News and Opportunities

January 15–21, 2023



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 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.

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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).* **** Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom 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 Wednesday, January 25. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow *(scrow@fourthchurch.org).*

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 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 and also at 10:00 a.m. for in-person Morning Prayer in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ** 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 this week between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. 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 those of you worshiping with us in person to **please take a moment to sign the information pads** in the pews so that we might know you are here. Please pass the pad down your pew so all worshipers have opportunity to provide updated information and greet one another by name following the service. ****** Those worshiping 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*). ****** Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar ****** The **church campus is closed** on Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today we join churches and communities across the nation in honoring the life and legacy of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born ninety-four years ago today, on January 15, 1929. Signs with Dr. King's image and words stand along Michigan Avenue as public witness for all who pass by. They are a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways.



Are you interested in taking part in **Deep Listening Dinners**? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, spending time discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences. **To express interest** in this opportunity, please fill out the form at www.bit.ly/deeplistening123 **** New Zoom Small Groups** are beginning again. Groups will use the book *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby as a resource. 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 would like more information about small group opportunities or about Deep Listening Dinners, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



The adult education class **"Using the Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Growth"** meets today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at www.bit.ly/enneagramjan23 for Zoom details. ****** Our **Center for Life and Learning** for adults sixty and over, along with Skyline Village Chicago, has invited all of the Chicago mayoral candidates to participate in a **Mayoral Forum on Aging** this Wednesday, January 18 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Candidates Kam Buckner, Ja'Mal Green, Brandon Johnson, Sophia King, and Roderick Sawyer will be participating as likely will be Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and Paul Vallas. The format will be one of questions prepared in advance by the moderator, with no questions from the audience. The event is free (*and will also be available to watch via Zoom*); for planning purposes registration is required at www.bit.ly/agingforum1823

A Fourth Church trip to Cuba to visit our sister congregation the First Presbyterian Church of Havana will take place May 29–June 5. To express interest in participating in this trip, email Nancy Davis (*ndavis@fourthchurch.org*). ****** Those interested in taking part in the Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024 are invited to an information session on Sunday, February 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information, email Emily Cox (*ecox@fourthchurch.org*).

The annual Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (*160 E. Pearson*) on Friday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This annual event supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, which includes the Tutoring and Summer Day, Urban Farm, and Social Service Center programs. **To reserve tickets or become an event sponsor,** visit one.bidpal.net/galaofhope2023



Knitting and Crocheting meets today in person at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and via Zoom on Tuesday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m. For details, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*). ** The
TwentiesThirties group for young adults will gather for a time of SpeakEasy fellowship this
Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters (*213 W. Institute Place*). For details, email Joe
Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*). ** Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program on Friday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.
The program will be presented by Debbie Frisch, founder of HelloBaby, a no-cost drop-in play space for children from birth to three years old, and their caregivers, who live in underserved neighborhoods in Chicago. Registration is required by Tuesday, January 31 and can be completed online at www.bit.ly/cornerstones223



Daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a resource for personal meditation and prayer. You can read them online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions or receive them in your inbox by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ***** Also available as a resource for your prayer and reflection is our **new Winter "Rhythm and Word" video series.** These fifteen-minute worship experiences are led by Lucy Forster-Smith and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet and are released on our YouTube channel (*www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail

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.