

March 26–April 1, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

Daily Lenten devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). They are also posted on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and the church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and are available in printed booklets in the literature racks.

Palm Sunday, with the children's palm procession at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services, is April 9. The last morning service that day and on Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 13 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 14 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Service) in the Sanctuary. A Good Friday program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. Donations must be received by Sunday, April 2 in order for the names of those honored to appear in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

Easter Sunday services on April 16 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Reserve tickets for Easter Sunday Brunch, which will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch17 or with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.



Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts: A Coffee Hour Chat

Exploring your spiritual gifts will be the topic of this morning's Coffee Hour Chats, facilitated by Vicky Curtiss. Grab some coffee and head over to Borwell Dining Room during 10:30 and 12:00 Coffee Hour for this weekly time together as we enjoy fifteen- to twenty-minute informal conversations with one another.

News and Resources

With heavy hearts we share the news that David Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus, died on Monday, March 20.

We give thanks to God for his ministry among us, including serving Fourth Church as an Associate Pastor from 1978 to 1997. Plans are being made for a post-Easter memorial service; details will be announced when they are finalized.

Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. Written prayer requests can be left in the boxes by Stone Chapel, the Narthex, and Commons.

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (*See page 4 for times.*)

Mission and Outreach

Today is the last day to sign up for the July 22–29 mission trip with BorderLinks in Tucson, a time to learn about the immigrant experience in the Southwest. Register online at www.bit.ly/border2017

Cuba mission trip participants depart this Monday for a week with our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep these travelers and First Church Havana in your prayers.

Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Plot registration opens on April 1. See www.bit.ly/clfarmplot for details. Already open is registration for Urban Farm CSA Salad Shares. See www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

Blue Bow events in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month begin on Tuesday, April 4 with an interfaith prayer service at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by tying bows to the trees outside the Manse. To volunteer to tie bows, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour or by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Children, Youth, and Family

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room; eighth-grade Confirmation meets at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A; and all youth gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G (Junior Highs) and Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

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

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For information, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579).

Enrichment

“**Reading Romans with Karl Barth** during Lent,” led by Robert Cathey, concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m.

Two new adult education classes begin next Sunday, April 2: “Early Christian Worship,” taught by Carol Korak, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F and “Hospitality: The Sacred Art,” led by Nanette Sawyer, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

“**Faiths United by Love**,” an interfaith gathering marking the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday morning Bible study for women, resumes next Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

The need for living donors of organs will be the topic of an information session on Sunday, April 9 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 5G.

John M. Buchanan will lead a two-session discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book *Life Together* on Wednesdays, April 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their spring retreat in Michigan will be May 5–7.

Knitting and crocheting meets this Tuesday, March 28 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Greg Borzo will talk about his book *Chicago’s Fabulous Fountains*. Reservations (*required*) can be made online at www.bit.ly/cfpc0417

Books by Women will meet to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Volunteers and Donations

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of Sunday Night Supper volunteers to cook (2:00–6:00 p.m.) and serve (3:30–6:00 p.m.) on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church. Orientation will be Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/CLtutor0417

For more opportunities or to sign up, stop by Coffee Hour or email Robert Crouch at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

Center for Life and Learning art classes for adults sixty and over are exhibiting student works in the Loggia this month.

John Sherer will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Calendar for March 26–April 1, 2017

Sunday, March 26

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel	Choir Loft
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.		Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery	Nursery / Day School	
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots	Day School Classroom B	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Worship	Shannon J. Kershner	Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School	Gratz Center, Floor 4	
	9:30 a.m.	Reading Romans	Room 5G	
	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 5A	
	10:00 a.m.	Youth Fellowship	Bumpus Room	
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.		Coffee Hour Chats	Borwell Dining Room	
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel	
	11:00 a.m.	Junior High/ Senior High Gatherings	Room 5G / Bumpus	
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A	
4:00 p.m.		Jazz Worship	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	

Monday, March 27

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.		Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms	
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities	
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.		Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor	

Tuesday, March 28

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel	
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall	
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.		Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F	
	6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship	Anderson Hall	
	6:30 p.m.	Intro to Meditation/Meditation	Boyle Conference Room	

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
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Friday, March 31

	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John Sherer, Organ		Sanctuary
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Saturday, April 1

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Chicago Lights Dance Academy	Parish House Dining Room	

Worship on Sunday, April 2

	8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms 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.