

**November 19–25, 2017**

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## Thanksgiving

**Interfaith Thanksgiving worship** will be held Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (*15 W. Delaware*) and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai, Downtown Islamic Center, Fourth Church, Holy Name Cathedral, LaSalle Street Church, and St. James Cathedral. Nanette Sawyer will be preaching.

**Thanksgiving Day worship** at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary this Thursday, November 23. Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ will preach on Thanksgiving morning.

**A Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held this Thursday, November 23 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets (*required*) are available online at [www.bit.ly/thanksgivingdinner2017](http://www.bit.ly/thanksgivingdinner2017) through Monday, November 20 or by contacting Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Thanksgiving Day parking** for the 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.

## Advent and Christmas

**Help decorate the Sanctuary** and also 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 online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgifts](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts) or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 10 for names to appear in the bulletin.



### Five years ago this weekend . . .

. . . we dedicated the Gratz Center and prepared to begin using its classrooms for the first time the following week. We remain profoundly grateful to all whose generous gifts made building the Gratz Center possible and to all whose offerings of time and talent fill the space with vibrant expressions of a church alive in mission and ministry, embodying our call to love and serve.

**Daily Advent devotions** will be available beginning December 3 via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); in the literature racks; and at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

**The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

**A family Advent wreath workshop** will be held Sunday, December 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

**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 inventory 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 2 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 Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**Holidays a cappella** with Chicago a cappella, will take place on Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door and online at [www.chicagoaccapella.org](http://www.chicagoaccapella.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 cart by December 10.

**The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will take place on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow.

**A Christmas musical** presented by the Children’s and Youth Choirs will take place Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The Christmas with Tower Brass concert** will be Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a freewill donation will be received at the door.

**Some Christmas Eve candlelight times** will be different this year. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, that morning of December 24 we will worship at 11:00 a.m. only. (*There will be no 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. services that day.*) We will also gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services:

- 4:00 p.m. Children’s Pageant
- 6:00 p.m. Family Service with Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
- 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

**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 call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

*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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## Fellowship

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

**Men's Book Club** will meet on Monday, November 27 at 7:30 a.m. at a member's home to discuss *The Four* by Scott Galloway. Contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for details.

## Mission and Outreach

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets next Tuesday afternoon, November 28 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

**Runners interested in joining** the 2018 Chicago Lights Marathon Team are asked to email Kate Solis Silva (ksolis@chicagolights.org) by November 29.

**A petition to Governor Rauner** to support legislation mandating state licensing of gun dealers is available for signing at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

**Information about 2018 mission trips** to Cuba, Mexico, and Washington, D.C., is available in the literature racks.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Individuals to help with Fair Trade Bazaar** (email Nancy at ndavis@fourthchurch.org)

**Individuals to staff the Book Nook** during the 12:00 p.m. Sunday Coffee Hour

**Men's clothing; large paper grocery bags**

*Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).*

**Adult education classes meeting today:** "Reformations of the Sixteenth Century," taught by Ken Sawyer, at 9:30 a.m. in 5G and "God in the Modern Wing" in Borwell Dining Room at 11:00 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday, November 21 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**A spiritual pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch,** New Mexico, will be held April 6–13. Details are available in the literature racks.

**Individuals experiencing life challenges** can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers begins February 3. Details are available in the literature racks.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

**Youth** meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in 4G; Confirmation in 5A; and Senior Highs in Bumpus.

## Music and the Arts

**Art by the congregation** will be on exhibit in the Loggia beginning in January. November 30 is the deadline for submissions. Guidelines are available from Rob Koon (rkoon@fourthchurch.org).

**The Civic Orchestra of Chicago** will be performing Bach's Brandenburg Concertos on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary in a concert dedicated to the memory of David Donovan.

## Calendar for November 19–25, 2017

### Sunday, November 19

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Victoria G. Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals		Room 4F
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	
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
	9:30 a.m.	Mindful Parenting	The Loft	
	9:30 a.m.	"Reformations of the Sixteenth Century"	Room 5G	
	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary	
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Fellowship	Bumpus Room	
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel	
	11:00 a.m.	"God in the Modern Wing"	Borwell Dining Room	
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Groups	<i>(see announcement)</i>	
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Randolph Room	
	12:15 p.m.	Organ and Sanctuary Tours	Sanctuary	
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Alex Wirth preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	

### Monday, November 20

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper		<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Group		Boyle Conference Room

### Tuesday, November 21

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause		Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</b>		<b>Chicago Sinai</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center		Boyle Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 22

	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall

### Thursday, November 23 *Thanksgiving Day*

	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day Worship</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
	12:15 p.m.	Thanksgiving Day Dinner		Anderson Hall

### Friday, November 24 *Church Office Closed*

	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Organist John Sherer		Sanctuary
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### Worship on Reign of Christ Sunday, November 26

	8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching   Communion		
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching		
	4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching   Jazz Communion		

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.