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## The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago 2004 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

The year 2004 was a very good one at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. One indicator of how a church is doing is statistics, and our 2004 numbers are strong. Our membership continues to grow at a steady 3.5 percent annually. Numbers of adult and infant baptisms, children enrolled in church school, people participating in education and fellowship, all record stable growth. The first full year of our Capital Funds Campaign produced encouraging



financial strength for Project Light, and the church program budget year ended with a surplus.

It is gratifying to be able to produce that kind of annual statistical report. But even more important is the mission that happens because Fourth Church is here and because Fourth Church members generously support the vision we have adopted for ourselves of being "A Light in the City." Mission doesn't easily translate into number of lives changed; spirits healed don't easily register on a year-end statistical report. But it is important to keep in mind the difference we are able to make. Guests at the Social Service Center receive tangible assistance daily; older adults find programs and educational opportunities at the Center for Older Adults; hundreds of youngsters meet a caring adult for Tutoring every week; parents bring their youngsters to our Children's Center and Day School programs; thirteen 12-step groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet in our building, some early in the morning, others in the evening. A new initiative this past year was a dinner for our homeless neighbors, dinner provided by Fourth Church and served at Catholic Charities by our Deacons and other volunteers. This Monday night program supplements our Sunday Night Supper served weekly in our own dining room and is a step

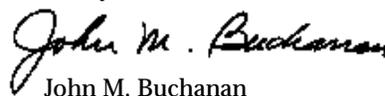
in the direction of a dream close to my heart, namely the availability of a hot, nutritious dinner for the homeless every night of the week somewhere in our neighborhood. More, much more, than the statistics, what we do in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the needy, the young, the elderly, defines Fourth Presbyterian Church as "A Light in the City."

Internally it was a very good year as well. During the year the congregation met and voted to proceed with the vision of Project Light, a creative strategic plan to provide needed program space for our growing congregation, financial strength for the future, support for McCormick Theological Seminary, and a new mission initiative in our neighborhood on Chicago Avenue. The vision will be financed by members' generous pledges to the Capital Campaign, with the proposed joint development and sale of air rights over our property behind the sanctuary as another element of Project Light funding.

We called a new Associate Pastor for Congregational Life, Ali Trowbridge; elected a committee to call a new Executive Associate pastor; celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Tutoring program. Following the meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in June, we have engaged in interfaith conversations and programs with the Jewish community, primarily our friends at Congregation Sinai.

It was, in so many ways, an extraordinary year in the life of this extraordinary congregation. The year ahead will be equally important. I am more grateful than I have words to express for your encouragement and confidence, your generous support, and your prayers. I continue to be blessed by the privilege of serving as your Pastor.

Faithfully,



John M. Buchanan

**The 135th Annual Meeting of the Congregation**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2005 • In the sanctuary after 11:00 worship**  
Congregational dinner to follow in Anderson Hall  
**(February worship schedule and other monthly information is on pages 18-20)**

## Milestones

**During 2004, the following changes took place in the church records.**

Total membership at the conclusion of 2004: 5,383  
(Total membership at the conclusion of 2003: 5,195)

Persons received into membership: 324

Members transferred to other churches: 81

Persons ordained: 1

Members requesting removal, apart from transfers: 64

Members who died: 34

**We regret to record the deaths of the following persons and wish to extend our sympathy to their families and friends.**

Ella Barth  
John Brooks  
Sarah Campbell  
William Wallace Craig  
David Dangler  
Bernice Demos  
Kingman Douglass  
Helen Faissler  
Ellen Green

Jennifer Guentert  
Shirley Hillmer  
David L. Hooker  
Frederick C. Klein  
Elsie Krystek  
Edward Kuhn  
Frances L. Mayer  
Ruth McCann  
Eva Jane Milligan

Rosalie Moles  
Lillian Olson  
Mary Lou Peterson  
James R. Plapp  
Mary Louise Ramsey  
Henry Robertz  
Reba Staggs  
Georgella Stewart  
Claire Sugarman

Robert Swanson  
Dorothy Tollifson  
Alan Tuckey  
Florence Veenbaas  
Suzanne Vossough  
Mary S. Wenstrand  
Elizabeth Whitsell



On May 16, 2004, Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates 90 years on Michigan Avenue, the opening Dedication Service of the current sanctuary having taken place on May 10, 1914.



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# The Boards

The belief that the people of God are called to be leaders is at the heart of the Presbyterian way. This commitment manifests itself in a style of "representative democracy" that is unique in the worldwide church. This representative democracy is embodied in the boards of the church: the Session, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Deacons. The officers who serve on these boards have been identified for their gifts of leadership and a commitment to

the life and ministry of this congregation and are elected to three-year terms by the congregation. These elections are held each February. Officers are then ordained and installed in May, when they begin their term of service. This report gratefully acknowledges all those who served as officers during 2004: those whose term ended in May, those whose term began then, and those whose term continued throughout the year.

