

# You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church "home"; in either case, we are grateful for your presence today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone — without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.

**If you are new to us,** stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church "home."** 

# **Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church**

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

#### **Entering the building**

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship. There is an entrance without steps leading to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (next to the courtyard). There are also two fully accessible entrances: at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and at 115 E. Delaware.

#### Sound

- Worship can be heard through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

#### **Parking**

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton) at the rate of \$10 for 6 hours (and \$20 for up to 12 hours) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

# **Worshiping Online**

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel—bit.ly/fpcvideos—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: fourthchurch.org

## Accessing the service

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service has begun. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

#### **Online extras**

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (after exiting full screen) as well as on our website.

#### For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

# Welcome, New Members!

Welcome, New Members! This morning we are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Fourth Church family: Emily Ackerman, Sarah Alexander, Irene Akendita Amoro, Carolyn Bevan, Anne-Corinne Carroll, Esteban Cordero-Pérez, Mayet Delgado, Nolan Foley, Rowan Foley, Alexandra Fry, Julie Hamman, Nick Hanna, JR Harris, Katie Kovar, Janet Kreig, Todd Maxwell, Caleb McGee, Cynthia Napiorkowski, Don Olson, Claire Oxtoby, David Oxtoby, Melissa Preiss, Emily Schwandner, Grace Schwandner, Kristine Schwandner, Greg Schwem, Carmen Sheils, Jessica Stone Grusin, Cesar Torruella-Medina, Caroline Viravec, Josh Williams, and Scotty Williams. We are grateful you have chosen to join us in our life together and look forward to continuing to welcome and connect with you in the days ahead!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers52025) or in person on Sunday, June 1 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers62025).

For additional information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries, who would be delighted to get to know you.

## Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

#### In person

Those worshiping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

#### Online

Those worshiping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (after *exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the "Welcome" that can be be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

# **Concert at Chicago Sinai Today**

All are invited to join our interfaith network today for a concert of the infrequently heard repertoire of Jewish-Italian composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. The music will be peformed at the Chicago Sinai Congregation's Spring Concert at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon at Chicago Sinai (15 W. Delaware). Tickets are \$18 at the door; those who would like to walk to the concert together are asked to meet at our reception desk at 1:30 p.m.

# **Pastor Nominating Committee**

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet weekly as they narrow a field of excellent candidates. In this season of discernment please hold the PNC and candidates in prayer.

# **Restoring the 1914 Murals**

The scaffolding in the Sanctuary is to facilitate the restoration work in progress on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals. For a closer view of this artwork, a series of the Bartlett panels are mounted on the wall in the north part of the Commons



# **Faith Formation**

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

## Children, Youth, and Family

#### Children in 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.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center and includes a Children's Chapel worship time.

At 10:30 a.m. today there will be a Family Communion gathering in Buchanan Chapel to introduce young children to the Lord's Supper.

#### Youth gatherings

Junior Highs gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Senior Highs, which typically gather at 11:00 a.m., do not meet today.

## **Children and Youth Choirs**

Rehearsing on Sundays are the Children's Choir (kindergarten–grade 5) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; Cherub Choir (ages 3 and 4) at 10:15 a.m. in 4B; Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:30 a.m. in 4G.

#### **Bible Studies**

#### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from either the immediate past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday—meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

#### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study—which includes time each month for discussion of the *Horizons* study "God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation"—next meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. For details, email Katie (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

## **Adult Education**

## "Holy Hip Hop"

This morning Kevin Coval, of InterFaith America, will lead our one-session "Holy Hip Hop" class, investigating the origins of the cultural art form of Hip Hop, its various practices and associated lineages which are united by principles of interfaith understanding and Black and LatinX culture and religious heritage. The class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/holyhiphop25).

#### "Reflections on the Camino Pilgrimage"

Next Sunday Toni Yang, Luke Beasley, and Joe Morrow will talk about the pilgrimage they and other Fourth Church members made to Spain in 2024 to walk the historic Camino De Santiago. This one-session class will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (register at bit.ly/pilgrimage25).

