

**November 27–December 3, 2016**

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

We are counting on gifts pledged for 2016 to be fully fulfilled by year end to ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met. If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org); 312.640.2576) 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)

Connection Corner helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table at Coffee Hour after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

## Children, Youth, and Family

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

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

Junior and Senior High Youth will join the congregation for 11:00 a.m. worship today. A parent meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Adult leaders are needed for the Cuba trip that senior high youth will be taking in the summer of 2017. Details are online at [www.bit.ly/CubaLeader2017](http://www.bit.ly/CubaLeader2017)

## Advent

Today a family advent wreath workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.



### Are You Ready for an Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge?

Posted on [www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo](http://www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo) is a word for each day in Advent. (Today's is #Prophecy.) We invite you to take a photo that captures what that word means to you this season and post it to Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter. Tag the photo @fourthchurch on Instagram and Facebook and @fourthchicago on Twitter. Then add the hashtags #adventfpc and #[whatever the theme of the day is].

**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.

**The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held this 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.

**“Candlelight Carols,”** a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place this Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.stcharlessingers.com](http://www.stcharlessingers.com)

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

**Holiday Bags** are being collected by Fourth Church Meals Ministry for guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate are available at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour. Items are to be returned to the Meals Ministry cart by Sunday, December 11.

**“Holidays a cappella,”** with Chicago a cappella, will be held on December 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.chicagocappella.org](http://www.chicagocappella.org)

**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](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), at [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

**“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. Volunteers and bakers are needed to help bake cookies and set up the reception; to help, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@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.

## Mission and Outreach

**An intergenerational mission trip** to Havana, Cuba, will take place March 25–April 1, 2017. Register at [www.bit.ly/HavanaCuba2017](http://www.bit.ly/HavanaCuba2017) by December 1.

**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](mailto:ksolis@chicagolights.org) for details.

*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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**“Dancing in the Dark: Nurturing Healing and Resilience”** is the subject of a seminar sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago on December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vicky Curtiss will preach that day. To register (*required*), visit [dancinginthedark.bpt.me](http://dancinginthedark.bpt.me) by December 1.

**The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope**, cochaired by Elaine Scales and Martha Sabol, will be Friday, February 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org)).

## Music and the Arts

**“Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare’s Characters, Plays, and Sonnets”** is on display in the Loggia until November 30.

**Bach’s complete *Brandenburg Concertos*** will be presented in a free concert by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago this Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Soprano Anne Slovin and pianist Brian Locke** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## Fellowship

**Today’s Coffee Hour** is sponsored by Dorothy Jackson in honor of her father-in-law, Jim Jackson, and in memory of her mother-in-law, Sheila Jackson.

**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 contacting Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org) by this Wednesday, November 30.

**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 Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## Enrichment

***Weekly Seeds***, a weekly women’s Bible study, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

**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 next Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**The January Series of lectures** offered by Calvin College will be shown via live Internet video feed—cohosted by the Center for Life and Learning and the Academy for Faith and Life—on weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

## Volunteers and Donations

### ***Current Volunteer Needs***

**Ushers for worship services**

**Nursery caregivers** during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

## Calendar for November 27–December 3, 2016

### Sunday, November 27

|                           |                   |                                 |                               |                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                           | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                  | <b>Matt Helms preaching</b>   | <b>Sanctuary</b>           |
|                           | 9:00 a.m.         | Coffee Hour                     |                               | Anderson Hall              |
| 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.   |                   | Nursery                         |                               | Gratz Center, First Floor  |
| 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.         | “Jesus and Socrates”            |                               | Room 5G                    |
|                           | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                  | <b>Matt Helms preaching</b>   | <b>Sanctuary</b>           |
|                           | 10:00 a.m.        | Confirmation Youth              |                               | Room 5A                    |
|                           | 10:00 a.m.        | Youth Parent Meeting            |                               | Gratz Center               |
| 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. |                   | Time of Prayer                  |                               | Stone Chapel               |
| 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.   |                   | Family Advent Wreath Workshop   | Parish House                  | Dining Room                |
|                           | 10:30 a.m.        | Coffee Hour                     |                               | Anderson Hall              |
|                           | 11:00 a.m.        | Youth Worship                   |                               | Sanctuary                  |
|                           | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship</b>                  | <b>Matt Helms preaching</b>   | <b>Sanctuary</b>           |
|                           | 12:00 p.m.        | Coffee Hour                     |                               | Anderson Hall              |
|                           | 12:30 p.m.        | Young Adults                    |                               | Room 5A                    |
|                           | 12:30 p.m.        | “Andrew Pipe Organ”             |                               | Sanctuary                  |
|                           | <b>4:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Jazz Worship</b>             | <b>Hardy H. Kim preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>           |
|                           | 4:00 p.m.         | Sunday Night Supper             |                               | Anderson Hall              |

### Monday, November 28

|                        |   |                           |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk                            | Buchanan Chapel           |
| 9:00 to 3:30 p.m.      | Day School ( <i>also Tuesday–Friday</i> ) | Gratz Center, First Floor |
| 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.      | Tutoring ( <i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i> ) | Gratz Center, Fifth Floor |

### Tuesday, November 29

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| 7:45 a.m. | “Sacred Pause” | Stone Chapel |
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### Wednesday, November 30

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| 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         |
| 7:00 p.m.               | Bach’s <i>Brandenburg Concertos</i> | Sanctuary       |

### Thursday, December 1

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| 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary Choir Loft |
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### Friday, December 2

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| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert | Buchanan Chapel             |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Cornerstones    | ( <i>see announcement</i> ) |

### Saturday, December 3

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|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk                          | Buchanan Chapel             |
| 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Advent Open House                       | Sanctuary                   |
| 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Fair Trade Bazaar                       | ( <i>see announcement</i> ) |
| 7:30 p.m.               | St. Charles Singers: Candlelight Carols | Sanctuary                   |

### Worship on Sunday, December 4

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m.           | Shannon J. Kershner preaching |
| 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Shannon J. Kershner preaching |
| 4:00 p.m.           | Nanette Sawyer 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.