News and Resources

January 31–February 6, 2021

During worship today we welcome **those received into Fourth Church membership** at a January 24 meeting with Session: John Borovicka, Mary Anne Borovicka, Elizabeth Flessor, Sharon Hamilton, and Jeffrey Koukol. If you are interested in **learning more about becoming a member** of Fourth Church, we invite you to contact Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*), Associate Pastor-Elect for Evangelism and Community Engagement. You are also invited to join us online for a **one-session Inquirers' Class** on Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **s**ign up to receive Zoom details at **www.bit.ly/inquirer0221**

Today's **Minute for Mission** is presented by Mark Nelson and Ruth Gallagher Nelson on behalf of the **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home**, which will be held online on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. This gala annually benefits the life-changing youth development and social service programs of Chicago Lights—the community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the community support efforts of our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For details about attending this free event or becoming an event sponsor, sign up at **chicagolights.org/gala** or contact Laura Woods (*lwoods@chicagolights.org*).

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship after worship today, join us following the postlude for virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can also take part in Coffee Hour by phone: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. * To express interest in connecting with others in a small group, which will meet via Zoom once a week during Lent, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * The Benevolent Guild, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details. * If you have a prayer request, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * If you would like to talk to a pastor, please call the church (312.787.4570). * To explore options for teletherapy with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

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- The artist Gerald Griffin will present the program at this Friday's February 5 Zoom gathering of Cornerstones, a fellowship group for adults fifty and over. For Zoom details, register by Thursday, February 4 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones0121 * Our Friday Noonday Concerts take place at 12:10 p.m. each week at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms as well as via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). This week the online concert will be presented by our flutist Nicaulis Alliey.
- Again this year the Spiritual Formation Council will host a Lenten "Path of Discipleship" series, which will meet for six Tuesday evenings via Zoom. The pastoral staff will lead a study grounded in the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy Jill-Levine, and there will also be time for small-group discussion. Space is limited, so please register by Monday, February 15 at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2021 * The adult education class led by Carol Allen, "On Restoring God's Beloved Community: Looking for Guidance in Scripture," continues via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays through February 28. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/restoring21
- **"End Times: A New Look"** is a new three-week theme within the "Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible" Zoom class. Beginning today at 12:30 p.m., Lucy Forster-Smith will lead us in an exploration of apocalyptic thinking as seen through the lens of Jesus' teaching, Paul's writings, and the Book of Revelation. For Zoom details, register at www bit ly/fpcff20
 - * Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the *Horizons* Bible Study for women next meets on Wednesday, February 10 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*). * A new online Bible study for those in their twenties and thirties begins on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. For Zoom details and more information, sign up at www.bit.ly/2Yq3znE
- During the 11:00 a.m. online service on Sunday, February 14 we will kick off our celebration of the **150th anniversary of the founding of Fourth Presbyterian Church.** We encourage you to watch for details about our observances throughout the year. * Also that Sunday, February 14 we will gather for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**. The meeting will be held online at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms (call in at 888.916.9166) following the 11:00 a.m. service and will include the election of officers.
- Fourth Church Youth invite you to donate to their virtual food drive for the Souper Bowl of Caring—a national grassroots, faith-based campaign against hunger. All proceeds will support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the food pantry of our Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center. Gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcsouperbowl21

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- The First Tuesday Book Club, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes De Mez. For Zoom details for this conversation led by Jim Garner, register online at www bit ly/firsttuesdaybooks ** Books by Women will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Madame Fourcade's Secret War* by Lynne Olson. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).
- **Sunday School and family activities** meet online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning**, which offers online lectures and exercise classes; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll
- Hanging above our Sanctuary entrance is a banner with an image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the words "Moving the Dream Forward." It is a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.
- We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html
- For the forseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship.** In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at **www.bit.ly/FPCworship** (where the service is available throughout the week), the service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (toll-free) at the time of the service (the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.). * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).
- If you are looking to add devotional meditations into your daily routine this year, we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are are available by email (you can sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar**; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates, sermon quotes, images from Fourth Church, and more.