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**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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November 25–December 1, 2007

# News and Opportunities

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and will feature global gifts.

**An Advent wreath workshop for families** will be held next Sunday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Level Activity Center. All materials will be provided.

**The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

**“Operation Christmas Gift Bag”** provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today. Filled bags can be returned to the church on Sundays, December 2 and 9.

**Memorialize or honor loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms available in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 14 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.

**“Light Up a Life”** this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the church literature racks and on the church website.

**The “Christmas Wishes” gift project**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, collects holiday gifts for more than 700 children in need. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Chicago Lights Holiday Cards**, designed by Tutoring students, are available for purchase during Coffee Hour. Cards are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Proceeds benefit the Tutoring and Scholarship program of Chicago Lights, a program of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Holiday cards from previous years are on display in the Gallery until January 7.

**Daily Advent devotions** are written by Fourth Church members and staff. Beginning December 1, these devotions will be available in printed booklets that can be found in the church literature racks, by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The Lesideng Soup Kitchen in South Africa** is the topic of a brunch taking place today in the Dining Room following 11:00 worship. Teri and Hamish Rodgers, representatives from the soup kitchen, will be speaking.

**The Sewing and Knitting Workshop** meets next on Tuesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

## WORSHIP

**A Vespers Communion service** is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff in Stone Chapel for an opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next

## ENRICHMENT

**Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin in December.** “**The Mysteries of the Eastern Orthodox Church,**” taught by Bruce Rigdon (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), begins December 2 at 9:30 a.m. and “**The Birth of Christ as Told by Matthew and Luke,**” taught by Tom Rook (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), begins December 9 at 11:00 a.m. Participants can register in the classroom.

### **Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**The Community Book Group** will meet this Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. John Vest will lead the discussion on *Fight Club: A Novel* by Chuck Palahniuk. For more information call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3368.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for a potluck in a member's home on Saturday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. For more details and to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

**“Books by Women”** will discuss *Water for Elephants: A Novel* by Sara Gruen on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

*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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## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**For those looking to learn more about Fourth Church or considering membership**, an Inquirers' Class will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information about future times for this one-session class, see page 2 of the worship bulletin.

**Issues and concerns, including those of loss and grief**, that may become more difficult to deal with during the holiday season will be the topic of a seminar led by John Boyle and Allyson Rich on Tuesday evenings, beginning November 27, at 6:00 p.m. To register, call the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**"The Mystery of Aging"** will be the topic discussed over a healthy soup lunch on Tuesday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Admission is one can of soup to be shared with the guests of the Elam Davies Social Center. For more information or to RSVP, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3387.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday night suppers

**Vespers bread cutter** for third Sunday of the month

**Ushers for Vespers** on a rotating schedule

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's casual winter clothes**, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

*For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School meets today** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Fourth Church youth** meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Pianist Cindy Chung** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**"A Chanticleer Christmas"** concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 28 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.3000 ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)) for ticket information.

**"Holidays a cappella"** will be performed by Chicago *a capella* on Friday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago *a capella* at 773.755.1628.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment** to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.56 million in commitments from 863 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380 ([lradetski@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lradetski@fourthchurch.org)).

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 25–DECEMBER 1, 2007**

**Sunday, November 25**

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Advent Wreath Workshop		Activity Center
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Lesideng Soup Kitchen Brunch		Dining Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>Alice M. Trowbridge preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

**Monday, November 26**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
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**Tuesday, November 27**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	"The Mysteries of Aging"		Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop		Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Loss and Grief Seminar		Counseling Center
7:30 p.m.	Community Book Group		Randolph Room

**Wednesday, November 28**

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study		Large Conference Room
8:00 p.m.	Concert: <i>A Chanticleer Christmas</i>		Sanctuary

**Thursday, November 29**

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Concert: <i>A Chanticleer Christmas</i>		Sanctuary

**Friday, November 30**

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Cindy Chung, piano		Anderson Hall

**Saturday, December 1**

9:00 to to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Forum		(see announcement)

**Preaching on Sunday, December 2**

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.