## The Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons is often called "the heart of the church." Deacons are responsible for the care of the congregation and outreach ministries. Each Sunday they staff the volunteer table during Coffee Hour, provide intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship, conduct a tour of the church, and welcome visitors to the narthex on Sunday afternoons. The board also regularly provides volunteers to assist in a variety of ways at the Sunday Night Supper.

In 2004, the Deacons led the network calling and Fourth Shepherds initiatives, again sponsored the annual Summer Tennis Camp for youth participating in the Partners in Education Summer Day Program, participated in the Care Team project, and established the Monday Night Community Supper. This meal is held weekly at the Catholic Charities facility on LaSalle Street. Currently, one hot meal each month is donated by a local restaurant. While the board continues to identify other possible donors of hot meals, the remainder of the weekly meals are cold sandwiches, prepared by teams of Fourth Church members and friends.

Ended their three-year term in 2004: Anderson, Kathleen Bayert, Crystal Bush, Todd DeStigter, Melanie Ehrhart, Tracy Fairman, Michelle Holmes, Arnold Lenters, Catherine Lesterhuis, Ross Lober, Susana Lopatka, Linda Outlaw, Stephen Philip, Janet Pieracci, Kathleen Preble, Byron Reed, Janet Reed, Hope Smith, Lucy Smith

Continued their term of service: Martin Aavik, Vann Avedisian, Richard Barrett, Beth Bender, Monica Brown, Alison Burke, Fred Chisolm, Catherine Clewlow, Donald Coe, Juli Crabtree, Ranjan Daniels, Lisa Garay, Marty Hansen, Emily Hartnell, Barbara Joabson, Karen Johnson, Anne Cartwright Keller, Beth Laurin, Gregory Lewis, Carol Lobbes, David E. Miller, Clare Monroe, Dean Nelson, Wanda Newell, Eric Olson, Jason Schubert, Marge L. Shelton, Shannon Theresa Smith, Jeffrey Spang, Polly Toner, Jason Tuscher, Doris Yancey

Began their three-year term in 2004: Armstrong, Gayle Birdsong, J. Milton Clark, Gregg Colburn, Lindsay Cook, Louis DiCerbo, Don DuPree, Carol Gates, Joe Hornberger, J. Alan Hubbell, Beverly Kowatch, Donna Jean Marxhausen, Tate Nudo, Doug Pond, Kari Sanderson, Robert Sinclair, Mary Kay Wysham, Kimberly Yaung

Staff liaison: Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor



In March, Deacon leaders and other volunteers, including Fourth Church youth groups and members of Congregation Kol Ami, begin serving a weekly Monday-evening meal to 110 to 125 low-income neighbors.



In May more than 750 students, community members, and Fourth Church friends attend one of three lively performances of the fourth annual Festival of the Heart, "The Wiz that Wuz," which is put on by 125 student performers from the Near North Magnet Cluster schools. An additional performance will be added in 2005 to accommodate the growing audience.

## The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees oversees the financial life of the church, including the endowment. Through their Investment Committee and with the assistance of investment consultants, the Trustees manage asset allocation and exercise the authority to receive, hold, manage, and transfer property. In 2004, their Property Committee oversaw the purchase of automatic electronic defibrillators.

Ended their three-year term in 2004: Lia Decker, Sam Evans, Lloyd Fry III, Joan Hall, Elinor Hite, Donald Hunt, Jennifer Tretheway

Continued their term of service: Mark Bereyso, John Cochrane, Bob Darnall, Katheryn Dutenhaver, Betsy Finkelmeier, Armon Haagen, Marilee Keller Hopkins, Billy Jennings, Rick Mayer, Tom McDowell, Deborah Mitchell, Jeffry Shearer, Ella Strubel, Anne Voshel

Began their three-year term in 2004: Marilynn Cason, David Eldersveld, Bryan Erler, Paul Gignilliat, Patricia Habicht, Clarence Johnson, Stephen Philip

Staff liaisons: John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Jo Ann McFarlin, Director of Business Administration; Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries

## Joint Finance

The Joint Finance Committee is responsible for ensuring that the financial operations of Fourth Presbyterian Church are managed effectively to support internal programs and mission outreach. The annual budget of the church is approved by the committee, which includes members of the Board of Trustees and the Session.

