



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.**

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we seek to embrace values and practices that enable us to experience Beloved Community, where **differences are seen as assets that are celebrated and experienced as strengths.**

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 Sunday our worshipping 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. On Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors there is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary. There are also two fully accessible entrances: at 126 E. Chestnut and 115 E. Delaware.

Parking

Information on discounted parking is on the back cover. If you have not set up an online payment account for discounted parking at the 900 garage, ushers have information cards to help. Volunteers at the Coffee Hour Connection Corner are available to assist as well.

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 9:30 a.m. service on our YouTube channel at 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.

Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering

World Communion Sunday reminds us that God's love can heal our deepest divisions, and so today we receive the annual Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering.

Gifts to this offering will be directed to efforts toward peacemaking that are supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago.

Gifts to this offering can be made online at fourthchurch.org/give or by a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, designating that gift "Peace Offering" in the comments or memo line.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers102025). For more information, contact Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org).

Podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include the Sunday worship service and the sermon; weekly "Rhythm and Word" reflections on the Bible in 100 Passages; and a "Bible Top Ten" exploration of the Bible.

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.

The Chicago Marathon Is Next Sunday

The annual Chicago Marathon takes place next Sunday, October 12. To plan your route to worship that morning, see fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf

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).

Last Sunday of "Tales of Sandstone"

Before the current exhibition, "Tales of Sandstone," closes this week, take a moment to stop by the Loggia Gallery today at 12:15 p.m. to talk with photographer and longtime Fourth Church member Terry Evans about the exhibit of her photographs featuring images of Dakota sandstone on the Kansas prairie.



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 worshipping 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 get connected 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 10:30 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

Connecting Online

Whether you live out of state, are unable to be with us in person, or find online opportunities to be a meaningful complement to your in-person experiences, we invite you to explore our online opportunities for deepening your connections with your faith and with others.

Learn more at fourthchurch.org/online/connections about our variety of online offerings, ranging from Zoom Coffee Hour (*see above*), Bible studies, Small Groups, and Morning Prayer as well as in-person classes with a Zoom component.

Autumn with the CLL

The autumn session of fitness classes along with lectures and arts courses for adults sixty and over is underway at the Center for Life and Learning (CLL).

There is still time to join classes as well as to register for CLL membership: see fourthchurch.org/cll

Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert features soprano Kathleen Monson and pianist Riko Higuma at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Hispanic American Heritage

The flag flying in our courtyard and the sign at Michigan and Chestnut bear public witness to National Hispanic American Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15). Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour for related resources and to learn more.

Opportunities to Connect

Widen Our Welcome

LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome invites you to stop by their information table during Coffee Hour to learn about their upcoming events and opportunities.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 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 Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Dementia Horizons Academy

"Circle of Support: Dementia Horizons Academy" is an eight-week support group for caregivers of family members or friends living with dementia. Led by dementia educator and care consultant Jeannine Forrest, this supportive education program focuses on dementia skill building and self-care as well as practical tools addressing the essentials of dementia care.

Registration is required (at bit.ly/caregiving25); the group will begin on Sunday, October 26 at 12:15 p.m.

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



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

Children from three years old to fifth grade join their parents in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 9:30 a.m. worship before departing for their classrooms.

Youth groups

Youth groups gather in the Bumpus Room today, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. and Senior High (grades 9–12) at 11:00 a.m.

PCUSA's Push Back Project 2025 Initiative

The Adult Education class, "Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Push Back Project 2025 Initiative," continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline (on our YouTube channel).

Today's session will feature David Greising, President/CEO of the Better Government Association in conversation with Pastor Joe Morrow as together we learn about—and consider faithful responses to—the harmful effects of Project 2025 on our nation and church, Illinois and Chicago, and other faith communities.

Bible Studies via Zoom

Women's Bible Studies

Horizons Women's Bible Studies meet via Zoom this Wednesday, October 8 at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. For details, email Pastor Nanette (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Bible in 100 Passages: Bible Study and More!

Monthly Bible study

A new in-person Bible study begins this Tuesday, October 7 as part of our congregational reading of the Bible in 100 passages.

We hope you will join us for these discussions led by Pastor Matt Helms on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

- Tuesday, October 7 on the Pentateuch/Torah (register at bit.ly/octbible100)
- Tuesday, November 4 on the Prophets
- Tuesday, December 2 on the Ketuvim/Writings

Also, watch for details about a related Zoom Bible study led by Pastor Nanette Sawyer, which will begin the week of October 12.

Daily readings

Our "Bible in 100 Passages" series is covering all thirty-nine books in the Old Testament through 100 key texts. Each day we share the daily readings, in addition to reflections on them, as part of our Daily Devotions.

If you do not already receive them, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also read them online at fourthchurch.org/bible100, where you can find an overview for the week, as well.

Weekly reflections

Each week Pastor Matt Helms also offers a brief "Rhythm and Word" video and podcast reflection that focuses on these same passages.

To receive these reflections in your inbox on Wednesday evenings, sign up at bit.ly/fpcrandw; you can also view them on our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos) and listen to them via podcast at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and podcast platforms.

