

December 3–9, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## Advent and Christmas

**Shopping at the Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** today helps global artisans earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their families. The bazaar is open today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in both Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

A **family Advent wreath workshop** takes place today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

**Help decorate the Sanctuary** and also honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of 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 next Sunday, December 10 for names to appear in the bulletin.

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

**“A Chanticleer Christmas”** concert will be held this Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)); use the discount code CHANTICLEER for a 25 percent discount.

**Lakeside Singers** presents their “Love and Joy Come to You” holiday concert this Friday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door and online ([www.lakesidesingers.com](http://www.lakesidesingers.com)).

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



### Light Up a Life with Joy This Advent Season!

Gifts to the “Light Up a Life” offering touch countless lives by supporting congregational programs, mission, and community outreach—including Chicago Lights programs—as well as denominational efforts. Gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** service of worship will take place next Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception hosted by Women at Fourth will follow.

**Las Posadas Family Night** will take place Friday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center.

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.

**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 as well as bags to decorate and return by next Sunday, 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 contact Carol Allerton (312.640.5448; callerton@fourthchurch.org).

**The "Longest Night" service**, which will be held Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

**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

On Christmas Day we worship at 11:00 a.m.

**A New Year's Eve Taizé** service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Sunday, December 31. That day we will also worship in the morning at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. (*There will be no 4:00 p.m. jazz service on December 31.*)

## Worship

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

## Fellowship

**Young Adults**, a twenties and thirties group, gathers today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

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

*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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## Music and the Arts

CSO Concertmaster **Robert Chen** will perform this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## News and Resources

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, December 10 following the 11:00 a.m. service. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present Nanette Sawyer as their recommended candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry; the congregation will then vote on that recommendation.

**We are counting on gifts pledged for 2017** 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 might plan accordingly. Thank you!

**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which is a prerequisite for membership—will next be offered next 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.

## Enrichment

A new adult education class begins today: "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 this Tuesday, December 5 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Christian Century Study Group** meets Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

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

A **spiritual pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch**, New Mexico, will be held April 6–13. 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., they will worship together in the Sanctuary.

**TED Talks for Parents** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft on the fourth floor of Gratz.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**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](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).*

## Mission and Outreach

**Information about 2018 mission trips** to Cuba; Mexico; and Washington, D.C., is available in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips)

A **candlelit prayer vigil for peace** will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## Calendar for December 3–9, 2017

### Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner 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		Gignilliat Commons
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Nursery / Day School
<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. 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.	TED Talks for Parents		The Loft
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop	Parish House Dining Room	
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.	"Doing Church Differently"		Room 5D
11:00 a.m.	Youth in Worship		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Organ and Sanctuary Tours		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

### Monday, December 4

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

### Tuesday, December 5

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 ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> )	Anderson Hall
7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas" ( <i>also Wed.</i> )	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 6

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
6:00 p.m.	Christian Century Study Group	Randolph Room

### Thursday, December 7

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
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### Friday, December 8

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Robert Chen, Violinist	Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert	Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 p.m.	"Holidays <i>a cappella</i> " with Chicago <i>a cappella</i>	Sanctuary
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### Worship on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

8:00 a.m.	Rocky Supinger preaching   Communion
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching   Baptisms
4:00 p.m.	Alex Wirth preaching   Jazz Communion
6:30 p.m.	Advent Festival of Lessons and Music