

May 19, 2024
Pentecost



The Gathering

Communion at 2:00

We Gather.

Gathering Music

Song "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (Hymnal 835, v. 1 and 2)

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *(Refrain)*

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *(Refrain)*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*



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A Light in the City

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

Psalter Psalm 104:24–34

Song “We Are Marching in the Light of God” (Hymnal 853)

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Song “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Hymnal 286, v. 1–3)

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

We Hear.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:22–27

Sermon Nancy Benson-Nicol

Offering

The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in the offering plate or, upon leaving today, in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits. Gifts also can be given online at www.fourthchurch.org/give or via Venmo (@Fourth-Church)

Song "We Are One in the Spirit" (Hymnal 300, v. 1 and 2)

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)**

Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the juice).
Gluten-free bread is available.*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion Song "Fire and Rain" (James Taylor)

***Song** "Guide My Feet" (Hymnal 741)

Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide my feet . . .

***Blessing**

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Nancy Benson-Nicol

The Music Today

Beena David, vocals; Matt Gold, bass; Amr Fahmy, piano; Neal Wehman, drums

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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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.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshiping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, **from May 26 through September 1 we gather on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with three fully accessible entrances, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*) as well as at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and 115 E. Delaware.

Sound

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

Parking

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Ensure you receive the latest updates, stories, and snapshots from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Worshipping Online

We livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the services

Worship can be viewed anytime after the services begin. 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 10:00 a.m.

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 the information form.

In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the information pads in the pews, passing them down their row so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service. If your contact information has changed, please indicate that too.

Online

Those worshipping with us via livestream will find a link to the online form included in the descriptive 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.

Day of Pentecost

Today is the Day of Pentecost, which celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit, and our processional ribbons evoke the wind from heaven, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

We receive a special Pentecost offering today in support of Presbyterian Church (USA) and Fourth Church ministries working with at-risk youth and young adults. To make a gift to this offering, use the designation “Pentecost Offering” when giving at fourthchurch.org/give or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Celebrating Our Legacy

Dedication Commemoration Sunday

Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On Sunday, May 10, 1914, the our congregation worshiped in the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary for the first time, having moved from its smaller facility on Rush at Superior.

The Legacy Society

The generations that have gone before us left a vibrant legacy, not only in bricks and mortar but also in the financial foundation from which we carry forth our ministry. It was the \$25,000 that remained after the completion of the 1914 building project that began the Fourth Church endowment fund. We join in the commitment to passing on that legacy for future generations. If you have planned or are considering a legacy gift to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights as part of your will, you can learn more about the Legacy Society at fourthchurch.org/giving/legacy

New Morning Worship Time

Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the weekend of Labor Day. From May 26 through September 1, we will gather for two worship services: at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m.

Honoring John Sherer

John Sherer's last Sunday as our Organist and Music Director will be June 23. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry among us!

- Fridays, May 31 and June 14 at 12:10 p.m.: John plays his last Friday Noonday Organ Concerts.
- Tuesday, June 4, 5:30–7:00 p.m.: Reception celebrating John's ministry; RSVP required at bit.ly/sherercelebration
- Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.: John plays an Organ Recital.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.: John's last Sunday leading us in worship music. If you would like to sing with the choir that day, please come for an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal that morning.

Memory book

As an expression of gratitude for John Sherer and his ministry among us, we invite you to share your well-wishes, notes, photos, and thank-yous with John through our online memory book at bit.ly/sherermemories

Gifts in honor of John

As a further expression of gratitude, we also invite you to make a gift in honor of John's dedicated leadership of music ministry at Fourth Church. Gifts given in honor of John will support key areas of this ministry of beauty, including the Director of Music and Organ Scholar positions as well as the Morning Choir. Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/jwwshonorgift

Recognizing Graduates

Those graduating from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2024 are asked to email their names to Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org) no later than next Sunday, May 26. Graduate names received by May 26 will appear in the morning worship bulletin on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 2.

Get Connected

Bible studies

Three Bible studies meet via Zoom: Men's Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and *Horizons* Women's Bible Study this Wednesday, May 22 at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m. Email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Deep Listening Dinner

Friendship will be the theme of our next Deep Listening Dinner, a time to get to know one another through conversation over a shared meal. To join the discussion, which will take place on Friday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall, register (required) at bit.ly/deeplisting524

Black history tour

Our Racial Equity Council invites you to join them for a Black history tour on Sunday, June 2 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Traveling by bus (from our Delaware Place entrance), we will tour Bronzeville with Chicago historian Sherman "Dilla" Thomas as our guide. Register at bit.ly/june2tour

Cornerstones with Tom Are

On Friday evening, June 7 Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will gather for dinner and conversation with Tom Are talking about "Life at Fourth Church." Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones672024

Stay Connected

You can find details about ways to connect with one another and this congregation as well as discover various resources and opportunities on our website: fourthchurch.org

Weekly newsletter

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

Weekly "Rhythm and Word" videos

Each Wednesday we release a ten-minute video of music, scripture, and prayer led this month by Matt Helms and the Gathering musicians. You can receive notice of new videos by subscribing to our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos; sign up at bit.ly/rhythmword to receive them by email.

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To become a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session online Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers624).

Caring for One Another

Prayer requests and pastoral care

To submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org)

Also email Gloria if you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; 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 those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Counseling and well-being

To explore options for counseling or well-being offerings, including our grief groups, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit reploglecenter.org

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

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Nancy Benson-Nicol Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation

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