted on our church calendar, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church—including the weekly live stream of the Sunday morning service. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.

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