

November 20–26, 2016

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes will be held today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets today at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Youth in grades 6–12 will come together for games today at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Then at 11:00 a.m., also in Bumpus, they will talk about summer youth trips planned for 2017.

Thanksgiving

Today a Thanksgiving Labyrinth Walk and Food Drive for Chicago Lights will be held at 3:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on November 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Paid reservations (*required*) are available at www.bit.ly/TgvgDinner

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, LaSalle Street Church, Niagara Foundation, and Fourth Church will cohost.

Thanksgiving Day parking for the Thanksgiving Day worship service and dinner is available at a discounted rate at the 900 parking garage. Please note, however, that the discount rate will not be the Sunday morning rate but will be the \$17 holiday rate set by the garage. The \$17 vouchers can be purchased with cash or check at the church reception desk on Thanksgiving morning. There will then be no additional fee when validating your ticket at the garage upon exit.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 24.



As you begin to make 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.

News and Resources

Twenty-six percent of the gifts pledged for 2016 remain outstanding as of the first week of November. To ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met, we are counting on those pledges being fully fulfilled by year end. If, due to circumstances, you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (amiller@fourthchurch.org) so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources.

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

Advent

“Managing Grief through the Holidays” will be offered by the Replogle Center on Mondays, November 21–December 12. To register (*required*), call 312.787.8425.

Join the Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge beginning November 27. For details see www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

A family advent wreath workshop will be held Sunday, November 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room. Volunteers are needed that Friday–Sunday; to help, contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

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

“Candlelight Carols,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

“The Music of Advent” class will be led by Carl Grapentine on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

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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Fellowship

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored in honor of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversaries of Lies and Jim Garner and Julie James and Don Nelson.

Young Adults gather today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. The group will partner with the Chicago Lights Associate Board for an Advent dinner and gingerbread-house-decorating contest on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Today ThirtiesForties will meet in the Narthex after 11:00 a.m. worship to go to lunch at Lyfe Kitchen (831 N. State).

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather this Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material.

Cornerstones will gather for their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G and the Fourth Floor Lounge in the Gratz Center. RSVP (*required*) by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, November 30.

Music and the Arts

Today Bella Voce Choir and the Callipygian Players will perform Handel's *Messiah* at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door.

"Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare's Characters, Plays, and Sonnets" is on display in the Loggia.

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

Mission and Outreach

An intergenerational mission trip to Havana, Cuba, will take place March 25–April 1, 2017. Register at www.bit.ly/HavanaCuba2017 by December 1.

Save the date for Gala of Hope: Friday, February 24, 2017.

Shannon Kershner will be running the 2017 Chicago Marathon for Team Chicago Lights. We're recruiting more runners to join her in supporting Chicago Lights. Contact Kate Solis Silva at ksolis@chicagolights.org for details.

Enrichment

"God in the Modern Wing: Part II" with Walter Hansen concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. A tour of the Art Institute of Chicago's Modern Wing will follow at 1:30 p.m.

The January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College will be shown via live Internet video feed on weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs
Ushers for worship services
Sunday School teacher two Sundays per month during 9:30 a.m. classes
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Current Donation Needs
Travel-size toiletry items
Men's and women's clothing

For more opportunities or to volunteer, visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Calendar for November 20–26, 2016

Sunday, November 20

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Rocky Supinger preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5H
	9:30 a.m.	“Many Names and Images for God”		Room 5F
	9:30 a.m.	“Jesus and Socrates”		Room 5G
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Youth Fellowship		Bumpus Room
	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation		Room 5A
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Trips Preview		Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.		“God in the Modern Wing: Part II”		(see announcement)
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Randolph Room
	12:00 p.m.	ThirtiesForties		(see announcement)
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
	12:30 p.m.	“Andrew Pipe Organ”		Sanctuary
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.		Food Drive and Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Nanette Sawyer preaching	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Bella Voce Concert		Sanctuary

Monday, November 21

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
7:00 to 8:15 p.m.	“Managing Grief through the Holidays”		Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, November 22

7:45 a.m.	“Sacred Pause”		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting		Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship		Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 23

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B

Thursday, November 24

	Thanksgiving Day		
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Thanksgiving Day Dinner		Anderson Hall

Friday, November 25

	Church Office Closed		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary

Saturday, November 26

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, November 27

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching		
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4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching		