

News and Opportunities

December 25–December 31, 2022



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. 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.



You can receive the previous Sunday's **sermon text by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

✳️ Our weekly **"Rhythm and Word" video series**, which weaves together scripture, prayer, and music, offers a **midweek resource for your prayer and reflection.** A new fifteen-minute video is released every Wednesday evening on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos); to receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail ✳️ **Daily Christmas devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer.** Sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive them by email, or read them at fourthchurch.org/devotions

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. Our 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service (*with Communion*) will not be held today or on January 1 but resumes weekly on Sunday, January 8 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. ✨ **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 today or on January 1. Children, who are welcome in worship every Sunday, are encouraged to be with their parents in the Sanctuary today. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary 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 gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). **In-person Morning Prayer will not be held** this Wednesday, December 28 but will resume on January 4 at 10:00 a.m. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email *caringministries@fourthchurch.org* ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays (and, in the new year, on Tuesdays). For details, 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 worshipping 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 worshipping in person this morning are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service.

Our **New Year's Eve Taizé service** will take place on Saturday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. We invite you to join us at the turning of the year for this candlelit service that offers moving music, space for prayer, and meditative pause for reflecting on the year past and looking ahead to the year to come.



The **Fourth Church offices will be closed** on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27 as well as Monday, January 2.



For those wanting **to make a year-end gift or fulfill their 2022 Stewardship pledge by credit card**, charges must be made to the card by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 in order for those gifts to be credited on 2022 giving statements. For those wanting **to make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check** and have the gift credited on 2022 giving statements, please be sure the envelope is postmarked December 31. ✨ For information about making gifts through **stock transfers or required distributions from one's IRA or prepaying one's 2023 pledge**, email giving@fourthchurch.org.



During the gift-giving season of the Twelve Days of Christmas, the World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to consider **giving gifts that give twice**—to the recipient and to the maker and their family—by **shopping fair trade**. Our longtime fair-trade partner, Ten Thousand Villages Evanston, is part of the “global maker-to-market movement that breaks the cycle of generational poverty and ignites social change.” They have both an online presence at www.tenthousandvillages.com/evanston as well as a store at 915 Chicago Ave. in Evanston.



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—next meets on Wednesday, January 11. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ A new three-week class, **“Using the Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Growth,”** will begin on Sunday, January 8 at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/enneagramjan23 for Zoom details. ✨ Available by podcast 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, with new episodes released every other Tuesday at www.fourthchurch.org/podcast

Are you interested in taking part in **Deep Listening Dinners** in early 2023? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, gathering for a time of discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences to one another. To learn more about this opportunity to get to know each other more deeply, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Also email Simon if you are interested in being part of the **new Zoom Small Groups** being formed in January, with some discussing Nanette Sawyer's *Hospitality* and others *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on Tuesday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Books by Women** will discuss *Walking on Pins and Needles: A Memoir of Chronic Resilience in the Face of Multiple Sclerosis* by Arlene Faulk in person and via Zoom on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For Zoom details, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Registration for the **Center for Life and Learning Winter Session** of classes and programs for those who are sixty and over, is now underway and can be completed online at www.bit.ly/cll2023 or by calling the CLL office (312.981.3389 or 312.981.3391). The Winter Session will begin on January 9.



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).



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, 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.



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