

December 6–12, 2015

**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
A Light in the City

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Visit the **Fourth Church page on Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for sermon quotes, photos, and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to “like” our page to keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, meets this Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

Taking Communion to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry this Advent. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) at 312.640.5448.

We welcome **Nanette Sawyer** to Fourth Church as she join us on a one-year contract as Minister for Congregational Life. Information about Nanette is available in the literature racks.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Soprano Rae-Myra Hillard will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Youth in grades 6 through 12 gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A “**Parenting in Faith**” opportunity for parents to connect as a community through conversation and fellowship will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

As you tend to your Christmas shopping list, let Fourth Church and Chicago Lights help you spread double the joy with your giving: “Light Up a Life” gifts—which are easy to place online at www.fourthchurch.org and perfect for all on your list—provide a meaningful gift for recipients and make a lasting difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights and Fourth Church.



La Posada Family Night will be held on Friday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

ADVENT

Today's Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

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 information racks.

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Today is the last day to register for the Advent Contemplative Retreat, held Friday–Saturday, December 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms are available in the literature racks and online.

Friday is the deadline for Christmas flower contributions to memorialize or honor loved ones. Names of those being remembered must be received by December 11 in order to be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org or by calling Allie Williams at 312.981.3383.

Today is the last day to bring in items for Christmas Bags for guests of Meals Ministry's Sunday Night Supper and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Items are being collected at Coffee Hour.

"Holiday Pops!"—a concert with Chicago Chamber Orchestra and cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael—will take place next Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.chicagochamberorch.org

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place next Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall. Volunteers are needed to help bake cookies and set up the reception. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A Lakeside Singers holiday concert will be held on Friday, December 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com

A "Christmas with Tower Brass" concert will be held on Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A \$20 suggested donation will be received at the door.

The "Longest Night" service, which will be held Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

The annual Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are available at the reception desk today and during the week.

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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Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Due December 20 are applications for the mission trip to Cuba. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The Book Nook is selling copies of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* at Coffee Hour this holiday season.

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576).

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women's Bible study that follows a lectionary-based curriculum, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

Two Academy for Faith and Life classes continue today: "Becoming a Vital Member of a Church Body" at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E and "Handel's *Messiah*" at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Books by Women will discuss *The Grass Is Singing* by Doris Lessing this Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, December 9 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

Men's Bible Study will meet next Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Life without Parole will be the topic of discussion facilitated by Claudia Boatright as part of the mass incarceration book series next Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will meet for discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Fourth Dimension will meet for their annual Christmas party this Friday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 7.

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D to discuss the topic of "Wisdom."

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening per week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Nursery caregivers on Sundays during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's winter clothing

Clean blankets

Magazines

For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 6–12, 2015

Sunday, December 6

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Day School Classroom B
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.		Fair Trade Gift Bazaar		(see announcement)
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5F
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 5E
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	“Becoming a Vital Member”		Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
	12:15 p.m.	“Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> ” Class		Buchanan Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, December 7

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
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Room 4F

Tuesday, December 8

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room

Wednesday, December 9

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
12:00 p.m.	<i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Room 4J
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor

Thursday, December 10

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
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Friday, December 11

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse

Saturday, December 12

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Room 4F

Worship on Sunday, December 13

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