

November 26–December 2, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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 or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 10 for names to appear in the bulletin.

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

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

“Candlelight Carols,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place this Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online (www.stcharlessingers.com).

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held next Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online (www.cso.org); at checkout, use the discount code CHANTICLEER to receive a 25 percent discount.

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 (www.chicagoacappella.org).

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.



Shop for a Difference at the Fair Trade Gift Bazaar!

Next weekend shop handcrafted gifts from around the world at our Fair Trade Bazaar—and help global artisans earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their families. Bazaar hours are Saturday, December 2 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 3 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

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

The **"Christmas Wishes" gift project** collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour. Volunteers are also needed to help inventory and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Holiday Bags are being collected for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate by December 10 are available at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour.

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 at home, please call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

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

Fellowship

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

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

Men's Breakfast meets this Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, gathers this Friday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a Christmas carol sing-along. Register (*required*) online at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1217 or with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) by Wed., November 29.

Mission and Outreach

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.

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

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

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba, Mexico, and Washington, D.C., are available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and 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

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).

Enrichment

A new adult education class begins next Sunday, December 3: "Reformed and Always Reforming: Doing Church Differently," led by Abbi Heimach-Snipes, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men's Bible Study meets next on Tuesday, December 5 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.

Prorated membership rates for the Center for Life and Learning for adults sixty and more begin December 1. Call Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386) for details.

The next Stephen Ministers training course begins February 3. Details are available in the literature racks.

News and Resources

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class will next be offered on Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

Connection Corner during Coffee Hour offers opportunity to discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

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

Thursday, November 30 is the deadline for art submissions from the congregation for an exhibition in the Loggia beginning in January. Guidelines are available from Rob Koon (rkoon@fourthchurch.org).

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

Calendar for November 26–December 2, 2017

Sunday, November 26			
	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals	Sanctuary 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
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Fellowship	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. and	12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Groups	Stone Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Organ and Sanctuary Tours	(see announcement)
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Sanctuary Room 5A
Monday, November 27			
	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tues.</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Book Club	(see announcement)
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Group	Boyle Conference Room
Tuesday, November 28			
	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
7:00 p.m.		Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, November 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, November 30			
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Civic Orchestra: Brandenburg Concertos	Sanctuary
Friday, December 1			
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Picoso Chamber Ensemble	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Christmas Gathering	Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, December 2			
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Parish House Dining Room
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.		Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Borwell
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		Sanctuary Advent Open House	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	"Candlelight Carols" with St. Charles Singers	Sanctuary

Worship on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3

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