



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 at 9:30 a.m. you are invited to gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom to pray for members by name, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. For details, email Pastor 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).

Native American Heritage

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

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—"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 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 get connected 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 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 via Zoom on Wednesday, 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

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

Free Friday Concerts

The November 21 free Friday Noonday Concert features a favorite Noonday musician, pianist Mio Nakamura, at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via livestream. *(There will not be a concert the Friday after Thanksgiving.)*

"Salute to Duke Ellington"

Experience the timeless music of Duke Ellington in a free concert this Monday evening, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel (in person only), when 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.

Caroling on the Avenue This Saturday!

Help us sing in the holiday season this coming Saturday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. when we will be caroling on the steps of the Sanctuary prior to the 5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Parade, as 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, Holy Name Cathedral, the Downtown Islamic Center, and LaSalle Street Church—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.

Opportunities to Connect

Storytelling for the Twenty-First Century

Today's 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 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

Family Night with Animals

Our Family Night this Friday, November 21 is our annual opportunity for meeting and learning about various animals. Young children and their families are invited to join us at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Benevolent Guild

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

Deck the Sanctuary!

Help us decorate the Sanctuary for Advent! Sign up at bit.ly/fpcdecorate to join us next Sunday.

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.



Faith Formation

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

Hidden Gems at Fourth Church

Come learn about the art around us at Fourth Church—including its symbolism, scriptural references, artists, and history—at this morning's Adult Education class, "Hidden Gems, and Some in Plain Sight," presented by Andrea Denney, Executive Director of Operations at Fourth Church. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline

See the archive bit.ly/adultedvideos for 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

What Is a Presbytery?

The two-session class "What Is a Presbytery and Why Should We Care?" begins next Sunday morning, November 23 (and will meet again Sunday, December 7).

We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and online at bit.ly/fpconline for an opportunity to hear the Reverend Ken Hockenberry, Stated Clerk and Business Manager of the Chicago Presbytery, share insights about the role and function of a presbytery, the polity and governance system of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and current and optimal connections between the local congregation member and the larger PC(USA).

Register at bit.ly/presbytery2025

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.

Confirmation

The Confirmation cohort of eighth graders meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. The Confirmation parent group meets at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5F.

Youth

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) do not meet today but will gather with Junior High Youth and Center for Life and Learning members next Sunday, November 23 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to take part in an art project focused on joy.

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.”

TwentiesThirties Bible Study

Beginning next 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*. For more information or to order the book, email Nance Bartell (nbartell@fourthchurch.org).

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 studies

Our next in-person Bible study focusing on the themes of our “Bible in 100 Passages” series will be Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall (in-person only; register at bit.ly/decbible100).

The next Zoom Bible study in the series will be Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. For details and the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/decbible100zoom

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”—will next meet on Wednesday, December 10, via Zoom, with both 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 on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. (*See details above.*)



Community Engagements and Partnerships

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

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

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/cubatrip26 or contact Pastor Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) to join us for this trip.

A Sunday Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help Meals Ministry on upcoming Sundays following 11:00 a.m. worship (for approximately an hour) to sort and store food rescue donated by Whole Foods.

To sign up, see the opportunity listing on our Volunteer Ministry platform at bit.ly/mmfoodrescue

SNAP Support

As SNAP benefits have been impacted for many in our community, who are now experiencing reduced support, 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), by check, or by our shopping online wish lists at bit.ly/fpcsnapsupport

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We are deeply grateful to all made a 2026 pledge on Commitment Sunday. Thank you for your investment in the work of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights!

If you have not yet had opportunity to make your pledge for 2026, there is still time to do so. You will find in the pew racks a pledge card to complete, or you can fill out the online form at bit.ly/fpcclpledge



2026 Pledge Commitments as of November 11, 2025

	Households	Amount	Goal	% to Goal
Fourth Church:	487	\$2,462,003	\$3,300,000	75%
Chicago Lights:	290	\$679,186	\$850,000	80%
Total:	494	\$3,141,189	\$4,150,000	76%

Fun fact: We are delighted that to date we have received 63 pledges from those who have not previously pledged or did not pledge in 2025.

These 63 pledges total \$188,585.

Calendar for November 16–22, 2025

Sunday November 16	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery.	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room.	Hospitality Suite
	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.	Online Coffee Hour.	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Gathering.	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	“Hidden Gems, and Some in Plain Sight!”	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.	Confirmation Parent Gathering	Room 5F
	12:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Caregiver Circle: Dementia Horizons	Room 5G
	12:15 p.m.	Long-Range Plan Progress Task Force Meeting.	Room 4E
	12:15 p.m.	Mission and Justice Committee.	Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	New Members and Session.	Randolph Room
	12:15 p.m.	Storytelling Workshop	Room 4G
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30).	Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Medical Service	Borwell Dining Room

Monday November 17	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	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: World’s Fairs of the Art Deco Era	Room 4G
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 5G / Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	“Salute to Duke Ellington” Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Tuesday November 18	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

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

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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.	Bumpus Room
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: Mahjong	Room 5C / Room 5A
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor.	Room 4F
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Beginner's Canasta.	Room 4G
2:45 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi.	Anderson Hall / Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Council	Zoom

Wednesday November 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Yoga for Strong Bones	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program.	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Services	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: The "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.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	12:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	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
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday November 20	9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Parish Dining Room
	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 Services	Anderson Hall

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9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
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: 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
5:30 p.m.	Trustees and Session	Borwell Dining Room
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
November 21	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.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Mahjong Fridays	Room 4C
	2:00 p.m.	CLL: Fiber Friends	Room 4C
	5:30 p.m.	Animal Family Night.	Borwell Dining Room

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Caroling for the Tree-Lighting Parade.	Sanctuary Steps
November 22	<i>No other events are scheduled for Saturday</i>		

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

The Fourth Church calendar is also available
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