

April 21–27, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



We are grateful you have joined us for this Easter celebration, and we hope we might have opportunity to worship with you again. \* Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice. \* Come explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Presbyterian Church!



As we continue our Easter celebrations, we invite you to join us for an ◀ **Easter Brunch** of ham, bacon, waffles, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fresh fruit, and Danish today at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. (*Seating is limited, so please inquire at the door about ticket availability.*) \* We will also gather for a festive **Easter jazz** service at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon in Buchanan Chapel. We are live streaming the 11:30 a.m. Easter service for those who are unable to be with us or who want to share it with those who are out of town. The **live stream will also be online** at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) (and accessible at [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)) to view in the days ahead.

**Children** are always welcome to join their parents in worship.

**Expanded nursery care** for infants and toddlers is also available from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today in the Nursery and Day School on the first floor of the Gratz Center. \* Children aged five through fifth grade are invited to take part in an **Easter program**, ▶ **with Easter egg hunt**, today at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center, Floor 4.



This “News and Opportunities” insert is our invitation to you to join us in taking part in the programs and resources available to you here at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. On our website you will find even more opportunities, as well as the page [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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**Each Sunday we come together to worship** at 8:00 (Communion), 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. here in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for a jazz Communion service in Buchanan Chapel. \* This week we will also gather on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

in the chapel for a contemplative candlelight ► **Taizé** prayer service, which is preceded by opportunity to walk a **labyrinth** in Anderson Hall. \* Looking ahead, we encourage you to mark Sunday, May 26 on your calendar as the day when **Father Elias Chacour**, internationally recognized for his reconciliation work in the Middle East, will be our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



In baptism, the congregation pledges to support the children and youth of the church. We will have two special opportunities to live out that pledge next Sunday, April 28. During 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship we will present **Bibles to fourth graders**, and at the 11:00 **Confirmation service** we will welcome the eighth-grade confirmands into the wider life of the congregation. Please keep all these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey. \* In another occasion for growing in faith, families will gather for the annual ◀ **Family Communion Service** next Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as they learn about and participate in Communion together.

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Believing that as people of God we are called to lovingly care for the world with which we've been entrusted, our worship on Sunday, May 5 will focus on our commitment to **care for creation**. \* The Sunday beforehand, on April 28, we will screen **the film *Climate Refugees*** at 12:30 p.m. \* Two "recycling" opportunities are also coming up. Our **Bike Drive** on Saturday, May 11 (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) will collect used bicycles and parts for repair and distribution to those in need of a means of transportation here in Chicago as well as in Africa and Latin America. \* **Women at Fourth's Jewelry Swap** ► on Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. provides opportunity to clean out jewelry drawers, pick up some new-to-you accessories, and raise funds for those in need.

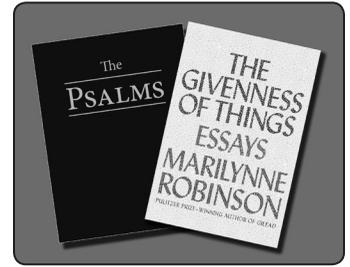


**We are looking for people who like to sing** to join the Fourth Church ◀ Choral Society, which will begin rehearsals this Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for performing **John Rutter's *Gloria*** with Tower Brass on Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. \* Another concert to mark on your calendar is a Saturday, June 22 **performance by Cole Seaton** as part of this year's **Encore** (5:00–7:30 p.m.), the annual benefit to support the work of the **Center for Life and Learning**, our weekday program for adults sixty and over.

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

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**Come learn with us!** We have two new classes beginning next Sunday, April 28: ▶ **“Meditating on the Psalms”** with Stephen Hall at 9:30 a.m. and **“Marilynne Robinson’s *The Givenness of Things*”** with Jeff Doane at 11:00 a.m. \* Then on Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 p.m., **“Widening Our Welcome,”** the Fourth Church LGBTQIA Group, is consponsoring a presentation on **“Why We March: Stonewall to Today.”** \* For the youngest among us, our **Day School weekday preschool** program is still accepting applications for fall 2019.



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**Travel with Fourth Church this October!** Sign up by May 1 if you are interested in our **Racial Equity Council’s civil rights movement trip** to Alabama and Mississippi (Oct. 26–Nov. 2), or our **Reformation trip to Europe** (Oct. 2–13) with Judy Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith.

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**Are you a walker? A runner?** The Racial Equity Council is raising funds for **antiracism work** through the GospelRun on Saturday, June 1. Walkers and runners are needed as are donations in support of them. ▶ Those running the Chicago Marathon are invited to join the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team** in support of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, and its five programs: Tutoring, Summer Day, Dance Academy, Urban Farm, and Social Service Center.



Several opportunities to **share fellowship and connect** with one another are on our calendar in the weeks ahead, from the monthly **LGBTQIA brunch** at 12:15 p.m. next Sunday, April 28 to the **Cornerstones** gathering for those fifty and over on Friday, May 3, for dinner and a program on the Great Lakes (*reservations required*). \* We are also beginning a **Men’s Faith Discussion** group in May, and our spring ◀ **Family Camp** will be the weekend of May 17–19 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites you to learn more about our **Prison Ministry** next Sunday, April 28 at 12:20 p.m. \* The following Sunday, May 5, we will welcome **Claire Mukundente**, a refugee from Rwanda, who at 12:15 p.m. will tell her own story and talk about her ministry with other refugees and asylum seekers in Chicago.



**We are grateful for those who give of their time and talent** to support the mission and ministry of Fourth Church! Next Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. service we will recognize these individuals, who number more than 1,000. \* We also have **current need for greeters** to welcome and assist worshipers during Sunday afternoon jazz services and ◀ **individuals to untie the blue bows** from the trees on April 30 at 10:00 a.m. \* To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, please contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)

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## Calendar for April 21–27, 2019

<b>Easter Sunday, April 21</b>	<p>6:30 a.m. <b>Sunrise Service • Judith L. Watt preaching</b> . . . . . Oak Street Beach</p> <p>7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery/Day School</p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. Easter Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Easter Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children’s Easter Program . . . . . Gratz Center, Floor 4</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel</p> <p><b>11:30 a.m. Easter Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Easter Brunch . . . . . Borwell Dining Room</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Sanctuary Tour . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>12:45 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p><b>4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four • Joe Morrow preaching</b> . . . . . Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall</p>
<b>Monday, April 22</b>	<p><i>Church Office Closed for Easter Monday</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . <i>Catholic Charities</i></p>
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	<p>7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Wed.–Fri.</i>) . . . . . Day School Classrooms</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) . . . . . Anderson Hall</p> <p>4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting . . . . . Room 4F</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Meditation . . . . . Boyle Conference Room</p>
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	<p><b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> . . . . . <b>Buchanan Chapel</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B</p>
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<p>5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth Jewelry Swap . . . . . Bumpus Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel</p>
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	<p>12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Organist John Sherer . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk . . . . . Anderson Hall</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m. Taizé</b> . . . . . <b>Buchanan Chapel</b></p> <p>7:30 p.m. Lakeside Singers Concert . . . . . Sanctuary</p>
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<p>10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room</p>

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