



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.

Prayer

Personal Prayer with a Deacon following Worship

If you would like to meet with a Deacon to pray, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Praying Each Week for Our Members

Fourth Church maintains a practice of praying for each member's household throughout the year. On Wednesday mornings you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

Requests for Prayer

If you would like to submit a prayer request for our prayer ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

"This Archive Is Us" Exhibition

Today artist Jill Wells will be with us online for a "Virtual Artist Talk" at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom at bit.ly/wellsart

Her "This Archive Is Us" exhibit in the Loggia Gallery is built from text in Braille that draws from the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and from *Black Leaders in the Civil Rights Movement* by Glenda Armand.

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 Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org).

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," "Top Ten Antagonists in the Bible," and "Top Ten Passages on Heaven and Hell"—hosted by Pastors Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger.



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

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc

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 in person today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F or via Zoom on Wednesday evening, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers012026).

For more information about membership at Fourth Church, contact Dave Canfield, Director of Caring Ministries (dcanfield@fourthchurch.org), or Pastor Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). They would welcome hearing from you!

News, Updates, and Snapshots

For information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church, see our weekly email newsletter at fourthchurch.org/news; subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Free Friday Concerts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert features soprano Natalie Mann, a former member of the Morning Choir, and pianist Jeff Panko, at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream.

Caroling on the Sanctuary Steps

Mark Saturday, November 22 on your calendar and plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. when we will be singing carols on the steps of the Sanctuary prior to the 5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Parade that is part of the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival.

Come join us in spreading holiday cheer to those gathered for the Michigan Avenue festivities!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Again this year we will join with neighbors from various faith communities, including Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral, for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, this year hosted by Holy Name (State and Superior Streets) on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day we will continue our tradition of sharing a Thanksgiving-themed "Rhythm and Word" video via our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Christmas Flowers

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward this year's Christmas flowers that will decorate the Sanctuary. A list of those individuals remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, December 7 for names to appear in the bulletin.

"Salute to Duke Ellington"

In a free concert on Monday evening, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. the Bloom/Funkhouser Duo will perform a flute-and-piano tribute to Duke Ellington and his co-composers Billy Strayhorn, Juan Tizol, and son Mercer Ellington. This concert in Buchanan Chapel will be in-person only.

Opportunities to Connect

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 this Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild, which creates items for those in need, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Storytelling for the Twenty-First Century

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 next Sunday, November 16 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. Register at bit.ly/stories2511



Faith Formation

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

“The Reformation”

“The Reformation” Adult Education class led by Dr. Ken Sawyer, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary, concludes at 11:00 a.m. today in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline

Join us in exploring 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.

See the archive bit.ly/adultedvideos for the first sessions of this class as well as previous Adult Education offerings.

Reading Sermons

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

Native American Heritage

The flag flying in our courtyard and the sign on Michigan Avenue bear public witness to Native American Heritage Month. Stop by the Racial Equity table in Coffee Hour today for related resources and to learn more.

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: fourthchurch.org/online/connection

Center for Life and Learning

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—with both in-person and online opportunities — see fourthchurch.org/cll

Zoom Bible Studies

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 Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Women’s Bible Studies

Horizons Women’s Bible Studies—with the theme “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ”—meet via Zoom this Wednesday, November 12, with a midday and evening study at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Bible in 100 Passages Study

The “Bible in 100 Passages” Zoom Bible study meets this Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. (*See details at right*).

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 on the fourth floor.

Youth groups

The Junior High Youth group (grades 6–8) will meet in the South Balcony of the Sanctuary today at 9:30 a.m. before moving to the Bumpus Room following the Passing of the Peace. Senior High Youth (grades 9–12) meet in Room 5C at 11:00 a.m.

TwentiesThirties Bible Study

Beginning on Sunday, November 23, young adults are invited to a TwentiesThirties Advent Bible Study that will take place weekly at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4F through December 21.

Together we will experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us in our world as we dig into Tracy Daub's *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark*. If you want to learn more, order the book, or plan to join us, please email Nance Bartell (nbartell@fourthchurch.org).

Micah 6:8 Zoom Small Group

Our new Micah 6:8 Zoom Small Group offers opportunity to discuss our own monthly highs and lows in justice seeking through church activities and in our personal lives.

