News and Opportunities

July 30-August 5, 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.



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 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 each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ** On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. There are three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (through the glass Loggia doors located between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. ** **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton) at the rate of \$9 for 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. ** In the Sanctuary worship can be heard through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ** Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service nursery care for infants through two-year-olds is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ** Sunday School meets today at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor and will then be on break until Sunday, September 10.

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**

We ask all who are worshiping with us to let us know you are here by filling out an information form.

Those worshiping 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 worshiping 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. ** Following the service, those worshiping in person are also invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour, which during the summer is held outdoors if weather and air conditions permit or in Anderson Hall and the Commons.



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.



Following worship a pipe organ tour begins at the front of the Sanctuary. ** Also following the service Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) to pray with those 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). ** Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being hosts virtually a Sacred Pause time of meditation at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.). ** Buchanan Chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday this week.



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 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 ** 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.

This morning our World Mission and Social Justice Council invites you to learn **how "Violence Interrupters" reduce gun violence.** Damien Morris, Chief Program Officer of Violence Prevention at Breakthrough Urban Ministries, will talk about violence interruption and share how he and his staff have intervened in violent situations with more than 360 young people in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood. We hope you will join us for this time of questions and answers today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 4G.



Our annual School Supply Drive, organized by Women at Fourth, continues to gather school supplies for children taking part in the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm and Tutoring** programs. For lists of items needed, see www.bit.ly/schoolsupplydrivefpc; monetary contributions for the team to purchase supplies can be made by designating either a check (*payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church*) or an online gift (*www.fourthchurch.org/give*) to "School Supply Drive." For more information, contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



On Sunday, August 13 we will welcome as guest preacher Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, president and CEO of Interfaith Alliance. An ordained Baptist minister, he is a longtime leader in the interfaith movement working to protect an inclusive vision of religious freedom for people of all faiths and none. He has also served as senior vice president of the Auburn Seminary, the founding and executive editor of HuffPost Religion, associate dean of religious life and the chapel at Princeton University, and a founding editor of Beliefnet.com.



Come enjoy the outdoor concerts of our Music by the Fountain series on August Fridays at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard! This Friday, August 4 the vocal jazz ensemble Peppermint Patties will be in concert, followed by cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michaels performing on August 11. A full concert listing is available at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



The Fourth Church Day School has openings in its preschool programs this fall. For enrollment details, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org). ** The fall schedule of Adult Education classes has been announced. You can read about the classes at www.fourthchurch.org/adult-education, where you can also subscribe to our adult education email newsletter.

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is seeking help with translation with our Spanish-speaking guests at all meals, although assistance is especially needed at Monday Night Supper at Catholic Charities (721 N. La Salle). Those wishing to sign up for a **Spanish translator** spot on Monday night can do so at www.bit.ly/fpcmns; other ways in which to **assist Meals Ministry** are posted on VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry software platform, at www.bit.ly/mealsministryvolunteer



Would you be interested in contributing to worship by serving as a beadle, usher, liturgist, or member of the Chancel Guild. Beadles lead our procession into worship each Sunday, while ushers welcome worshipers with warm hospitality. Liturgists read scripture or lead prayers in the service, and the Chancel Guild prepares elements for Communion. You can volunteer to be a beadle in September and October by signing up at www.bit.ly/beadle91023; to sign up as an usher, visit the Usher table at Coffee Hour after worship today or sign up at www.bit.ly/usherinterest; and to volunteer as a liturgist, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). To join the Chancel Guild for a Communion Sunday, sign up at www.bit.ly/chancelguildfpc



We are **in need of Cookie Table Hosts**, **Servers**, **and Hospitality Coordinators** for Coffee Hour. If you would be available to be a welcoming presence at a Sunday morning fellowship gathering, contact Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*) or sign up online at app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour ** We invite you to **explore other volunteer opportunities** by visiting www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or by contacting Robert Crouch (*rcrouch@fourthchurch.org*; 312.981.3382), Director of Volunteer Ministry.



The Chicago Lights Social Service Center has an immediate need for men's casual clothing in all sizes as well as for walking shoes for men and women. ** Fourth Church Shower Ministry is in need of unused, hotel-sized bottles of body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant; razors; toothbrushes; and lip balm. Items can be dropped off at the church reception desk seven days a week between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please mark them "Attn. Shower Ministry" or "Attn. Social Service Center."



Opportunities to engage in Bible study via Zoom include **Men's Bible Study**, which meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and *Horizons* **Women's Bible Study**, which next meets Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details for these studies, email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).

Our daily devotions (fourthchurch.org/devotions), written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available as a resource for your personal meditation and prayer. To receive them by email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ** Our August "Rhythm and Word" video series offers ten minutes of midweek music, scripture, and prayer led by Nancy Benson-Nicol. A new video, with music by the Fourth Church Jazz Ensemble, is released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube, where you can also view videos from previous series; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail; you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Knitting and Crocheting meets in person on Tuesday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. ** On Sunday, August 13 we will be having a Church Picnic in the Michigan Avenue courtyard following worship! ** LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome (WOW) gathers for brunch on Sunday, August 20; 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, WOW, and the picnic are but three ways in which to build community with others through Fourth Church. For additional ways to connect with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, as well as for various resources and opportunities, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org). ** Events are posted online on our church calendar, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar ** We invite you to follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, updates, photos, and favorite quotes from recent devotions, sermons, and prayers. You can also find us on Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch) and Threads (www.threads.net/@fourthchurch).



The scaffolding on the Fourth Church campus is to enable tuckpointing, flashing, and window repair being done this summer. ** After Labor Day we will be adding a second Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will be worshiping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on September 10 our afternoon service, which is currently taking a summer break, will resume. Until then we will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. ** The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) is at work identifying and having conversations with candidates to consider for the role of Interim Pastor. The Interim Pastor, who will be hired by Session, 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. You can read about the IPNC work and find the latest transition updates at fourthchurch.org/transition; if you have questions or comments about the transition, please email them to transition@fourthchurch.org