## **News and Resources**

April 3-9, 2022

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, masks are welcome but not required. As a mask-welcoming campus we affirm that mask wearing continues to be an effective preventative measure for individuals. Thus we not only encourage the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one, but we are also committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at the church. \*\* Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus may still choose to require masks. \*\* Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but anyone coming on site certifies by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19. \*\* We are singing during worship. We invite those who are concerned about others singing unmasked to either worship with us, masked, in the socially distanced seating section or join us in worshiping online. \*\* In the Sanctuary, the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is all socially distanced.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. \*\* 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 as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).

**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** 

If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather each Sunday for a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and a 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan 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 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours) 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. \*\* 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.



Each Sunday during Lent we are **extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. **\*\* The season of Lent** calls Christians to embrace the **faith journey** by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the **gifts of faith**—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ's journey to the cross **\*\*** In this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. To receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions. **\*\*** Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series.** These brief worship experiences weaving together scripture, prayer, and blues music can be found on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Following worship, 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 and at 10:00 a.m. for in-person Morning Prayer in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). \*\* A Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Today is the last day to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward the flowers that will decorate the Sanctuary and Buchanan Chapel on Easter. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by this Sunday, April 3 for names to appear in the bulletin. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).



Next Sunday, April 10 is Palm/Passion Sunday. Our 10:00 a.m. service that day will include a palm processional; those worshiping with us online are encouraged to download, print, and color a palm from our website (www.bit.ly/palmcolor). Our Palm Sunday celebration will lead us into Jesus' Passion and **Holy Week.** We hope you will join us as we pause to observe those solemn days. \*\* On April 14, **Maundy Thursday,** we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service and a 7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** service, also with Communion; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. \*\* On April 15 we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 7:30 p.m. **Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Théodore Dubois; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. \* On Easter Sunday we will gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:00 and** 11:00 a.m. Easter services in the Sanctuary; and 4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. The 11:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed. \* Entrance for the **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services** will be via the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. **\*** There will be **no** socially distanced seating at any of the Easter services. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 11:00 a.m. service. \*\* An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter; nursery care will not be available. For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter



Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and *Horizons* Bible Study for women will host two online sessions on Wednesday, April 13, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom links or more information about either Bible study, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

\*\* This morning we conclude "Israel and Palestine: How We Talk about the Conflict." The class, which is led by Nanette Sawyer, is held both in Room 5G and via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/adultediandp2022

The First Tuesday Book Club invites you to join bestselling author Parker Palmer for a Zoom discussion of his book *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old* this Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday422 \*\* The topic of the next Books by Women discussion will be Isabel Allende's *A Long Petal of the Sea*. For Zoom details for this 6:00 p.m. conversation on Tuesday, April 12, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\* "SoulCollage® and Poetry: Making Space for Your Soul" will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Saturday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details for this workshop, register at www.bit.ly/soulcollage422 by this Wednesday, April 6.



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. 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. \*\* To talk to a pastor or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. \*\* To submit a prayer request to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.



Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend one of two information meetings either **today**, **Sunday**, **April 3** or Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is www.bit.ly/jailministryspring22; for additional details, email jailministry@fourthchurch.org 
\*\* Those who would like to serve as a **chaperone for a youth mission trip** this summer—for Junior Highs (St. Louis, June 26–July 1) or Senior Highs (Memphis, July 9–15)—are asked to fill out the application at www.bit.ly/youthtripleaders22



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online. Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following the congregational meeting. **\*\* For resources and ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch). **\*\*** Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at fourthchurch.org/calendar **\*\*** To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).