News and Resources

October 24-October 31, 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 also make the service available via

Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00

a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by

listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free) at the time of the service (the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.). * During the week we also 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).

Next Sunday, November 1, is **All Saints' Day**, the day we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year will be read during worship.

"Putting Our Faith into Action," our 2021 stewardship campaign, is underway! Each pledge makes a difference in the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Details are online at www.fourthchurch.org; for more information, email Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org). Please submit your pledge—which you can make online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge—by Commitment Sunday, November 8, when we will celebrate all we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives.

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class *(required for membership)* and learn about Fourth Church congregational life, mission, and history as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), **sign up at www.bit.ly/inquirer1120**

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship 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 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#. * Another opportunity to connect with others is in our **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining one of the groups forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

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- 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
- As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another, 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, please call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.
- On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for weekly Morning Prayer via Zoom. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details. * 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). * A virtual Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing
- Volunteers are needed to help cook our Fourth Church Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper and to distribute the grab-to-go meal outdoors. You can sign up online to cook (app.vomo.org/project/cooking-for-sunday-night-supper) or serve (app.vomo.org/project/5da1181f63f6a) or email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org) for details. *

 Benevolent Guild, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Crocheting will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. For details about either of these opportunities, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, purple bows on the tree trunks and fence outside the Manse are our public witness to this issue and all those affected by it.
- **Sunday School and family activities** are being held online. For details, contact Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). ** **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). ** Details about the **Center for Life and Learning** courses, lectures, and exercise classes for adults sixty and over are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/cll; for more information, contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org).

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- "Women in the Book of Judges" meets via Zoom on Sundays through November 8 at 9:30 a.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/womeninjudges for this class taught by Dr. Steed Davidson of McCormick Theological Seminary. * "Varying Voices of the Prophets: Cries for Justice, Lamentation, and Consolation" is the current theme in our "Foundations of Faith:

 An Hour a Week with the Bible" class, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Jeff Doane is leading this exploration of texts in Amos, Jeremiah, and Isaiah, which concludes today. Next Sunday Matt Helms will begin a three-week look at "From Pentecost to Constantine:

 How the Early Church Grew." For Zoom details for this weekly Sunday Bible study, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 * Men's Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).
- **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Giver of Stars* **by Jojo Moyes.** For details, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*). ** **The First Tuesday Book Club** continues on Tuesday, November 10 (*since the first Tuesday of the month is Election Day*) at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion in both November and December will focus on the book **The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone** and will be led by Nanette Sawyer. Register for Zoom details at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks
- Online Noonday Concerts are streamed on Fridays at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms; this week's online program will feature an organ concert by John Sherer. John will also be presenting an online organ recital celebrating Chicago composers on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms to mark the fifth anniversary of the dedication of our Andrew Pipe Organ. * Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for those 50 and older, will gather via Zoom on Friday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. for a program by Paul Hamann, President and CEO of the Night Ministry, which works with those struggling with poverty or homelessness. Register online by Thursday, November 5 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1120 to receive Zoom details.
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for other resources and additional ways to connect. Upcoming online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar** We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.

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