



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.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each summer Sunday our worshipping body—which is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews—gathers at 10:00 a.m. (*Beginning September 7, we will have two services each Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.*)

Entering the building

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. There is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*next to the courtyard*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: one at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and one 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 up to 6 hours between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Today, validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers. *See p. 11 for changes going into effect August 18.*

Worshipping Online

Livestream

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

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.

Podcast

Podcast offerings from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include the Sunday worship service and sermon; weekly “Rhythm and Word” reflections; and “Bible Top Ten.”

Chicago Triathlon Is Next Sunday

The Chicago Triathlon takes place next weekend, including Sunday morning, August 24, and includes courses along DuSable Lake Shore Drive as well as in the Loop. As you plan your route to worship you may want to consult by.supertri.com/chicago-triathlon

Welcoming Camille Cook Howe: Sept. 21

Be sure to mark Sunday, September 21 on your calendar, as that will be the day when the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe, our next Pastor, preaches and leads us in worship for the first time.

Sunday, October 19 will also be a special day in our relationship with Camille: she will be officially installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago during the 9:30 a.m. service that morning. Please plan to be with us to celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation!

Let Us Know You're Here!

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

In person

Those worshipping 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 worshipping 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 scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Congregational Meeting Today

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, Sunday, August 17, at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom at bit.ly/fpcmeeting202508 (which is also linked from the home page of fourthchurch.org).

At the meeting, the Manse Disposition Task Force will ask the congregation to approve putting the Walton Manse (located at 220 E. Walton, Unit 8W) on the market and authorizing the task force to complete the sale.

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 (gffleming@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 Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.



Connections and Belonging

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

In-Person Coffee Hour

Today's special Coffee Hour is sponsored in honor of June Bekken's 100th birthday—which was on Monday—by her daughter Carole. Happy Birthday, June!

All who are worshipping with us in person today are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom at 11:00 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc; passcode: 676359

Cornerstones for Those Fifty and Over

The Cornerstones fellowship group will gather for dinner and a program on "The Case for a City Charter" on Friday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2509

Get Connected Sunday: September 7!

Mark Sunday, September 7 on your calendar and plan to be with us as we kick off a new program year with our annual Get Connected Sunday!

A new season of Sunday School classes and youth groups will begin that day, and a festive Coffee Hour will offer opportunity to reconnect with one another and with Fourth Church, as our ministries highlight programs and events for you to explore this fall.

Purposeful Retirement

The "Purposeful Retirement" program invites you to join a new cohort of people, beginning September 10, who collaborate and support each other in rediscovering passions and planning or retooling retirement to combine those passions and service for greater impact. Learn more and register at bit.ly/purposeful2025

August Is National Make-a-Will Month

Our Legacy Society encourages individuals with any assets to begin the process of writing or updating a will or trust. At fourthchurch.org/giving/will you will find useful links to estate planning guides and websites to help you get started.



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Serving with Meals Ministry

Fourth Church Meals Ministry has openings for volunteers to serve between now and September 30. You can sign up for them at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers

For more information about how you can support this program, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org), Meals Ministry Manager.

Art Exhibition in the Loggia

The summer art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery features works by Charlene Moy, a Chicago-based Chinese American artist who assembles and weaves artificial materials with artist media to draw attention to the impact plastics have on our environment.



Faith Formation

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

Two Worship Services on September 7

Our summer worship schedule wraps up when August ends: on Sunday, September 7, we return to gathering for two Sunday worship services: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

That Sunday will also be our annual Get Connected Sunday, when you will have opportunity to learn about the many groups and programs being offered this fall!

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 is taking a break during August and will resume on Get Connected Sunday on September 7!

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 as well as on Facebook.

“Rhythm and Word” Videos and Podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by one of the pastors. Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmword or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, join us for Inquirers’ Class on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025).

Prayer

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. to remember in prayer members of the congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. 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 (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church’s Antiracism Covenant

The Racial Equity Committee welcomes hearing from those who have questions or comments about our recently adopted Antiracism Covenant, which can be found at bit.ly/covenantfpc; the REC also invites those who would like to join them in supporting this important work to email the committee at rec@fourthchurch.org

Bible Studies via Zoom

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study—which focuses on recent or upcoming scripture readings from the pulpit—welcomes new participants to join them for their weekly gathering via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Women’s Summer Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the next study on Wednesday, August 27, at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

For Zoom details for either group, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for August 17–23, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
August 17	10:00 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	10:00 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	11:00 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary / Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	11:30 a.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force	Room 4E
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall

Monday	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
August 18	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Sit Down and Tap!	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Pullman District Trip	Offsite
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4F / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
August 19	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic.	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
August 20	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer / Zoom	
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Osteoporosis	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation.	Room 4F
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall

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of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter.
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visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

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12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series.	Room 4G
4:00 p.m.	Finance Council.	Zoom

Thursday August 21	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Chair-Based Ballet	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: The Art of Conversation.	Room 4K
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Street Safe	Room 4G
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Friday August 22	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K

No events are scheduled for Saturday, August 23.

Sunday, August 24 • 10:00 a.m. • Nancy Benson-Nicol preaching

Important Notice about Upcoming Parking Changes

As of Monday, August 18, the 900 N. Michigan garage will no longer have pay stations to receive parking payment. Instead the garage will use a mobile-device payment system, and they will issue QR codes for discounted Sunday and weekday-evening parking.

See fourthchurch.org/parking for details.