Ending their term in 2004: Lloyd Culbertson, Bob Darnell, Lloyd Fry III, Don Hunt, Ross Lober, Sara Pfaff, Marty Sherrod, Jennifer Tretheway

Continuing their term of service: Mark Delfs, Armon Haagen, Tom Howell, Rick Mayer, Deborah Mitchell, Mary Moore

Beginning their term in 2004: Vern Broders, Tom McDowell, David Miller, Marc Miller, Steve Philip, Joe Sifferlen

Staff liaisons: John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Jo Ann McFarlin, Director of Business Administration; Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries

## The Session

The Session, which is the governing body of the church, is made up of thirty-seven Elders (the translation of the Greek word presbyteros). The Session is responsible for the whole life and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church. In the year 2004, that involved the adoption of a plan for supporting both Israel and Palestine in their efforts to achieve peace and mutual recognition. The Session's goals are currently focused on shaping faith, building community, serving others, and stewarding resources.

Particular responsibilities include receiving new members; leading the congregation in mission; providing for worship and the administration of the sacraments—baptism and communion—offering educational programs, pastoral care, and fellowship opportunities; and challenging the congregation in its stewardship of time, talent, and financial resources.

Several committees oversee these responsibilities and report to the Session. Those individual committee reports make up the remainder of this 2004 Annual Report and include a listing of all those who so graciously gave of their time and talent in serving on those committees during 2004. (Committee membership changes midyear but in recognizing all those who served throughout the past year, all who were committee members at any point during the year are listed herein.)

Ended their three-year term in 2004: Deborah Baughman, Larry Braskamp, Steve Bumpus, Lloyd Culbertson, Laura Gates, Peyton Hutchison, Andrew McGaan, Mary Moore, Carla Paonessa, Ann Petersen, Beth Rizer, Marty Sherrod, Jackie Valentine

Continued their term of service: Dianne Bowman, John R. Buchanan, Philip Calian, Missy MacLeod, Richard Carlson, John R. Dallas Jr., Hope Daniels, Lillian Davidson, Robert M. Day, Mark Harry Delfs, Robert Doak, Andy Ekern, Jan Feldman, Val Henry, Tom Howell Jr., Maggie McGuire, Karen Otto, Amy Pagliarella, Polly Peters-Bottrell, Joe Sifferlen, Joyce Sigmon, Morgan Simmons, Gretchen Wahl

Began their three-year term in 2004: Elizabeth Andrews, Jeanne Bishop, Gerald Bloomer, David Crawford, Elizabeth Foster, Jane Hunt, Betty Hutchison, Kerry Grady, Jerry Latherow, Gunnbjorg Lavoll, Marc Miller, Mark Nelson, Sylvia Robertson, Richard Sabol

Clyde O. Bowles Jr., Clerk of Session  
John M. Buchanan, Moderator



Representatives of the Parents Circle, an organization of more than 500 bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families who have lost family members to violence in the Middle East, speak to members of Fourth Church and Temple Sholom in Anderson Hall on October 25.

## Adult Education

In 2004 the Adult Education Committee marked the fifth anniversary of the Academy for Faith and Life. The committee's primary task—selecting Academy courses and instructors for them—has resulted, in the Academy's first five years, in 146 classes on topics ranging from biblical studies to contemporary discipleship. Class registrations have now topped 3,800. The committee also arranges orientation classes for newly elected church officers, coordinates a number of ongoing Bible studies, and oversees the Borden Library and its much-used collection.

The committee will be at work in 2005 to create a new structure for the Academy that will standardize the length and starting dates for classes and establish a cycle for the repetition of core courses. In focusing efforts on increasing participation in Academy classes by spreading the word about the program, the committee is also planning to digitally record some of the classes so as to be able to distribute the recordings on CD.

Nancy Bennett, Don Coe, Allison Crawford, Jan Feldman, Emily Hartnell, Jane Hunt, Missy MacLeod, Andrew McGaan, David Miller, Deborah Mitchell, Ken Ohr, Morgan Simmons, Larry Thomas, Nora Wiltse

Staff liaison: John A. Cairns, Dean, Academy for Faith and Life



On October 4 and 5, author and NPR commentator Bebe Moore Campbell visits eight classes in the three Near North Magnet Cluster schools in Cabrini-Green, reading from and discussing her book *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry*. She also speaks with children in Tutoring's Kids Cafe and addresses a Michigan Avenue Forum on the topic of adult mental illness and its effects on children.

## Associate Pastor Nominating Committees

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee elected in October 2003 to present a candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Congregational Life made its recommendation to the congregation in May 2004. The committee reviewed 70 dossiers and interviewed final candidates for the new position responsible for creating a web to hold together the large and diverse congregation of Fourth Church. At a May 16 congregational meeting, the committee presented its unanimous candidate and the congregation issued a call to Alice Trowbridge, who had served as a Lilly Pastoral Resident at Fourth Church from 2001 to 2003.

