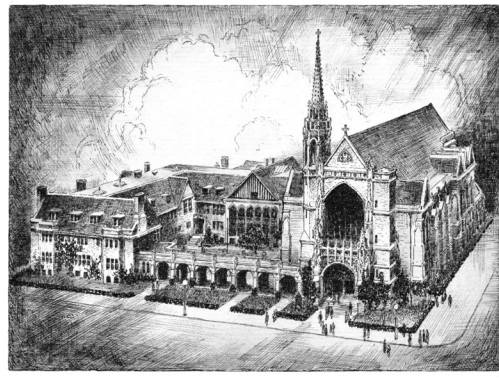




You belong here!

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.

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

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.

Browse Our Calendar

Looking for a calendar of Fourth Church events?

- See pages 13–15 for this week's opportunities
- Scroll to the bottom of fourthchurch.org
- Tap on the website menu option for calendar: fourthchurch.org/calendar, where you can add events to your digital calendar

Today: Long-Range Plan Progress Report

The Long-Range Plan Project Task Force invites you to join them at 12:15 p.m. today in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (at bit.ly/progress2510). Drawing on the results of their spring congregational survey, they will report on long-range plan progress.

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, whether in person or as part of our online community, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class via Zoom this Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers102025) or in person on Sunday, November 9 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers112025).

"This Archive Is Us" Art Exhibition

Artist Jill Wells, whose "This Archive Is Us" exhibit is in the Loggia Gallery, will be with us online for a "Virtual Artist Talk" on Sunday, November 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Presenting a meditation on history, presence, and belonging, her art is built from archival text in Braille drawn from the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and *Black Leaders in the Civil Rights Movement* by Glenda Armand.



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!

Today this time of fellowship is sponsored by Larry Nicholson in memory of Dana Ferguson, who joined the Fourth Church staff as Associate Pastor for Mission in 1998 and served as Executive Associate Pastor from 2005 until her death on October 27, 2008.

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 immediately following the livestream of worship for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

Connecting Online

Whether you 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 connections with your faith and others: fourthchurch.org/online/connections

Autumn with CLL

To explore the fitness classes as well as lectures and arts courses offered by the Center for Life and Learning for adults sixty and over, see fourthchurch.org/cll

Friday Noonday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert features our Interim Organist Doug Cleveland with vocalists Marianna Kulikova and Emily Mwila performing at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Halloween Silent Movie with Organ

Join us this Friday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m. when we celebrate the tenth anniversary of our Andrew Pipe Organ with organist David Briggs accompanying live the 1923 silent-movie *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Costumes are welcome!

November 2 Sunday Afternoon Concert

Our Andrew Pipe Organ will also be featured in a Sunday, November 2 concert at 3:00 p.m., when our Interim Organist Doug Cleveland will perform two organ concertos as part of a program that will also include our Morning Choir and Camerata Chicago presenting Fauré's *Requiem*. Tickets are available at cameratachicago.org; use code FPCC for a discount.

Opportunities to Connect

Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship

Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship meets to carve jack-o-lanterns for Halloween today at 11:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Women at Fourth October Gathering

Women are invited to come in festive attire or a Halloween costume for a time of fellowship and a "Fall Swap" of clothing, accessories, books, or fall decor this Thursday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Register at bit.ly/fpcwomen2510

Cornerstones

The Cornerstones group for those fifty and over will gather for dinner and a program on Friday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The Reverend Beth Brown will talk about "Connecting with Our Transgender and Non-Binary Colleagues, Friends, and Relatives." Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones2511

Books by Women

Books by Women, which invites readers into a monthly conversation about a selected work, will discuss *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.



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.

Bible Studies via Zoom

For details about the following Zoom Bible studies, email Pastor Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week's worship service or the upcoming Sunday—gathers via Zoom weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

The fall *Horizons* Women's Bible Studies—with the theme "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"—meet via Zoom on second and fourth Wednesdays (including November 12), with a midday and evening study at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Bible in 100 Passages Study

The next "Bible in 100 Passages" Zoom Bible study will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. For details, see page 11.

"The Reformation": A Three-Week Class

A three-week Adult Education class, "The Reformation," begins this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline

Taught by Dr. Ken Sawyer, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary, the class will consider what Protestants were protesting in the sixteenth century and what we should be protesting today to challenge the church and society to return to Reformation truths and Reformation truth-telling.

For videos of previous classes, including last week's "Presbyterian Confessions of Resistance," see our online archive at bit.ly/adultedvideos

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Podcasts from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include

- the Sunday worship service
- the Sunday sermon
- weekly "Rhythm and Word" reflections
- "Bible Top Ten," a lively, informative, and often lighthearted exploration of the Bible through a series of top ten lists, including recent episodes on "Top Ten Epistles" and "Top Ten Biblical Insults," hosted by Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger.

Storytelling for the Twenty-First Century

In this era of high-tech overload, doomscrolling, and divisive news, many feel a deep longing for connection. Storytelling, as ancient as the Bible and as current as TikTok, bridges this gap, combining the wisdom of our ancestors with the needs of modern humans.

