

December 21–27, 2014

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**FOURTH
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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Visit the **Fourth Church page** on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for worship and church life information. If you have a Facebook account, "like" Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on news and photos.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Four candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children's Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

A **Christmas Cantata**, featuring Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, will be sung by the Morning Choir today during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Parking rates for Christmas Eve and Day: For those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24, discounted parking will cost \$16, which is the holiday rate. The \$16 orange parking voucher for that discount will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve—cash or check only—and will be available before and after the Children's Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with a green voucher available at the church. Parking on Christmas Day in the 900 garage will cost \$16. The voucher for discounted parking on Christmas Day must be purchased, with cash or check, at the church on Christmas morning. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

Online gifts to Light Up a Life and pledge fulfillment

can be made at www.fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning the QR code at right with any smartphone). These year-end gifts provide vital support to the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, funding outreach to those in need, sustaining choirs, supporting educational opportunities, and making possible our ministry together!



The annual Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register, with cash or check, at the reception desk.

Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online or by completing the form available in the literature racks.

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities. Feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with such experiences. To learn how the Center can help, call 312.787.8425.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

“Parenting in Faith” meets today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Nursery care on Christmas Eve will be available from 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. It will not be available during the last two services.

No Sunday School or youth gatherings will be held on Sundays, December 28 or January 4. Children are invited to worship; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

Youth gather today for worship at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held today at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP

The old blue hymnals are going to be given to communities in need of hymnals—but if you would like to have one or more of them, they are available from the Book Nook for a suggested donation of \$10 each.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Flutist Cate Hummel will perform the next free Noonday concert, which will be held on Friday, January 2 at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will gather today for fellowship and discussion about “Advent Expectations” at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension

will meet for a joint gathering of the presentation “The Music and History of Bagpipes,” led by George Sims, on Friday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for 2015 mission trips

“Racial Reconciliation” (May 2–9) and Guatemala (July 12–19) are due February 15 and April 11, respectively. Application information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Angels on Call is a volunteer opportunity offering home-cooked meals to Fourth Church families who have recently welcomed a baby or who are recovering from surgery. To learn more about Angels on Call and how to help, contact Judy Watt at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, will next meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Save the date for Gala of Hope, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being; Friday, March 6. Watch for details in the new year!

ENRICHMENT

“Endings and Beginnings,” a spiritual retreat, will be held on Saturday, January 3 at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To register (required), contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, December 28.

“Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 7–27. For more information about the series and speakers, including Richard M. Daley, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Books by Women will discuss *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron on Tuesday, January 13 in Borwell Dining Room.

“1914: Picturing the Great War” will be the topic of a Center for Life and Learning class held on Thursdays, January 15–February 26 at 10:00 a.m. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording operators for worship
Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s sturdy winter clothes
Individually wrapped and nonperishable food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 21–27, 2014

Sunday, December 21

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Worship		Buchanan Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour		Commons
	12:10 p.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal		Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 22

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 23

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24

	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
3:30 to 7:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
4:00 p.m.	Children’s Pageant	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Service	John W. Vest preaching
8:30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
		Shannon J. Kershner preaching
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
		Shannon J. Kershner preaching

Thursday, December 25

	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Christmas Worship	Matt Helms preaching
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Christmas Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
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4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Nickerson preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.