

March 15–21, 2015

**FOURTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

# News and Opportunities

## WORSHIP

Today's **Jazz at Four** service will be held in Buchanan Chapel so that we might begin preparing the Sanctuary for the NEXT Church conference, which begins Monday morning. This weekly jazz service with Communion begins at 4:00 p.m.

**Ted Wardlaw**, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, March 22.

**Opportunity to walk the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Morning Prayer** will be held at 9:30 a.m. (except on Tuesday, when it will be at 9:00 a.m.) in Buchanan Chapel (Monday through Wednesday) and in Stone Chapel (Thursday and Friday).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

"**Connect as a Community**," opportunity for parents to gather for a time of fellowship, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Presbyterian Women** will gather for a time of "Good News" fellowship on Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4F

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

We welcome **NEXT Church** to Fourth Church this week, as we host their 2015 national gathering Monday through Wednesday.

We also welcome back the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference this Thursday through Saturday as we again host their national conference.

### It's easy to share Fourth Church with friends:

whether it's an invitation to Midweek Wednesday services, a thought-provoking reflection from a Lenten devotion, an inspiring quote from a sermon, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or scan this QR code).

Why not share at least one with friends this week?



**Conversations with Shannon**—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sunday, May 10 in the Manse and Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. To RSVP (required in advance), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more.

## LENT AND EASTER

**Palm Sunday**—with the children’s palm processional at the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services—is Sunday, March 29. A complete schedule of Holy Week and Easter services of worship is available in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter](http://www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter)

**Remember loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by next Sunday, March 22 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). For details, contact Allie Williams at 312.981.3383.

**Tickets for Easter Brunch**, which will be held Sunday, April 5 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, are available at the reception desk today and during the week.

**To receive Lenten devotions** by email (if you do not already receive our daily devotions), send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org). Devotions are also available on the website and via Facebook and in printed format in the literature racks.

**A Lenten Contemplative Retreat** will be held Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by next Sunday, March 22.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center, as well as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs are all supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering being received through Easter. Gifts to this offering can be made using the offering envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Lenten Offering” on a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

**Runners interested in joining** the 2015 Chicago Lights Marathon Team are asked to contact Kate Solis Silva at [ksolis@chicagolights.org](mailto:ksolis@chicagolights.org) before registering for the marathon at [www.chicagomarathon.com](http://www.chicagomarathon.com).

**In support of Earth Day**, on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., Fourth Church will be turning off its non-essential lighting. Please visit the Care of Creation table at coffee hour next Sunday, March 22, to learn more about this.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour or by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

**Thank you to everyone** who supported the 2015 Gala of Hope! This annual benefit supports Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and also the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, Fourth Church's response to the mental health needs of its congregation and the wider community.

**The Benevolent Guild** gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Orpheus Choir** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The Choir of King's College** from Cambridge, England, will be in concert next Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available through Symphony Center Presents at 312.294.3000 (www.cso.org).

**Chicago Ensemble** will perform in concert next Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org) or by calling 773.558.3448.

## ENRICHMENT

**A one-session class on the NEXT Church** movement will take place today as part of the Academy for Faith and Life adult education offerings. Layton Williams will lead this conversation at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

**Academy for Faith and Life classes** continuing today are "The Laws of Leviticus" at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E and "Perspectives on Healing and Faith" at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

**Premarital Saturday Seminars** offer couples opportunity to learn and practice skills necessary to building a healthy marital relationship. This one-session class, which will meet this Saturday, March 21 in Boyle Conference Room, is also a prerequisite for marriage at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To register, call 312.787.8425.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Tutors** for Chicago Lights Tutoring one evening a week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Volunteers** to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

**Audio recording operators** for Sunday morning worship

**Church members to serve** as Nursery caregivers during morning worship

**Book Nook attendants** at Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Database entry assistants** onsite at Fourth Church Mondays and Tuesdays

**Members** to host and pass out cider to waiting worshipers prior to 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Clean blankets** for the Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes**

**Individually wrapped food items** for the Social Service Center

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html) or by calling Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.*

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 15–21, 2015

### Sunday, March 15

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Matt Helms preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
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
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Shannon J. Kershner preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:30 a.m.	“Parents Connect as a Community”	Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	“Laws of Leviticus”	Room 5E
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Shannon J. Kershner preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	11:00 a.m.	“What’s NEXT?”	Room 5F
	11:00 a.m.	“Healing and Faith”	Room 5G
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b> Shannon J. Kershner preaching	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

### Monday, March 16

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.		NEXT Church <i>(also Tuesday)</i>	Sanctuary; Gratz Center
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Day School <i>(also Tuesday–Friday)</i>	Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday)</i>	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.		Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group	Parish House, Third Floor

### Tuesday, March 17

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

### Wednesday, March 18

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		NEXT Church	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

### Thursday, March 19

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Progressive Youth Ministry <i>(also Friday)</i>	Gratz Center
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Friday)</i>	Stone Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft

### Friday, March 20

12:10 p.m.		Noonday Concert: Orpheus Choir	Buchanan Chapel
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### Saturday, March 21

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.		Premarital Seminar	Boyle Conference Room
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### Worship on Sunday, March 22

	8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Theodore J. Wardlaw preaching	
	4:00 p.m.	Layton Williams preaching	

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. 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.