

# News and Opportunities

May 7–13, 2023



**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.



**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 via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays 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.



**Children** are always welcome in worship! **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is also 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.

**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)

We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form**, which also ensures we have current contact information for you. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!**—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service ✨ Those worshipping in person are also invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at **www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts** ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).



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 at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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. For labyrinth details, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



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 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) ✨ **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.

Today we continue the sermon series “I believe . . .”—an opportunity for us to take a closer look at the Apostles’ Creed, one of our Affirmations of Faith, and to explore what we believe together.



**Notes, letters, memories, and photos for Shannon Kershner**, thanking her for her ministry among us and wishing her well in her new call to Central Presbyterian Church, are being collected through May 21. They can be **mailed** to the church (*Attn. Memory Box*), **dropped off** at the church reception desk or in Coffee Hour, or **emailed** to [memorybox@fourthchurch.org](mailto:memorybox@fourthchurch.org). These **private expressions of gratitude, memories, and well wishes will be presented to Shannon in a memory box** on May 28. ✨ **Shannon’s last Sunday at Fourth Church will be Sunday, May 28.** She will lead us in worship at 10:00 a.m. that morning, and then immediately following the service we will hold a **congregational meeting**, which Session has called for the purpose of formally dissolving the pastoral relationship between Shannon and Fourth Church. The meeting will be both in person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. Afterwards we will gather in Anderson Hall and the Commons for a festive **reception honoring Shannon**. We hope you will join us for this time of expressing gratitude and well wishes to her and her family as they prepare for the move to Atlanta.



On Thursday, the Congregational Leadership Resource Team emailed the congregation to share that Mark Hurley (*Chair*), Jared Light, Sally Scott, Gretchen Van Natta, and Jessica Wang will serve on the **Interim Pastor Nominating Committee** (IPNC). This five-member committee will be responsible for recommending an Interim Pastor candidate to the Personnel Council and Session. *The Interim Pastor will not be our next Senior Pastor.* Rather they will be **someone to guide us during the year or more when we are searching for the next Pastor**. That Interim Pastor will help us do the kind of preparatory work that is important in advance of welcoming a new leader. ✨ **If you did not receive that email announcement from the Congregational Leadership Resource Team**, subscribe to the Fourth Church email newsletter to ensure you see future updates about the process of hiring an Interim Pastor and the leadership plans for the transition. Sign up at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc) or send your email address to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org) ✨ If you have **questions or comments** about the transition, please email them to [transition@fourthchurch.org](mailto:transition@fourthchurch.org); you can also find **transition updates and information** at [www.fourthchurch.org/transition](http://www.fourthchurch.org/transition)



**A new adult education class begins today** at 11:15 a.m. in Room 4G (*in person only*) when Robert Crouch and Jeff Doane will lead us in a discussion of ***Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times*** by Dr. Otis Moss III. Register at [www.bit.ly/aedancingdarkness](http://www.bit.ly/aedancingdarkness)

**Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2023** are asked to email their names to Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)) no later than Sunday, May 28. Graduate names received by May 28 will appear in the worship bulletin on June 4, which is **Baccalaureate Sunday** at Fourth Church.



Opportunities to engage in Bible study include **Men's Bible Study**, which meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **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 and next meets this Wednesday, May 10. For Zoom details for either Bible study, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org))



**Books by Women** will discuss *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie this Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. \* **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW)** gathers for brunch Sunday morning, May 21; those joining in this time of fellowship will meet at the reception desk following worship to walk together to a nearby restaurant. \* **Knitting and Crocheting** meets Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B and on Tuesday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **The Fourth Church Choral Society and St. James Cathedral choirs** invite you to their **festival choir concert** "Orb and Sceptre: Music for the Coronation" Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James (65 E. Huron). \* 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)). \* Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar)



**Borwell Dining Room and some other Gratz Center spaces are temporarily closed** as we do spring refreshing of those rooms, which have seen much use since we opened the Gratz Center in 2012!



**After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service.** Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Until then, and through the summer, we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. \* In late May our 4:00 p.m. service will enter a summer sabbatical season of rest and refocusing for the future. We will continue to worship at 4:00 p.m. through and including Sunday, May 21, and then, **beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will not worship at 4:00 p.m. during the summer.** Our afternoon service will resume on Sunday, September 10.