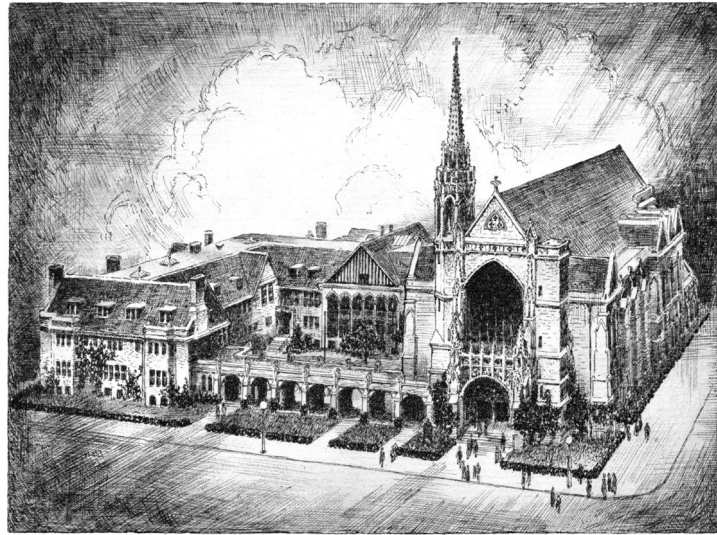




You belong here!

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 summer Sunday our worshiping body 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.

Parking

Information on discounted parking is on the back cover. Details about the new payment system at the 900 N. Michigan garage can be found on page 10.

Sound

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

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.”

Bike the Drive Is Next Sunday

Bike the Drive along DuSable Lake Shore Drive takes place next Sunday morning, August 31. To plan your route to worship, see bikethedrive.org

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 (we will only have one worship service that day). 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.

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, consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. For information, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Joining the Fourth Church Family

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

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.



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

All who are worshiping with us in person 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 worshiping 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

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

Cornerstones for Those Fifty and Over

The Cornerstones fellowship group for those fifty and over will gather for dinner and a program featuring Joe Ferguson, President of the Civic Federation, talking about "The Case for a City Charter" on Friday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2509

Purposeful Retirement

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

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.

Opportunities to Connect

Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets Tuesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

Books by Women

Books by Women, which invites readers into a monthly conversation about a selected work, will discuss *The Guns of August* by Barbara W. Tuchman on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, resumes meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B on September 10.

New Zoom Small Group: "The Wisdom Pattern"

A new Zoom Small Group will begin on Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting for six weeks, the group will discuss *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* by Richard Rohr, which describes the spiritual journey of embracing disruption as a necessary stage of growth as we move toward deeper wisdom, compassion, and a more integrated faith. For details, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

News, Views, and Updates!

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



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!

Prophetic Wisdom for a Hurting World

Sunday morning Adult Education classes will resume on Sunday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online.

The first class will be “Prophetic Wisdom for a Hurting World.” Using Richard Rohr’s book *The Tears of Things* as a guide, our discussions will be led by Dr. Maisha Handy, President, McCormick Theological Seminary (Sept. 7); Vicky Curtiss, Program Director, Siena Retreat Center (Sept. 14); and Amy Pagliarella, Parish Associate (Sept. 21). Register at bit.ly/prophetic2509

“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).

Reading the Bible Matters

On September 14 we will launch a new devotional series: “The Bible in 100 Passages,” in which we will cover all thirty-nine books in the Old Testament through 100 key passages. If you do not already receive our daily devotions, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions to join our journey through the Bible, and watch for more details!

Bible Studies via Zoom

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

Women’s Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Studies for summer meet one more time: Wednesday, August 27 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Beginning September 10, the fall Women’s Bible Studies—with the theme “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ”—will meet via Zoom on second and fourth Wednesdays at those same times.

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

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).



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Volunteer Training

Our Volunteer Ministry Team encourages anyone who volunteers with Fourth Church—or is interested in doing so in the coming year—to attend a one-hour emergency response training program on Sunday, September 14 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Register at bit.ly/training202509

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.

Important Notice about Parking Changes

To pay for parking at the 900 N. Michigan garage you will now need to use the garage's mobile-device payment system.

To begin using the system on an iPhone,

download from the App Store the Metropolis Parking app;

on an Android phone,

enter in your browser the link app.metropolis.io/sign-in

You will then need to enter your parked vehicle's license plate number and a credit card to which to charge the parking fee.

*Once you are set up in the garage's system,
you will not need to repeat this setup process.*

To get the Fourth Church discounted parking rate, use the discount QR code on the back cover of this bulletin (or pick up a QR code card from an usher) and then scan it **no more than 10 minutes before exiting the garage.**

For help accessing the system on your phone,
stop by the Connection Corner in Coffee Hour.

For details see fourthchurch.org/parking

Calendar for August 24–30, 2025

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
August 24	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
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Committee	Room 4E
	11:15 a.m.	Faith Formation Committee	Room 4G
	11:30 a.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry	Manse
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday	11:00 a.m.	Louise Howe Memorial Service	Sanctuary / Online
August 25	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 4D

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
August 26	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic.	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry	Showers

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
August 27	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4K
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Zoom

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
August 28	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

Friday	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program.	Morse Lounge
August 29	12:00 p.m.	CLL: August Lunch Meetup	Offsite
	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 30.

Sunday, August 31 • 10:00 a.m. • Rocky Supinger preaching