## **News and Resources**

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## November 20–26, 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



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. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.
\*\* 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.

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 **\*\*** Available by podcast as well is an invitation to join Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger in biblical exploration as they discuss the **"Bible Top Ten"** in their **podcast** by that title (*fourthchurch.org/podcast*), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

**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 (*with Communion*) 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 open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (except on Thanksgiving Day). 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 at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



We ask that those of you worshiping with us in person **please 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 following the service. **\*\*** Those worshiping in person this morning 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 **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers** to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (*rcrouch@fourthchurch.org*).



Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at Fourth Church) and online mentors to connect one-to-one with a student (grades 1–12) one evening a week. There are volunteer openings for weekly tutors as well as substitute tutors. For details, visit chicagolights.org/volunteer/#tutoring or contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org). \*\* The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's pants, jeans, hoodies, and jackets (especially sizes L, XL, XXL, and XXXL). Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk when the offices are open or shipped to the Chicago Lights Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.2014.



The Fourth Church and Chicago Lights **offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday**, November 24 and November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



We will join with our neighbors for an **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m., this year at Chicago Sinai Congregation (*15 W. Delaware*). **\*\*** On Thanksgiving Day we will not be gathering in person for worship. Instead we will be sharing a **Thanksgiving-themed "Rhythm and Word" video** on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) on Thursday morning, November 24. When you or those with whom you may be gathering are looking for fifteen minutes of spiritual reflection during which to pause to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, we invite you to view the music-and-word worship experience released that day. (*You can receive the video by email by subscribing at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail*)

We invite you to **remember or honor a loved one** with a contribution toward the **Christmas flowers**, **wreaths**, **and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary and Buchanan Chapel this Advent and Christmas. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **Contributions can be made online** at www.bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Gloria Vicente (312.252.3571; gvicente@fourthchurch.org).

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 27! Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning that day as a resource for personal meditation and prayer. You can receive them in your inbox (*subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*) or read them online (*www.fourthchurch.org/devotions*), via Facebook (*www.facebook.com/ fourthchurch*), or Twitter (*www.twitter.com/fourthchicago*). \*\* Also available as a resource for your Advent prayer and reflection will be a weekly "Rhythm and Word" Advent video series. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, will be released on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on November 30 (*where they will also be avilable for viewing afterwards*). To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail

The **"Housing Insecurity: Advocacy Design Team"** class concludes today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aehousing1122 **\*\*** A new Sunday morning class, **"Welcoming the Stranger"** will meet at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom on Sundays morning, December 4–18. For Zoom details for this class, register at www.bit.ly/aestranger1222 **\*\* Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings 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—meets on Wednesday, December 14. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). **\*\*** If you would like to **read Scripture and lead prayers during a worship service,** please email Rocky Supinger (*rsupinger@fourthchurch.org*) to express your interest.

**Sunday School** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. **\*\* Confirmation** (*eighth grade*) meets this morning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** gathers at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Senior High does not meet this morning, as they are returning from a retreat.

Our Friday Noonday Concert series will feature our organist John Sherer this Friday, November 25. We hope you will join us at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary or for the livestream on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). **\*\* Bach Marathon: Brandenburg Concertos 1–6** will be presented by the Chicago Civic Orchestra on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are free, but reservations (which open this Monday, November 21) are required at www.cso.org Several holiday concerts will be taking place at Fourth Church in December. The **St. Charles Singers** will present "Candlelight Carols" on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from www.stcharlessingers.com **#** CSO Presents "A Chanticleer Christmas" on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from www.cso.org **#** Chicago *a cappella* will sing "Holidays *a cappella*" on Friday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available from www.chicagoacappella.org **#** The Fourth Church Festival of Advent Lessons and Music service will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **#** This year's Christmas with Tower Brass concert will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There are no tickets; donations will be received at the door. **#** The Christmas Cantata: *Gloria* by John Rutter will be performed by the Morning Choir and Tower Brass on Sunday, December 18 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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The Knitting and Crocheting group offers several opportunities to be part of their group: this Sunday, November 20 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B; on Tuesday, November 22 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom; and on Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. \*\* The Benevolent Guild—which has counted among its projects making stuffed animals and taggies for children in the hospital—meets Wednesday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. For Zoom details or more information about Knitting and Crocheting or the Benevolent Guild, contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). \*\* Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather for their annual Carol Sing-along led by John Sherer on Friday evening, December 2. To sign up, register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/ cornerstones1222 \*\* LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 following the morning worship service. \*\* Books by Women will discuss *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce in person and via Zoom on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For Zoom details contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



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