#### **Podcasts**

#### **Podcasts from Fourth Church**

Our weekly five-minute "Rhythm and Word" reflections by the pastors (*see p. 14*) are available on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts.

During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are also available via podcast on those platforms.

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to their "Bible Top Ten" podcast, an exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

#### Meditation

#### Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for a time of meditative walking this Wednesday and Thursday between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

#### **Sacred Pause**

Sacred Pause meditation, hosted by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

## **Resources for Your Personal Reflection**

#### **Daily devotions**

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them online at fourthchurch.org/devotions, Facebook, and Instagram.

## Weekly "Rhythm and Word" video and podcast

Each Wednesday a Fourth Church pastor shares a fiveminute reflection via video and podcast. In our Easter season episodes, Matt Helms is looking at what we can learn from the early church.

Sign up online at bit.ly/rhythmandword to have new videos sent to your inbox or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to the reflections in podcast format at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

#### **Sermon transcripts**

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or, to receive the sermon by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon

## **Prayer**

#### **Prayer Workshop**

Have you wondered about how to pray, the practice of prayer, or whether you are praying "right"?

For any who would like to deepen their prayer practice, please join prayer historian Ken Sawyer for a virtual prayer workshop via Zoom on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. Register at bit.ly/prayerworkshop202505

### **Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons**

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

#### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

#### **Prayer requests**

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org)



# **Community Engagements and Partnerships**

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

# **Join Our Community of Volunteers**

Each of us has gifts and talents to share with our community. Perhaps it is lending a listening ear, serving meals, or ushering. As you think about your vision for ways you might contribute and connect with one another as well as new things you might explore, we invite you to browse the various volunteer opportunities matching your interests at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers or contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org), Director of Volunteer Ministry.

## **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Please join us in expressing gratitude to Fourth Church member Ron Bottrell for his fifteen years of volunteer service on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's National Response Team. Ron is retiring after having been deployed fifty-nine times to twenty-nine states.

# **Community Partners Bus Tour**

Are you interested in learning more about our community partners on Chicago's South Side—organizations that are doing life-changing work in the areas of mental health, community development, and violence prevention? Join us for a bus tour to the Englewood and Chatham neighborhoods on Thursday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We'll visit two of our partners—Imagine Englewood If and Sista Afiya—and also stop for lunch along the way. RSVP (required) online at bit.ly/partnertour202505

## **Mission and Advocacy Newsletter**

Subscribe to our World Mission and Social Justice email newsletter at bit.ly/missionenews



# **Connections and Belonging**

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

#### **Get Connected**

#### **TwentiesThirties**

The TwentiesThirties fellowship group for young adults will meet for brunch today at 12:15 p.m. at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) for a time of fellowship.

#### **Benevolent Guild**

Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

#### **Cornerstones**

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall this Friday, May 2 for dinner and the program "Understanding the Cycle of Violence in Inner Cities." Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Rich, the author of *Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men* and the director of the Rush Institute for Health Equity. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones202505

#### Women at Fourth: Screening Bad Faith

All are invited to Women at Fourth's screening of the documentary *Bad Faith*, which delves into the rise of Christian Nationalism in the US and its implications for democracy. This screening with lunch will be held next Sunday, May 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Space is limited, so registration is required at bit.ly/waf20255

#### **Knitting and Crocheting**

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets on Tuesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

## **Books by Women**

The monthly book group Books by Women meets Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men* by Caroline Criado Perez.

# **Encore 2025: Sixty Years of the CLL!**

This year our Center for Life and Learning program for adults sixty and over is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary! You are invited to join in the celebratory festivities by attending Encore on Saturday, May 10 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church.

This year the annual CLL Encore fundraiser will include an art show of works by CLL artists, a time of refreshments and fellowship, and a performance by cabaret singers (who are also among our talented CLL instructors!).

For tickets, see fourthchurch.org/cll/encore

## **Caring for One Another**

#### **Pastoral care**

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@ fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

#### **Stephen Ministry**

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation, or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

#### **Counseling and well-being**

To explore options for counseling and well-being, groups, contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being (312.787.8425) or visit reploglecenter.org

# News, Updates, and Snapshots

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at **bit.ly/newsfromfpc** and visit our news archive at **fourthchurch.org/news** 

## **Online Coffee Hour**

If you are worshiping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Coffee Hour time online. Each week we gather via Zoom at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of fellowship. Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourzoom

# **Connecting Online**

We invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church, whether through Zoom Coffee Hour (see above), Bible studies, or Morning Prayer or as part of in-person classes with a Zoom component.

