



**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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. With the COVID risk level in Chicago at “medium,” we are going a step further to **not just encourage but to recommend** (*though not require*) **that individuals wear masks while on campus**. This is consistent with city health officials recommending that—in light of the “medium risk” level—individuals wear masks indoors when they are not certain of the vaccination status of others present. As a mask-welcoming—and now recommending—campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**. ✳️ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus choose to require masks. ✳️ Additionally, while we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, **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.

**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. **Next Sunday, September 4, our Jazz at Four service will be held outdoors** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. ✨ 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. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ The Chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays; between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For 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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) ✨ We invite you to use our **daily 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 meditation via email, simply subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✨ Our **“Rhythm and Word” video series** returns for four weeks on September Wednesdays on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) and by email (*subscribe at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)*). ✨ During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and 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)



In the pew racks you will find a **Connection Card, which we invite you to fill out** and place in the offering plate. It provides opportunity for you to let us know in what ways you would like to connect with Fourth Church, to update your contact information, and to share prayer concerns.

Those worshipping with us in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following the service. ✨ **For additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)



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 or in-person conversations with a counselor, 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)



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, an initiative of the Caring Ministries Team and the Knitting and Crocheting group, combines the love of knitting or crocheting with reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, providing them with a tangible expression of that caring in the form of a handcrafted shawl or lap blanket. Information about Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as basic **instructions are available** at [app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry](http://app.vomo.org/project/prayer-shawl-ministry) or by contacting Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ The **Knitting and Crocheting group** will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B as it does on the first Tuesday of every month. ✨ **Benevolent Guild**, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets on Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.



**Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study**—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—next meets on Wednesday, September 14. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email

**Today is the last day to contribute to the School Supply Drive** for Chicago Lights Tutoring.

Supplies can be **purchased online and shipped to the church** using the wish list [www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsSupplies22](http://www.bit.ly/fpcschoolsSupplies22); **monetary gifts** for purchasing supplies can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (select “Congregational Life” and then note “School Supplies” in the comment box).

✳️ **The Chicago Lights Social Service Center** needs men’s casual clothing, particularly pants, jeans, belts, and short sleeve shirts. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk seven days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or shipped to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



The Officer Nominating Committee is gathering **recommendations of individuals to serve in leadership positions** opening in 2023 for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and the Chicago Lights Board. **If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!**—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please offer your recommendations via the online form at [www.bit.ly/nominating2023](http://www.bit.ly/nominating2023) or by using the paper forms in the Narthex, at the rear of the Sanctuary.



**TwentiesThirties** will gather for **brunch today** at Aster Hall following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**Young adults are invited** to meet the group at the church reception desk or at the restaurant (*across the street, in the 900 N. Michigan building*). ✳️ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will meet for fellowship and a program on the **recent Fourth Church choir tour to the Middle East**. Register (*required*) for this 5:30 p.m. Friday, September 9 program at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones922](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones922)



Our **Friday Noonday Concert** series moves back indoors this Friday, with a concert cosponsored by Musicians Club of Women and featuring **cellist Ayoun Alexandra Kim**. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



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.*).

**Sunday, September 11 is Get Connected Sunday** at Fourth Church, a day when we will kick off our autumn opportunities, from Sunday School to youth gatherings to adult education and more. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to join us!



Sunday morning **youth gatherings resume** on September 11, with Junior High at 10:00 a.m. and Senior High at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. ✨ **Sunday School also resumes** on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. ✨ **Eighth-grade Confirmation** begins with a fall retreat at the church September 23–24 and will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting October 2. If your child is interested in participating, please register at [www.bit.ly/confirmation2223](http://www.bit.ly/confirmation2223) by Sunday, September 18.



**Adult education classes begin again** on Sunday, September 11 as well, with two four-week classes launching that morning in Borwell Dining Room: **“Ukraine and the Orthodox Church”** taught by **Dr. Bruce Rigdon** at 9:00 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. **“Sound of the Genuine”** taught by the Reverend **Carol Allen**, looking at the power of narratives, as seen in the stories of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Howard Thurman, and a panel of writers from Fourth Church. You can **register online for these classes** at [www.bit.ly/ukrainechurch922](http://www.bit.ly/ukrainechurch922) and [www.bit.ly/genuine922](http://www.bit.ly/genuine922) ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join them via Zoom on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. for a conversation about ***Father Abraham’s Many Children*** by Tyler D. Mayfield. In reframing religious diversity through the stories of Cain, Ishmael, and Esau, this book invites us to explore what that reframing might mean for Christians living in a world of religious difference today. To join the conversation, register at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesday922](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesday922) ✨ **Books by Women** invites those who are interested in discussing ***Finding The Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*** by Suzanne Simard to join them for their monthly gathering on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room



Opportunities to make music with Fourth Church resume in September, with **Chancel Choir** beginning rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 11 rehearsals resume for **Cherub and Children’s Choir** (9:30 a.m.); **Youth Choir** (10:45 a.m.); **Handbell Choir** (11:15 a.m.); and **Gospel Choir** (1:30 p.m.). The **Choral Society** will begin rehearsals on Thursday evenings in October in preparation for performing **Gustav Mahler’s Second Symphony “Resurrection”** with **organist David Briggs** on Friday, November 18. To learn more about these volunteer ensembles, see [www.fourthchurch.org/music/choirs](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/choirs) or contact John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)).

As we continue to return to more on-site programming, Fourth Church and Chicago Lights earlier this summer implemented a new safety and security practice: **anyone present on the Fourth Church campus is required to wear a campus badge while on site**, *except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals*. Anyone who does not already have a campus badge (*except for those exceptions noted above*) will be asked to pick up a single-day badge at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk.

Reusable badges are being issued by some programs with regular, ongoing weekly programming, such as Chancel Choir. These reusable badges are only available from the staff of those programs, not from the reception desk. Anyone who does not bring their reusable campus badge is able to pick up a single-day badge.

To facilitate this process—as well as for safety and security reasons—**all access to the building is through the 126 E. Chestnut entrance only**, *except on Sundays and for other worship opportunities, concerts, and Meals Ministry meals*. Our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all on our campus undergirds this practice, which was been under discussion since prior to the pandemic. (*Implementation was set aside while the campus was largely closed.*)

The campus badges and single-entry access point were strongly encouraged by our safety and security consultants and advisors and are also consistent with practices at other large, spread-out, multi-use buildings with spaces and uses like ours. They enable us to know who is in the building throughout the day. (*Previous unlimited access has at times resulted in unknown individuals hiding in corners of the campus.*) They also ensure that should we ever have to evacuate the buildings, we will know who was on site and needs to be accounted for.

As a congregation, **we value radical hospitality and welcome for all**, and we believe one expression of that is our care for the well-being of those who are present with us. **This safety and security practice is but one expression of that**. For those who will be joining us on site as programming on campus continues to expand, we look forward to seeing you!



Beginning this week, **scaffolding will be erected** over the Chestnut Street sidewalk to facilitate tuckpointing and maintenance and repair work on the parapets and dormers of Parish House. The following week scaffolding will be erected over the Delaware entrance to the Gratz Center (*which will remain accessible, except on the day of installation*) to enable tuckpointing and repairs to the stonework of the chimney and surrounding areas. The scaffolding will likely be in place throughout September.