"Bible Top Ten" Podcast

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger invite you to tune in to their "Bible Top Ten" podcast, a lively, informative, and often lighthearted exploration of the Bible through a series of top ten lists. It is available at fourthchurch.org/podcasts and on multiple podcast platforms.

Jonathan Walton to Preach October 19

We are honored to be welcoming the Reverend Dr. Jonathan L. Walton as our guest preacher on Sunday, October 19, the day when we will formally install Camille Cook Howe as our Pastor.

Dr. Walton is the first Black and first Baptist President of Princeton Theological Seminary, of which Pastor Camille is both an alumna and Chair of the Board of Trustees. A social ethicist by training, President Walton's scholarship focuses on the intersection of evangelical Christianity, mass media, and political culture.

Reading Sermons

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

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 Zoom 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).

Welcome, Pastor Camille!

As we embark on this exciting season of ministry together with our new Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe, please join us for the following events in celebration of this new chapter in our life together as a congregation!

Sunday, October 5 • 12:30 p.m.

Join Camille for a time of conversation in Borwell Dining Room

Sunday, October 12 • 12:00 p.m.

Connect with Camille during Coffee Hour following the 11:00 a.m. service

Sunday, October 19 • 9:30 a.m.

Camille is formally installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, preaching

A reception to follow in Anderson Hall
(We will only have one worship service that day)



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Cuba Information Session Today

If you are interested in traveling with us February 16–23 to visit the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba, please join us for an information session today at 12:15 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/cubainfo1005) or November 2 in person and via Zoom. For more information about the trip and First Havana, contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurhc.org).

A Snack Drive Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated individually packaged, single-serving chips, granola bars, and fruit snacks—helping to fill bag lunches for our guests—during our fall Fourth Church Meals Ministry Snack Drive!

We use more than 1,250 snack items in bag lunches each week, so donations are gratefully welcomed year-round. See fourthchurch.org/meals for details.

Mud Theatre Presents *Jabril's Chains*

On Thursday, October 16 we are honored to be hosting the premiere of the play *Jabril's Chains* by Mud Theatre Project. Mud Theatre's nationally recognized plays are written and performed by incarcerated persons and returning citizens.

The 6:30 p.m. performance in Buchanan Chapel will be preceded by a 5:30 p.m. reception in Anderson Hall. Tickets (*required*) are available at bit.ly/jabrilschains

Men's Clothing Needed

The Chicago Lights Social Service Center is in need of men's new and gently used clothing and casual shoes for its guests. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn how you can be part of preventing domestic violence, and watch for the purple ribbons we'll be tying along Michigan Avenue later this week to raise public awareness of this issue.

Church Leadership Recommendations Are Due Today!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS OF LEADERS to serve alongside the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe in the roles of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee beginning in 2026.

If you have not done so already, the Nominating Committee asks that you give prayerful thought to those individuals—including yourself—whom you feel have demonstrated gifts and a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation.

Then make your recommendations using the online form at bit.ly/nominating2025 or stop by Anderson Hall to talk with a representative from the Nominating Committee.

Names received after today's deadline will be held and passed along to next fall's committee to be considered for terms beginning in 2027.

Calendar for October 5–11, 2025

Sunday October 5	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Family Donut Sunday Gathering	Room 4C
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	PC(USA)'s Pushback Project 2025 Initiative.	Borwell / Online
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Cornerstone Steering Team	Room 4K
	12:15 p.m.	Cuba Trip Information Session	Zoom
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force	Room 4E
	12:30 p.m.	Meet Camille Cook Howe	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service.	Borwell Dining Room

Monday October 6	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	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: Tap	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Room 4K / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Fashion Statements in Art.	Room 4G / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom

Tuesday October 7	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom

CLL = Center for Life and Learning (fourthchurch.org/cll)
 SSC = Chicago Lights Social Service Center (chicagolights.org)

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10:00 a.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 5B
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G / Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Room 5D
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Improv	Room 4D
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Learn to Play Mahjong!	Room 5B
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Mahjong	Room 5C
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
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.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
6:30 p.m.	“Bible in 100 Passages” Bible Study	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Deacons Executive Committee	Zoom

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Faith Study	Offsite
October 8	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: “Great Ideas” Men’s Group	Room 5A
	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.	Women’s <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Film Series.	Room 4G
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:30 p.m.	CLL: Purposeful Retirement Workshop	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Day School Parents	Manse
	6:30 p.m.	Women’s <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom

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Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
October 9	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Supreme Court Decisions	Room 4D
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Art and Conversation	Room 4K
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Room 4E / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Modern Art with Hugh Leeman	Room 4K / Zoom
	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.	Wisdom Pattern Small Group.	Zoom
	6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel

Friday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
October 10	9:30 a.m.	SSC Drop-in Program	Morse Lounge
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary Online
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Fiber Friends	Room 4C

Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Fall Volunteer Ministry Retreat	Borwell Dining Room
October 11	4:00 p.m.	Deep Listening Dinner (LGBTQIA+ Allies).	Anderson Hall

Sunday, October 12 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Camille Cook Howe preaching

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