



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), 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

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. ✱ During the morning service **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✱ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✱ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a **pipe organ tour** begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary ✱ Also 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, Wednesdays, and 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



The autumn season of the **“Bible Top Ten” podcast** hosted by Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger kicked off on Tuesday with **“Top 10 Fun Facts about the Bible,”** which you can find at fourthchurch.org/podcast ✱ A new video in our **autumn “Rhythm and Word” series** of short midweek reflections and music is released on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) each Wednesday evening in September; the videos are also available by email (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail*). ✱ We also invite you to use our **daily devotions**, written by members and staff, as a resource for **reflection**. These devotions are posted at fourthchurch.org/devotions; to receive them via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ✱ 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). ✱ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

We ask that those worshipping with us in person **take a moment to sign the pew information pads** so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name. ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons 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) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at 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; 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



The **Knitting and Crocheting group** meets today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Benevolent Guild**, which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital, meets this Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 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



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 28. This autumn the women's study will explore "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

We look forward to the **installation of Nancy Benson-Nicol as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation** during worship next Sunday morning, September 25. We hope you will join us in celebration, whether in person or online, at 10:00 a.m. that morning!



The Officer Nominating Committee is **in need of 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 or by using the paper forms in the pew racks.



Sunday morning **youth gatherings** meet in the Bumpus Room, with Junior High at 10:00 a.m. and Senior High at 11:00 a.m. ✨ **Sunday School** takes place at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Eighth-grade Confirmation** begins with a fall retreat September 23–24 at the church and will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting October 2. If your child is interested in participating in Confirmation, please register today at www.bit.ly/confirmation2223



Adult education classes this morning include **“Ukraine and the Orthodox Church.” Taught by Dr. Bruce Rigdon** at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person only*), this class looks at what makes Eastern Orthodox Christians distinctly different from Roman Catholics and Protestants and examines the Orthodox Church’s role in the invasion of Ukraine. **“Sound of the Genuine,” taught by the Reverend Carol Allen** at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*in person and via Zoom*), considers the power of narratives to heal our lives, our communities, and our world as well as shape our identity, our sense of purpose, our desires and hopes, what we believe and value, and how we relate to others. As part of that exploration the class is hearing and sharing stories, including those of Fourth Church members and authors Arlene Faulk (*today*) and Jim Garner (*next Sunday, September 25*). You can **register for these classes** at www.bit.ly/ukrainechurch922 and www.bit.ly/genuine922 ✨ The **First Tuesday Book Club** invites you to join them via Zoom on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. for a conversation about ***Tears We Cannot Stop*** by Michael Eric Dyson. This short, emotional, literary, and powerful book is one that all Americans who care about the current and long-burning crisis in race relations will want to read. To join the conversation about *Tears We Cannot Stop*, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesday1022

On Tuesday, October 18 we will be hosting a Michigan Avenue Forum: **“The 1619 Project Revisited: Race, History, and the Future—A Conversation with Nikole Hannah-Jones and Natalie Moore.”**

This 7:00 p.m. program in the Sanctuary will feature Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of the *New York Times*’ *1619 Project*, Nikole Hannah-Jones, together with WBEZ’s Natalie Moore, in a discussion moderated by D. Bradford Hunt, Professor and Chair in the Department of History at Loyola University. Please plan to join us for this important conversation.



New Zoom Small Groups will be starting again in October. Books used for grounding discussion will include Nanette Sawyer’s *Hospitality: The Sacred Art* and Nikole Hannah-Jones’s *The 1619 Project*, among others. 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, please email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✱ Women at Fourth will host **“Facing Our Fears and Uncertainty,”** presented by author and Fourth Church member Arlene Faulk, next Sunday, September 25 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5G. Anyone is invited to come who would like to hear Arlene talk about examples of her strategies and steps that might in turn give inspiration and courage for others facing their own fears and uncertainty. To attend the presentation, please register at www.bit.ly/waf922. ✱ **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.



The **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope Committee is in need** of individuals to support the annual Gala of Hope fundraising event by securing individual and corporate sponsorships, soliciting auction items, and generating excitement about this evening of fun and philanthropy. To learn more, contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@chicagolights.org). ✱ **The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of** blankets, sleeping bags, comforters, and sheets; towels and washcloths; adult-size backpacks; grocery push carts; athletic shoes (men’s sizes 9–13; women’s sizes 8–12); men’s casual pants, jeans, or khakis; and men’s sweaters, hoodies, and coats (sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL). 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. ✱ 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 Coffee Hour today or visit the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago Ave.) on Fridays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The **Choral Society** is looking for more individuals who like to sing to join in performing **Mahler's Second Symphony "Resurrection"** with **organist David Briggs** on Friday, November 11. Weekly rehearsals will begin Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ Other opportunities to make music with Fourth Church include the **Chancel Choir**, which rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. as well as several choirs that rehearse today: **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.). To learn more about these volunteer ensembles, including the Choral Society, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our **Friday Noonday Concert** series will feature **organist James Kealey** this Friday, September 23. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Shannon Kershner will be preaching at **The Beloved Community High Holy Day Experience**, which will be held at Trinity United Church of Christ (400 W. 95th St.) This series of interfaith services on the Jewish High Holy Days will take place on Monday, September 26; Tuesday, October 4; and Wednesday, October 5 and will also include preachers Rabbi Seth Limmer, the Reverend Otis Moss III, and Father Michael Pfleger. Shannon will preach on the theme of recommitment to self and others on Yom Kippur (*Wednesday, October 5*) at 11:00 a.m. To attend, register at www.open-judaism.org/highholydays, where you can find a complete worship schedule.



The **scaffolding** over the Chestnut Street sidewalk and the Delaware entrance to the Gratz Center is to facilitate tuckpointing as well as maintenance and repair work on the 1914 building. ✨ This weekend marks the **10th anniversary of the laying of the Gratz Center cornerstone** and the 110th anniversary of the laying of the Sanctuary cornerstone. We are grateful to all who made possible these buildings and to all whose ongoing contributions of time, talent, and treasure bring them to life. For pictures of these cornerstone events, see facebook.com/fourthchurch