

December 29, 2019–January 4, 2020
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **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.



Beginning today we will be **live streaming weekly** the Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org * If you missed **Christmas Eve worship** with us or want to enjoy it again, it can be viewed at www.bit.ly/FPCworship * **A candlelit New Year's Eve ◀ Taizé service** will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel this Tuesday, December 31. This service offers space for prayer as well as meditative pause for reflecting on the year past and looking ahead to the year to come. * Beforehand a **New Year's Eve labyrinth walk** will be held between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. * Another opportunity for meditation—the weekly **Sacred Pause meditative silence**, which is hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and our Spiritual Formation Council—will resume on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

The 900 N. Michigan garage will be increasing its **parking rates in 2020**. With a validation ticket picked up at the church reception desk, discounted Fourth Church parking at the 900 garage will now be \$7 on weeknights after 5:00 p.m. and \$9 on Sundays.

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 with details about signing up for the programs listed here. To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

On the Sign-Up Page you will find details for registering for the **summer 2020 youth trips** to Ferncliff, Arkansas; Detroit; and Montreat, North Carolina; registrations for those trips are due in January. * There is **no Sunday School** ▶ today or next Sunday, January 5; parents are encouraged to have their children worship with them both Sundays. Nursery care will be available during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services for those five and younger.



Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities. Fourth Church's Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with such experiences. Call the Center at 312.787.8425 for details. * Our Replogle Center will also be offering several new groups and workshops in the new year, including a **Chronic Illness Support Group**, **Grief Groups**, a monthly **Men's Group**, and a **"Strengthening Communication through the Enneagram"** workshop. For details see www.fourthchurchorg/rc/events.html or call the Center at 312.787.8425.

The weekly **"Foundations of Faith" Bible study** led by pastoral staff resumes its weekly schedule on Sunday, January 12. If you would like to view past sessions of the study, you can do so at www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations * Also on January 12, at 11:00 a.m., Dr. Barbara Wilson will begin a three-week course on **"Beloved Community: Shaping Our Lives Together,"** exploring biblical and theological foundations for working toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. *

Men's Bible Study next meets on Tuesday morning, January 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop.

See the Sign-Up Page noted on page 3 for details. * The semimonthly women's

Horizons Bible Study resumes at noon on Wednesday, January 8.

Books by Women will discuss *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls* by Anissa Gray on January 14 at 6:00 p.m. * On Wednesday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. the **Benevolent Guild** will resume their weekly Wednesday morning gatherings to craft items for hospitalized infants and children. * **Summer 2020 mission trips** offer opportunity to travel to **Guatemala** (July 5–12) and **Colombia** (August 1–8); applications are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.

Cozy winter fun is on the calendar for the January **Women at Fourth** gathering on Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Come join in celebrating the season with hot chocolate, stories, and good cheer! * The monthly **LGBTQIA Brunch** will take place on January 26 at 12:30 p.m.

Did you know that more than 4,000 people around the world receive **devotions** from Fourth Church in their inbox every morning? To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions).

They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

We are in need of volunteers to **help with the Book Nook** during Coffee Hours following the 9:30 and 11:00 services and *** to create and manage spreadsheets** one day a week for a church program. * For details, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * If you have volunteered with Fourth Church previously, you will have received an email **invitation to register with our new volunteer management software, VOMO**, to make it possible for you to easily sign up for and manage your volunteer opportunities. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to register soon.



The **Gala of Hope**—benefiting Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua. Tickets will be available in January. * Those interested in supporting the work of Chicago Lights are invited to join **the Chicago Lights Marathon Team**, which will be running the Chicago Marathon in October. For details, contact Devon Stewart (dstewart@chicagolights.org, 312.981.3390). * Chicago Lights is also in need of **◀ tutors** to mentor children and youth one evening a week at the church. See www.bit.ly/cltutor2020 for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.

For those wanting to make a year-end gift or fulfill their 2019 Annual Appeal pledge by credit card, charges must be made to the card by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 in order for those gifts to be credited on **2019 giving statements**. For those wanting to make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check and have the gift credited on 2019 giving statements, please be sure the envelope is postmarked December 31. * **For information about making gifts** through stock transfers or required distributions from one's IRA or prepaying one's 2020 pledge, please contact Katy Frey Bever (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Whether you give through Venmo (@Fourth-Church), online via our website, electronically via automatic debits to your bank or credit card, or through gifts of stock or make your contributions monthly, quarterly, or annually, we want you to take part in our communal offering of our gifts. If you give in one of these ways, we encourage you to use the **new "I give" cards**, which you will find in the pew racks. At the time of the offering, as others place envelopes, checks, or cash into the offering plate, we invite you to acknowledge your giving in other forms by placing one of the "I give" cards into the offering plate.

**To sign up for opportunities described in this newsletter,
please see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up**

Calendar for December 29, 2019–January 4, 2020

Sunday, December 29 8:00 a.m. Worship • Joseph L. Morrow preaching. Sanctuary
Christmastide 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 and 11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols. Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching. Buchanan Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

Monday, December 30 9:00 a.m. Men’s Book Club Room 4K
 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper *Catholic Charities*

Tuesday, December 31 12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
 6:00–7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Anderson Hall
 7:30 p.m. **New Year’s Eve Taizé service Buchanan Chapel**

Wednesday, January 1 *Church Office Closed*
New Year’s Day

Thursday, January 2. 12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Morning Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, January 3 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: N3XUS Trio, wind trio Buchanan Chapel

See www.fourthchurch.org/calendar for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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