We will be meeting this Thursday, November 13 at 7:40 p.m., using Hanna Reichel's *For Such a Time as This* for our theological reflection. For more information, including Zoom details, contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

Bible in 100 Passages

Monthly Bible studies

This Tuesday, November 11 we will gather at 6:30 p.m. for our next monthly Zoom Bible study in the "Bible in 100 Passages" series, focusing this month on the Prophets. The Zoom link for this online-only study is bit.ly/bible100zoom

Our next in-person Bible study will be Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall (in-person only; register at bit.ly/decible100)

If you missed the the October study on Torah, you can watch it at bit.ly/100studyoct

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

Hidden Gems at Fourth Church

Next Sunday, November 16, Andrea Denney, Executive Director of Operations at Fourth Church, will lead our Adult Education class "Hidden Gems, and Some in Plain Sight," as we explore the art around us at Fourth Church, including its symbolism, scriptural references, history, and artists. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline; register at bit.ly/fpchiddengems

Monthly Spiritual Practices Gatherings

Our next monthly Spiritual Practices Gathering will be on Sunday, November 30 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we explore a "Wall of Prayer."



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

Travel with Us to Cuba in February

The week of February 16–23 we will be traveling to Cuba for an opportunity for cultural immersion, learning, service, and time enjoying the company of our Cuban partners and siblings in faith.

If you would like to join us for this trip to visit First Presbyterian Church of Havana, please fill out the application at bit.ly/cubatrip262026 or contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) to join us for this trip, please fill out the application at bit.ly/cubatrip26

Watch Our New Meals Ministry Video

We encourage you to take a few moments to watch a new video—bit.ly/fpcmealsvideo—that shares a brief glimpse into Meals Ministry volunteer opportunities and the joy and impact of serving that they offer.

In November, as we celebrate abundance and share what we have, we invite you to consider volunteering with our outreach to feed neighbors in need. Whether you assist with meal preparation or distribution, your participation will be a meaningful gift to our community.

You can volunteer by creating a profile on our Volunteer Ministry platform at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers and signing up for specific dates.

SNAP Support

As many in our community experience reduced support with the expiration of their SNAP benefits, you can make a difference through a gift to Fourth Meals Ministry and Chicago Lights programs, which provide food, resources, and care to those most affected.

You can give online to Meals Ministry or Chicago Lights at fourthchurch.org/give (noting “SNAP Support” in the comments), check, or by our shopping online wish lists at bit.ly/fpcsnapsupport

A Sunday Volunteer Opportunity

A new Meals Ministry volunteer role offers opportunity to help on Sundays following 11:00 a.m. worship (for approximately an hour) to sort and store food rescue donated by Whole Foods.

To sign up to help on a future Sunday or for details, see the opportunity listing on our Volunteer Ministry platform at bit.ly/mmfoodrescue

Make 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



2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2026 Pledge Commitments as of November 4, 2025

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	312	\$1,738,388	\$3,300,000	53%
Chicago Lights:	195	\$505,302	\$850,000	59%
Total:	321	\$2,243,690	\$4,150,000	54%

100 percent of Elders and Trustees have pledged!

Calendar for November 9–15, 2025

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
November 9	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.	Senior High Gathering.	Room 5C
	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.	Caregiver Circle: Dementia Horizons	Room 5G
	12:15 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Room 5F
	12:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 4F
	12:30 p.m.	Zoom with Artist Jill Wells	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
November 10	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
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Bridge	Room 5B
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: World's Fairs of the Art Deco Era	Room 4G
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom

Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
November 11	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Lawndale Christian Health Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall

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

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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: Mahjong	Room 5C Room 5A
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
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Beginner's Canasta.	Room 5B
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Book Club	Zoom
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room

Wednesday November 12	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
	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.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	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
	12:00 p.m.	Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)	Buchanan Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	CLL: Susan Quaintance	Room 5G / Zoom
	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
	5:00 p.m.	Gala Committee.	Room 4K
	5:30 p.m.	CLL: Purposeful Retirement Workshop	Room 4G
	5:30 p.m.	New Member Reception	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F
	6:30 p.m.	Women's <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Zoom

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online at fourthchurch.org/calendar or
by scrolling to the bottom of fourthchurch.org

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Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
November 13	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	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: Beyond the Headlines	Room 5G / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Creative Writing and Storytelling	Room 4D
	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
	2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer Celebration	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	6:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	7:40 p.m.	Micah 6:8 Small Group.	Zoom

Friday	9:00 a.m.	CLL: Card-Making Project	Room 4K
November 14	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
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Fiber Friends	Room 4C
	3:30 p.m.	CLL: Get Together and Go Out!.	Fourth-Floor Lounge

(No events scheduled for Saturday)

Sunday, November 23 • 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • Nancy Benson-Nicol preaching