

December 11–17, 2016

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Worship

There will be just one worship service—at 11:00 a.m.—on Sunday, December 25. That will also be the schedule on Sunday, January 1: 11:00 a.m. worship only. Then the regular Sunday worship schedule will resume on Sunday, January 8.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

News and Resources

Take part in our chili cook-off on Sunday, January 8! Enter your chili into the contest by signing up at www.bit.ly/chili2017. Or come enjoy chili for lunch that day for \$10 per person. Proceeds support the summer youth mission trips.

Taking Communion to homebound members is part of the Deacon ministry this Advent. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

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 (312.640.2576) so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Mission and Outreach

A “Christmas Wishes” gift-wrapping party will be held today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 5G.

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, February 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.



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.bit.ly/FPCgifts 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.

A vigil remembering all those affected by gun violence will be held this Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. There will also be opportunity to walk the labyrinth at that time.

Fellowship

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

Music and the Arts

Violinist Robert Chen, concertmaster of the CSO, and pianist Mio Nakamura will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Encore Chorale, a Chicago-area choir for older adults, will perform a free concert on Thursday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Advent

Today Carl Grapentine will discuss Advent music at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Today is the deadline for Christmas flower contributions to memorialize or honor loved ones, whose names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by contacting Allie Williams at 312.981.3383 (awilliams@fourthchurch.org).

Today is the last day to bring in items for Holiday Bags for guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. Items can be dropped off during Coffee Hour.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall. (*There is no discounted parking after 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.*)

La Posada Family Night will be held this Friday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A "Christmas with Tower Brass" concert will be held this Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A \$20 suggested donation will be received at the door.

A Christmas Cantata, featuring Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*, will be sung by the Morning Choir next Sunday, December 18 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

A Lakeside Singers holiday concert will be held next Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com

The Jazz at Four Christmas celebration will be next Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m.; music will begin at 3:50 p.m. The worship service that afternoon will feature selections from *Singing Christmas*, the latest CD by the Lucy Smith Quartet. A post-service gathering will be held in Borwell Dining Room. (*The 4:00 jazz service will not be held on December 25 or January 1 but will resume on January 8.*)

Join the Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge. Details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo. Search social media for #adventfpc to see what others have posted!

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 literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

The “**Longest Night**” service, which will be held Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

Four candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children’s Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

Parking rates for Christmas Eve: For those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24, discounted parking will cost \$17, which is the holiday rate. The \$17 parking voucher for that discount will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve—cash or check only—and will be available before and after the Children’s Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with an evening voucher available at the church. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on Christmas Eve.

The **annual Christmas Dinner** will take place on December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Reservations (*required*) can be made at www.bit.ly/cdin1216

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth in grades 6–12 will gather today at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held next Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

No Nursery, Sunday School, or youth gatherings will be held on Sundays, December 25 or January 1.

Enrichment

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Sparks.

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, December 14 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

“**Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education**” describes the January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For details, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs
Sunday School teacher for 9:30 a.m. classes
Servers for the Fourth Church Christmas Dinner, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Servers for Monday Night Supper on January 2
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring,
Current Donation Needs
Travel-size toiletry items
Sturdy winter clothing, especially men’s coats, gloves, hats, pants, and boots

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

Calendar for December 11–17, 2016

Sunday, December 11

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	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.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Youth		Room 5A
	10:00 a.m.	All-Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
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.	Junior/Senior High Youth		Room 4G/Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	“The Music of Advent”		Borwell Dining Room
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.		Christmas Wishes Wrapping Party		Room 5G
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching	Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music		Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 12

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)	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, December 13

7:30 a.m.	“Sacred Pause”	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room

Wednesday, December 14

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
12:00 p.m.	<i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Room 4J
5:30 p.m.	Vigil for Peace	Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, December 15

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
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Friday, December 16

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m.	La Posada Family Night	Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Room 4F
5:00 p.m.	“Christmas with Tower Brass”	Sanctuary

Worship on Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt 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 \$8. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.