



**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, **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. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side 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.



**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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)). ✳ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s sermon text by email by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. 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 to the Gratz Center. ✨ **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.



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. ✨ We also gather on Wednesdays 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 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing). ✨ We invite you to use our **Eastertide devotions**, written by members and staff, **as a resource for meditation and reflection**. These devotions are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions); to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)



For those facing life’s challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. 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](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org); if the situation is an emergency or 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](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org).

We are delighted that this morning **Nancy Benson-Nicol is joining us in worship leadership** for the first time. As she begins her ministry among us as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, please take a moment in the days and weeks ahead to extend a warm Fourth Church welcome to Nancy!



This morning is also **Jeff Doane's last Sunday as Parish Associate** at Fourth Church. We are deeply grateful for Jeff's dedication and care in his seven-year ministry with Fourth Church older adults and, most recently, caring ministries and spiritual formation. Please join us—whether in person or by email ([jdoane@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jdoane@fourthchurch.org))—in expressing gratitude to Jeff and wishing him Godspeed in his retirement!



Fourth Church's **Michigan Avenue Forum** Steering Committee would appreciate your input! As they plan future events that feature important religious and secular thinkers discussing current civic, ethical, and religious issues, they would like to hear **what topics and formats would interest you**. Please take a moment to complete their brief survey at [www.bit.ly/forumsurvey22](http://www.bit.ly/forumsurvey22)



**Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions this Wednesday, April 27, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. \* **Books by Women** will discuss **Flights** by Olga Tokarczuk on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details for the Bible studies or Books by Women, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* A new "**Earth-Keeping as a Spiritual Practice**" adult education class begins today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and also via Zoom. For Zoom details and information about this four-week class led by Amy Pagliarella, register at [www.bit.ly/earthkeeping22](http://www.bit.ly/earthkeeping22) \* Nanette Sawyer will lead our online **First Tuesday Book Club** discussion on Bari Weiss's **How to Fight Anti-Semitism** on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesday522](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesday522)



To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, email [member@fourthchurch.org](mailto:member@fourthchurch.org) or register at [www.bit.ly/inquirersclass522](http://www.bit.ly/inquirersclass522) for a one-session Inquirers' Class taught by Rocky Supinger on Sunday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship. ✨ **New Zoom Small Groups** will start in May. 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 simply want to learn more about our small-group opportunities, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** will gather via Zoom this Tuesday afternoon, April 26 at 4:00 p.m., and **Benevolent Guild**—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets in person this Wednesday morning. For details about connecting with either group, also email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will gather via Zoom for fellowship and a **program by Susan Smith, of Keep America Beautiful**, on the protection and beautification of the environment, specifically public spaces. For Zoom details about this 5:30 p.m. gathering on Friday, May 6, register at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones522](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones522)



Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend an information meeting today at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is [www.bit.ly/jailministryspring22](http://www.bit.ly/jailministryspring22); for additional details, email [jailministry@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jailministry@fourthchurch.org) ✨ Those who would like to serve as a **chaperone for a youth mission trip**—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](http://www.bit.ly/youthtripleaders22)



**Fourth Church Shower Ministry is in need of hygiene items**, specifically unused travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, bandages, and combs. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk, to the attention of “Shower Ministry.” ✨ The **Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men’s pants**, either new or gently used. Particularly needed are sizes 36, 38, and 40. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk (*enter via the Chestnut Street doors*) or shipped, if ordered online, to Chicago Lights Social Service Center, c/o Theresa Thornburg, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



**Fourth Church Day School** is currently accepting applications for fall enrollment in **our half-day preschool programs**. For more information and an application, please contact Director Kathy Hager (312.640.2579).

Those who are interested in singing with our **Fourth Church Gospel Choir** are invited to join the choir's rehearsals, which are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. The **Chancel Choir** also welcomes those interested in singing with Fourth Church. It rehearses on Thursday evenings in Anderson Hall at 6:00 p.m. For more information about these choirs, email John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** continue with our **organist, John Sherer**, presenting our in-person concert at 12:10 p.m. this Friday, April 29. Our concerts are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



**Sunday School** (ages 3 through grade 5) meets via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. (email Briana Belding-Peck at [bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org) for details) and in person at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. ✨ Youth programs meet on Sunday mornings, with **Junior High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and **Senior High Youth** at 11:15 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For youth group details, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)).



Shannon Kershner will begin her three-month **sabbatical** on Sunday, May 8. While she is away, we look forward to welcoming three guest preachers: **Barbara Lundblad** on Sunday morning, May 15; **Amantha Barbee** on Sunday morning, June 5; and **Patrick Daymond** (*whom many will remember as serving Fourth Church as a Pastoral Resident*) on Sunday morning, July 10. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, will serve as Head of Staff. For more information about this sabbatical time, see [www.fourthchurch.org/about/sabbatical.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/about/sabbatical.html)



**For additional resources and ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://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](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar) ✨ To **receive the latest updates** from Fourth Church, including our **weekly email newsletter**, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)