News and Resources

September 6-September 12, 2020

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, 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 would like to connect with others following worship today, please join us online following the postlude for virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom! We will be gathering online at www.bit.ly/ fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also 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#. Next Sunday's virtual Coffee Hour on September 13 will be our "Get Connected" Coffee Hour, with opportunity to meet via Zoom various groups from around the church. ** Another opportunity to connect with others is through our small groups, which meet once a week for four weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining the new small groups that will be forming this autumn, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, we very much we want to hear from you! 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 have a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ** If you would like to talk to a pastor, please call the church (312.787.4570). ** If you would like to explore options for teletherapy with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

Our daily devotions are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer.** You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at **www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions**) or read them online (**www.fourthchurch.org/devotions**), via Facebook (**www.facebook.com/fourthchurch**), or on Twitter (**www.twitter.com/fourthchicago**). * On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** Email Carol Allerton (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*) for details.

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for an Inquirers' Class on Sunday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To register for this one-session class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer0920**

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- As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church Meals Ministry provides—via outdoor pickup—"to go" meals for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and "to go" lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. * Tuesday through Friday mornings the Chicago Lights Social Service Center offers "curbside" pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments.

 * For ways to order and ship items needed for these ministries see www.fourthchurch.org
- One month remains for the **Officer Nominating Committee** to receive recommendations of individuals to serve in the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you know any Fourth Church members—including yourself!— who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please take a moment to offer your leadership recommendations by completing the online form at **www.bit.ly/nominating2020** by Wednesday, September 30.
- Online Noonday Concerts are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms * This Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. participants in our early-March 2020 visit to Havana will host a virtual Music Mission Trip to Cuba by sharing photos, videos, and stories from their experiences. For Zoom details, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).
- The Center for Life and Learning offers kicks off a new program year on Monday, September 14 for adults sixty and over. Details about CLL's online offerings of courses, lectures, and exercise classes as well as virtual tours are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/cll; for more information, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org). ** Books by Women invites women to join them via Zoom this Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. for discussion of Becoming by Michelle Obama. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). ** TwentiesThirties offers a variety of opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).** Our LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome group will meet for an online cocktail hour this Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). ** Upcoming online events, including Bible studies and Benevolent Guild, are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar
- A new program year of online activities for **children**, **youth**, **and families** begins next Sunday, September 13. For information about Sunday School and family activities, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about youth groups and Confirmation, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for other resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates and glimpses of our life together while apart.

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