

March 18–24, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Lent

A quiet candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative time of meditative song, silent reflection, and prayer for peace, reconciliation, and unity—will be held this Friday evening, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A time of Lenten prayer and meditation, rather than the monthly hosted labyrinth walk, will be offered in the Hospitality Suite, just off Buchanan Chapel, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., prior to the Taizé service.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering that is received throughout Lent supports Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and Hunger Programs. Gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks; by writing “Lenten Offering” on a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving

Devotions for Lent and Easter, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available daily at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

Holy Week and Easter

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, with the children’s palm procession at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services. *The last morning service on that Sunday, March 25 and on Easter Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.*

Maundy Thursday Communion services on March 29 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on March 30 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (the latter is a choral service featuring Domenico Scarlatti’s *Stabat Mater*) in the Sanctuary. A Good Friday program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.



Today is the last day to make Easter flower gifts

in memory or honor of loved ones and have their names listed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions toward our Easter flower Sanctuary decorations can be made by using the cards available in the literature racks, online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576). *Donations must be received by Sunday, March 18 in order for the names to be printed.*

A Good Friday Walk in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood with fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance will be held Friday, March 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., beginning at Seward Park (375 W. Elm).

Easter Sunday Brunch for families and individuals of all ages will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on Sunday, April 1. Tickets are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch18 or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on March 31 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 1 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.

Children, Youth, and Family

The Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2018–19 early childhood programs, including a tot-and-parent class, a three-morning preschool class, and an extended-day option. Space is also available for June 5–8 and June 11–14 summer programs. For details, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Mindful Parenting meets at 9:30 a.m. in the fourth-floor Loft with Sue Schemper.

Youth meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in Bumpus. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in Room 4G; Confirmation in 5A. Senior Highs are helping with the bake sale.

Sunday School meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Families worshiping with young children are encouraged to request family worship bulletins from the ushers.

News and Resources

Today's youth bake sale during Coffee Hour is raising funds for the youth's summer mission trips to Cuba, Detroit, Montreat, and Missouri. There are treats to purchase for oneself or to donate for serving at Sunday Night Supper.

Earth Hour is this Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., a time when we will join others around the world in turning off nonessential lighting as an expression of our commitment to care for God's creation.

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, a prerequisite for membership, will next be offered Sunday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. Participants will also worship together at 11:00 a.m. that day.

Enrichment

"Conversations about Palestine and Israel: Bridging Divisions," an adult education class led by Nanette Sawyer and Dirk Ficca, meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

"Religion within the Bounds of Mere Reason," a class led by Claire Pearson and using Immanuel Kant's 1793 work *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*, begins next Sunday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m. in 5D.

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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“Celtic Spirituality,” a class led by Vicky Curtiss, continues at 11:00 a.m. in 5D.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 20 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Group will be discussing *Provenance: How a Con Man and a Forger Rewrote the History of Modern Art* by Salisbury and Sujo on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Easter Brunch volunteers to set up, serve, and host the congregational brunch Sunday, April 1 (11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Servers to offer cider to those waiting in Easter worship lines Sunday, April 1 (*from 8:00 to 9:10 a.m. or 10:00 to 11:10 a.m.*)

Social Service Center volunteers; orientation is this Thursday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4E

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).

Mission and Outreach

Used bicycles, bicycle parts, helmets, and jerseys will be collected on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The bicycles will be repaired by Working Bikes and sent to those in need in Africa and Central America.

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, March 27 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

Worship

Those interested in being a lay liturgist and reading scripture during worship on a Sunday are invited to a brief training session next Sunday, March 25 in the Sanctuary following 11:30 worship. No experience needed. For details, contact Shawn Fiedler (sfiedler@fourthchurch.org).

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

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

Fellowship

The Young Adults group has their weekly Sunday Gathering time of discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Women at Fourth has their March gathering—a presentation on “Shattering the Stained-Glass Ceiling: Women in Worship”—this Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather Friday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on “The Status of Cannabis in Illinois,” presented by Joseph Wright, the state’s first director of medical cannabis. Register (*required*) by Wednesday, April 4 online at www.bit.ly/cfpc0418 or contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Those interested in singing with the Fourth Church Choral Society are invited to Thursday evening rehearsals, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning April 5.

Calendar for March 18–24, 2018

Sunday, March 18			
	Fifth Sunday in Lent		
	8:00 a.m. Worship	Rocky Supinger preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m. Tunes for Tots		Day School Classroom B
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour Youth Bake Sale		Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Nursery / Day School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship			
	Shannon J. Kershner preaching		Sanctuary
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. “Palestine and Israel”		Room 5D
	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. “Celtic Spirituality”		Room 5D
	11:00 a.m. Youth Groups		(see announcement)
	12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch		Randolph Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour		Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour		Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults		Room 5A
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four			
	Nanette Sawyer preaching		Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
Monday, March 19			
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tues.</i>)		Buchanan Chapel
	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)		Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper		Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)		Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
Tuesday, March 20			
	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study		(see announcement)
	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
	6:00 p.m. Path of Discipleship		Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center		Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, March 21			
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
Thursday, March 22			
	5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth		Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
Friday, March 23			
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Grant Wareham, organ		Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Opportunity for Prayer and Meditation		Hospitality Suite
	7:30 p.m. Lenten Taizé service		Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, March 24			
	8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth Open House		Sanctuary
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Worship on March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday			
	8:00 a.m. Lucy Forster-Smith preaching Communion		
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching (<i>note 11:30 a.m. time</i>)		
	4:00 p.m. Shannon J. Kershner preaching Jazz Communion		