News and Resources

November 7–13, 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, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, 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. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ** The congregation is invited to sing while masked. We encourage those who are concerned about being near those who are singing 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. ** On Sundays the doors open for worship at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 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.

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**

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) to pray with individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern. **

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 online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago), and email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions).



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).



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) or receive them by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail).



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To arrange a conversation with a Stephen Minister, 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.

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**

All Saints' Sunday is a day when we also **remember with gratitude those who have gone before us** and in their planned giving remembered those who would follow them in ministry here at Fourth Church. It is also an **invitation to consider our own legacy.** Making a gift to Fourth Church through your will, trust, or IRA can sustain this church's ministries for generations to come. For information about planned giving, contact Katy Frey Bever (*kbever@fourthchurch org*).



This 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 details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). **
On Tuesday, December 7 the First Tuesday Book Club will discuss IRL: Finding Realness, Meaning, and Belonging in Our Digital Lives by Chris Stedman at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, email Lewis Hamer (lhamer@fourthchurch.org). ** 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). ** TwentiesThirties Bible Study for young adults meets online on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. to begin reading through the New Testament. Email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.



Today at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom Lois Snavely will lead us in looking at **how to discern vocational calling** in a secular workplace. Cohosted by the Adult Education Committee and the TwentiesThirties fellowship group., this three-week "Discerning Vocation" class will meet via Zoom today (*register at www.bit.ly/vocation1121 for Zoom details*) and then meet in person the next two Sundays.



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 Organ Scholar Michael Rees will present our weekly Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. 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. ** 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.

As part of our congregation's sesquicentennial celebrations, a Michigan Avenue Forum this Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (and livestreamed at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) 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). ** During this 150th anniversary year we encourage you to visit the web page www.fourthchurch.org/150 to read historical accounts and view videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church as they share memories of their time with our congregation.



Women at Fourth is coordinating our annual Christmas Wishes project to provide gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. To support this project we are collecting gift cards to Target, Amazon, and Walmart. If you are dropping off gift cards at the church, please mark them as to the attention of Simon Crow and designate the amount on the card(s). (We are giving \$30 worth of gift cards to each student.) We are also purchasing a book to give to each student and appreciate monetary contributions to support the book purchases. Monetary gifts can be made to Fourth Church, noting "Christmas Wishes" in the comments/memo line. For more information, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



Those interested in **becoming Fourth Church members** are invited to contact Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@ fourthchurch.org*). ****** For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org), 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