

March 24–30, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



Lent

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Holy Week and Easter

Remember loved ones at Easter by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin for those whose donations are received by Sunday, April 7. 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).

One hundred ushers are needed for Holy Week and Easter; to learn more about this opportunity to welcome and assist worshippers, visit the Ushers table at Coffee Hour.

Palm/Passion Sunday's worship schedule on April 14 will be the same as it is on a typical Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The children's palm procession will take place at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Maudy Thursday Communion services on April 18 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 19 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 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 21 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.

News and Resources

Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) to see photos of church life as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes and news from Fourth Church.

The one-session Inquirers' Class offered from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 14 provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church and is a prerequisite for membership. Those interested in attending this or a future session may register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Worship and Prayer

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Sacred Pause meditation, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, 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.

Mission

Fourth Church will observe Earth Hour on Saturday, March 30 by shutting off all external lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to remind us of our need to be good stewards of the earth's resources.

Those interested in signing a letter to send to both mayoral candidates to urge them to work for equitable funding of Chicago's public schools are invited to stop by the Mission table at Coffee Hour. This letter is sponsored by Fourth Church's new Education Funding Team.

A Blue Bows Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows outside the church as part of our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness efforts. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis (*312.573.3369, aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

Fellowship

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Rhonda Faulkner in memory of her mother, Peggy Faulkner. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (*312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

LGBTQIA Brunch is today at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, March 26 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.

Cornerstones, a group of couples and singles over the age of fifty, meets on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on literacy in Chicago. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cfpc0419 by Wednesday, April 3.

The Men's Breakfast invites all to join them on Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room for breakfast and a presentation by Kathye Boyle, editor of *Talking to God: Prayers of John H. Boyle*. RSVP to Anne Ellis (*312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

TwentiesThirties' spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register at www.bit.ly/2030may19

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth meets today at 9:30 a.m. to watch *The Hate U Give* in the Bumpus Room.

Volunteers Needed

Fifty tutors to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/2FgW2O7

Greeters to serve during the 4:00 p.m. worship service

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382).

Enrichment

“Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today” concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

“Practicing the Presence of God,” a three-week class focused on how to be attentive to the presence of God and led by Vicky Curtiss, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

The “Discovering Faith at Fourth” three-part Inquirers’ Class series is being rescheduled for a date later this summer or fall. For more information, contact Joe Morrow at member@fourthchurch.org

Men’s Bible Study meets next Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Relationships 101,” a workshop offered by the Replogle Center, will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register online at www.bit.ly/101relationships

The cast of *Blacklisted* will sing songs written or covered by musicians blacklisted by the House of Un-American Activities Committee following World War II this Friday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. RSVP (*required*) online at www.bit.ly/25co8hL

“Bearing Witness: The Trauma of Sexual Violence and Caring for Survivors” begins next Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. This three-week course will be led by Elizabeth Pierre.

The “Dying to Know” series, cohosted by the Replogle Center and the Center for Life and Learning, begins on Wednesday, April 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room with a screening and discussion of the film *Being Mortal*. To register (*required*), visit www.journeycare.org/dyingtoknow

“How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” a men’s discussion group, will meet on Friday mornings, May–July. No knowledge of the Bible, theology, or experience in such a group is necessary. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss Tara Westover’s *Educated: A Memoir* on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

To sign up for or to receive more information about the October Reformation trip to Europe, contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org).

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

Calendar for March 24–30, 2019

Sunday, March 24	8:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Choir Loft
	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
	9:30 a.m. “Galatians”	Room 5G
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “Presence of God”	5E
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch	<i>(see announcement)</i>
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shawn M. Fiedler preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 25	9:00 a.m. Day School <i>(also Tues.–Fri.)</i>	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring <i>(also Tues.–Thurs.)</i>	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, March 26	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 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m. “Path of Discipleship”	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m. Replogle Meditation	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, March 27	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, March 28	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 29	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Thomas Heidenreich, organ	Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m. <i>Blacklisted</i>	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, March 30	1:00 p.m. Relationships 101	Boyle Conference Room
	8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Earth Hour	<i>(see announcement)</i>

For a complete Fourth Church calendar that includes links to register for programs and to add events to your own electronic calendar, see www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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