

March 22–28, 2015

**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
A Light in the City

News and Opportunities

LENT AND EASTER

Reservations are due today for the Lenten Contemplative Retreat, which will be held this Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

A Lenten Midweek service will be held this Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Palm Sunday—with the children’s palm processional at the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services—is next Sunday, March 29.

Palm Sunday “Sharing the Faith” hosts are needed to guide members of the Islamic community through the 9:30 a.m. service next Sunday, March 29. To volunteer, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 2 will be held at 12:10 p.m. (Tenebrae) and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 3 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Service) in the Sanctuary.

A Good Friday service for children will be held on April 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

To receive Lenten devotions by email, send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org. Devotions are also available online and in printed format in the literature racks.

Today is the last day to give Easter flower gifts in memory or honor of loved ones. Gifts may be made using the flower form in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org. The names of those honored by these gifts must be received by March 22 in order to be included in the Easter bulletin. For information, contact Allie Williams (312.981.3383; awilliams@fourthchurch.org).



Easter Sunday services on April 5 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in the Sanctuary.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

WORSHIP

We welcome Ted Wardlaw, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, to the pulpit this morning as our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held this Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, and the Rancho Mirage Chamber Singers will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

Chicago Ensemble will perform in concert this Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org or by calling 773.558.3448.

"Dall Sogno all' Opus Veritas," an exhibit of mosaics by Verdiano Marzi, will be on display in the Loggia beginning this Friday, March 27. Verdiano Marzi will give a presentation on his exhibit next Sunday, March 29 in Borwell Dining Room after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Choral Society rehearsals for all those interested in being in concert with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on May 21 will be held on Thursdays, April 16–May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A limited number of spots on the Chicago Lights Marathon Team are available. For more information about these guaranteed entries for the 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, contact Kate Solis Silva at ksolis@fourthchurch.org

In support of Earth Hour, this 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 to learn more.

Tie a blue bow next Sunday, March 29 during Coffee Hour in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. On Wednesday, April 1, a Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service and press conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To coordinate on March 29, or to volunteer on April 1, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 .

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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NEWS AND RESOURCES

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, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or aellis@fourthchurch.org

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Fourth graders will receive Bibles from the congregation during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today as the congregation lives out its baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church.

“**Enriching Relationships,**” a series for couples, will discuss “Prioritizing Our Time: Part 1” today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

FELLOWSHIP

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

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet this Monday, March 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Parish House. To register, call 312.787.8425.

ENRICHMENT

“**Perspectives on Healing and Faith,**” an Academy for Faith and Life class, continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

“**What does Passover mean** and why does it matter” will be the topic of an Academy for Faith and Life presentation and book signing by Rabbi Evan Moffic this Thursday, March 26 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Rabbi Moffic, who previously served at Chicago Sinai Congregation, will also have on hand copies of his new book *What Every Christian Needs to Know about Passover*.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Audio recording operators for Sunday 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

Men’s and women’s sturdy winter clothes

Individually wrapped food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html or by calling Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 22–28, 2015

Sunday, March 22

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	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
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Theodore J. Wardlaw preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	“Enriching Relationships”		Room 4G
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
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Theodore J. Wardlaw preaching	Sanctuary
	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
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Layton Williams preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, March 23

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–Friday)</i>		Stone 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 24

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	The Choir of King’s College Concert		Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert		Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday, March 25

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship		Sanctuary

Thursday, March 26

	5:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women		Room 4F
	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Evan Moffic on Passover		Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary Choir Loft

Friday, March 27

	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary
	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service		Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, March 28

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.		Hospitality Enhancement		Buchanan Chapel & Loft
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Worship on Palm Sunday, March 29

	8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Shannon J. Kershner preaching
	4:00 p.m.	Shannon J. Kershner 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.