Browse fourthchurch.org/online/connections to learn more!

We also invite you to follow us on various platforms, from podcasts to—

• YouTube: bit.ly/fpcvideos

• Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch

• Instagram: instagram.com/fourthchurch

# **Friday Noonday Concerts**

Our free Friday Noonday Concert series will feature a program—cosponsored by Musicians Club of Women—by violinist Bianca Ciubancan and pianist Michael Finlay on Friday, May 2 at 12:10 p.m. (also livestreamed).

# **Upcoming Opportunities**



If you are looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church, visit our Events page—

# fourthchurch.org/events

—and bookmark it for future reference!

For even more resources and information about connecting with one another and Fourth Church, visit our website at fourthchurch.org and read our weekly newsletter at fourthchurch.org/news

# **In-Person Coffee Hour**

On this Volunteer Recognition Sunday, we are hosting a special Coffee Hour in honor of our volunteers.

If you are worshiping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour, which not only provides an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church but today also offers occasion to thank our dedicated volunteers.

# **Celebrating the Replogle Center**

After forty-nine years of healing, care, and connection, the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will be closing on June 30, 2025.

All who have been part of this journey over the years—as supporters, clients, trainees, or staff—are invited to a Legacy Celebration on Friday, June 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## Travel to Vietnam and Cambodia

Singers and non-singers alike are invited to join the Fourth Church choir tour to Vietnam and Cambodia in February 2027. For details, including cost and itinerary, contact Emma Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org).

# **Fun Gatherings Supporting Chicago Lights**

Are you looking for a fun way to connect with new people or enjoy time with a friend? Consider taking part in one or more of these gatherings:

- Painting for Relaxation and Healing with Nanette Sawyer on May 10
- Decades of Fun with Trivia Master Stew Jamesson on May 16
- Chicago Uncorked: Chicago Neighborhood Bus Tour and Wine Experience on June 7
- Tablescape Magic: Holiday Design Workshop with Kathi Rose on November 1

Not only do these gatherings offer great fellowship occasions, but proceeds from the registration fees will support the life-changing work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

Learn more about these events and sign up at bit.ly/signupparties2025

# Calendar for April 27-May 3, 2025

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
April 27	9:00 a.m.	New Members and Session Room 5G
•	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	Family Communion Gathering Buchanan Chapel
		Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Education: "Holy Hip Hop" Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task ForceRoom 4E
	12:15 p.m.	Twenties/Thirties Brunch Offsite
	12:15 p.m.	World Mission Social Justice Council Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Council Room 5F
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry Parish House
	2:00 p.m.	Interfaith Concert Outing
	3:30 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Services Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
April 28	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga
	2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	CLL: Meet a Chicago Artist
	5:00 p.m.	CLE: Meet a Chicago Artist
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Zoom
April 29	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program

# Calendar for April 27-May 3, 2025

	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Loggia
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: ImprovRoom 4D
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts Room 4E / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry Showers
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi Anderson Hall
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study Offsite Location
April 30	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap Too Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation Room 4D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events Room 4G
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Attorney General Presentation Room 5F
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Zumba Gold
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+Room 4F
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Parish Dining Room
May 1	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool
,	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing Room 5A / Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: The "Art" of Conversation Room 5E
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health Room 5D / Zoom

**News and Opportunities** 

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	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing Room 5A / Zoom		
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music HistoryZoom		
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner Tai Chi Anderson Hall		
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi Anderson Hall / Zoom		
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel		
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool		
May 2	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program		
•	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia Zoom		
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert		
	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstones: May Gathering Borwell Dining Room		
	7:30 p.m.	Lux Cantorum Concert		
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sacred PauseOnline		
May 3				
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**Preaching on Sunday, May 4:** Tom Are Jr.