An interactive experiential workshop, "Storytelling: An Ancient Art for the Twenty-First Century" will invite us to explore how to find, craft, and share stories as we learn the fundamental building blocks that will foster the growth of dynamic storytelling at Fourth Church. Join the Spiritual Formation Team for this workshop on Sunday, November 16 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Register at bit.ly/stories2511

Spiritual Practices: Lectio Divina

Today our Monthly Spiritual Practices Gathering will explore Lectio Divina and meditating with scripture. Join us in learning and deepening our connection with the sacred through reflection and meditation at 4:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Register at bit.ly/practices2025

Bible in 100 Passages

Daily readings

Our “Bible in 100 Passages” series invites you to join our congregational reading of the Old Testament, as we cover all of its thirty-nine books through 100 key texts. Each day we share the daily readings, in addition to reflections on them, as part of our Daily Devotions.

To receive them, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also read them online at fourthchurch.org/bible100, where you can find an overview for each week, as well.

Weekly video and podcast reflections

Each week Pastor Matt Helms offers a brief “Rhythm and Word” video and podcast reflection on the 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 multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts

Monthly Bible study

Each month we gather for a Bible study on the passages, with an in-person discussion led by Pastor Matt Helms and a Zoom conversation led by Pastor Nanette Sawyer. Join us for our November’s exploration of the Prophets.

- Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall (in person only; register at bit.ly/novbible100)
- Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (online only; at bit.ly/bible100zoom)

Watch the October study on Torah at bit.ly/100studyoct

All Saints’ Sunday Requiem

Next Sunday, November 2 is All Saints’ Sunday, a day when we lift up those whose baptism is new and those whose baptism is now complete.

As part of our remembrance of the faithful who have gone before us and our honoring of departed loved ones, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year will be read during worship. We will also celebrate Communion, and the Morning Choir will sing John Rutter’s *Requiem*.

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers 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 (gflaming@fourthchurch.org).

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

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



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Fourth Church Trips to Cuba

Today join those who have visited the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, Cuba, as they share their reflections during a time of conversation at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

If you would like to join us for our next trip to First Havana—scheduled for February 16–23, 2026—please fill out the online application at bit.ly/cubatrip26; to learn more, join us for an information session next Sunday, November 2 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5E or contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

November Blood Drive

The next Center for Life and Learning blood drive, hosted in conjunction with the office of the 42nd Ward, will be Saturday, November 8 in Borwell Dining Room between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

For donation appointments, register online at bit.ly/blooddrive202511; walk-ins will also be welcome.

Making a Difference in the Life of a Child

More tutors are needed to pair with the youth who would like to participate in our Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which meets virtually on Mondays and in person at Fourth Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. To learn more or volunteer to be a tutor, see chicagolights.org/volunteer/tutoring

Donating Men's Clothing

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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The purple ribbons outside the church bear public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.



Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign—**Rooted in Faith, Grow in Love**—calls each of us to invest boldly in the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and the life-changing work of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights.

Please join us in making a pledge by Commitment Sunday, November 9! Pledge forms have been mailed to member homes and are available online at bit.ly/fpcpledging and in the pew racks.

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2026 Pledge Commitments as of October 21, 2025

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	75	\$456,874	\$3,300,000	14%
Chicago Lights:	49	\$95,400	\$850,000	11%
Total:	75	\$552,274	\$4,100,000	13%

60 percent of responding households have increased their pledge over last year!

Calendar for October 26–November 1, 2025

REFORMATION SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
October 26	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
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship	Parish Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	The Reformation	Borwell Dining Room
	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.	Long-Range Plan Progress Report	Borwell Dining Room
	12:15 p.m.	Caregiver Circle: Dementia Horizons	Room 5G
	12:15 p.m.	Cuba Reflections	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 4F
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music and Arts Committee	Room 4E
	12:30 p.m.	Deacon Calling Ministry.	Manse
	4:00 p.m.	Spiritual Practices: Lectio Divina.	Randolph Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
October 27	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 Monday	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
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 5B
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Advanced Care Planning	Room 4E / Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom

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

Calendar for October 26–November 1, 2025

TUESDAY	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
October 28	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool Class	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	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
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives	Zoom
	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 / 5A
	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

WEDNESDAY	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
October 29	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	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
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Susan Quaintance	Room 5G / Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Zoom

Calendar for October 26–November 1, 2025

THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
October 30	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	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
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Memoir Writing	Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	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
	6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F

FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	CLL: Card Making Project.	Room 4K
October 31	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: October Lunch Meetup	Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Walk with Ease	Room 4E
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> with Organ (<i>see page 9</i>)	Sanctuary

ALL SAINTS' SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Joint Finance Meeting	Room 4G
November 1	<i>No other events are scheduled for Saturday</i>		

Sunday, November 2 • 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • All Saints' Sunday
 John Rutter's *Requiem* will be presented in lieu of a sermon.

The Fourth Church calendar is also available
 online at **fourthchurch.org/calendar** or
 by scrolling to the bottom of **fourthchurch.org**