Ali began her current ministry during the summer and was installed on October 31. She serves as the pastoral resource for the Deacons and is responsible for providing churchwide programming and hospitality as well as small group fellowship opportunities that help people find and share their gifts that strengthen the Fourth Church community.

In 2004, the congregation also elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the position of Executive Associate Pastor. This person will provide management and oversight for daily church operations as well as participate in worship leadership. The committee plans to recommend a candidate to the congregation in 2005.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee  
Fred Chisolm, Barbara Cleveland, Marc Miller, Amy Pagliarella, Ann Petersen

Executive Associate Pastor Nominating Committee  
Lloyd Culbertson, Elinor Hite, Rob Holben, Karen Otto, Chris Pfaff, Allison Youngblood



More than 1,200 people fill the sanctuary on January 12 for a free public forum on the intriguing themes in the best-selling novel *The DaVinci Code* presented by Bruce Rigdon of Ecumenical Theological Seminary.





In observance of the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recover and Understanding on October 5, approximately 75 people join in a candlelight procession from Fourth Church to Holy Name Cathedral. The event is organized by the Center for Whole Health.



### **The Board of Chicago Lights**

The Board of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church has oversight for programs and the financial success of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Chicago Lights, which was launched in 2004. Chicago Lights brings under one banner the programs that continue the legacy of Fourth Church's service to its urban neighbors: the Center for Older Adults, the Center for Whole Health, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, and Partners in Education. During 2004, the board supported Chicago Lights programs through participation in the annual Scholarship Dinner, strategic planning with Cabrini principals, Festival of the Heart, Job Training graduation, the Summer Day Poetry Slam, and a special Chicago Lights fall Vespers service. The board's focus in 2004 was in the areas of community relations and fund-raising, helping to launch and create visibility for the combined organization. The members created community awareness through the media and special events and participated in fund-raising, including the annual Mission Benefit, the 40th anniversary of Tutoring celebration, and Partners in Education holiday cards.

Paula Addington, Deborah Baughman, Jeanette Bitter, John R. Buchanan, Vern Broders, Hope Daniels, Ranjan Daniels, Lisa Guynn, Val Henry, Don Hunt, Gunnbjorg Lavoll, Ed Miller, Mark Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Bill Oelman, Cris Ohr, Jennifer Tretheway John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Beth Truett, Executive Director

### **Children and Family Committee**

The Children and Family Committee is responsible for Christian education for children and youth up through fifth grade, the Fourth Church Day School, and the Children's Center. In 2004, there were 490 registered children and youth in the church school program, 51 in the Children's Center child care program, and 64 in the Day School preschool program. Summer Vacation Church School, which is held the third week of August, was also at capacity enrollment.

Throughout the year, the committee continued to refine guidelines that enable parents and teachers to know what factual knowledge about faith children should know at each grade level. In the fall, a program for the fourth and fifth grade class was implemented that includes Kids in Sunday School Exchange, through which the fourth and fifth grade class visit with youth from Temple Sinai and Old Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, both at their places of worship and at Fourth Church. The committee also oversaw the formation, in the fall, of a group for parents of infants and toddlers, which meets every other week for fellowship and discussion. Also in the fall, Beverly Escuder was hired as the new Children's Choirmaster to lead the Cherub, Children, and Youth Choirs.

The Day School, under the direction of Ruthie Hornaday, received NAEYC accreditation in 2004, and the Children's Center continued to work toward the accreditation, which it hopes to have in 2005. Director Denise LaBounty, who served the center for four years, was replaced by Interim Director Dana Cruz.

Dala Aavik, Steve Bumpus, Elizabeth Caldwell, Anne Marie Canfield, Lisa Doak, Cary Donham, Elizabeth Foster, Jim Garner, Peyton Hutchison, Karol Kadechka, Suzanne King, Maggie McGuire, Jane Ottens, Douglas Poland, Katy Sinclair, Evadney Stephens, Debbie Whitmore

Staff liaison: Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families



In March the magic of the Fourth Church Day School comes to life as children and parents come together for the preschool's annual benefit to support its scholarship program.



## Congregational Care

The Congregational Care Committee works within the framework of the ministry of Jesus Christ to provide confidential care to those facing life's spiritual, emotional, and physical challenges. Using church and community resources, the committee responds to real-life needs through lay-led Care Teams supported by pastoral and professional staff. The committee also provides oversight for the Pilgrimage in Faithfulness Leader Team, the Seminarian Care Team, and the Officer Care Team, which hosts two yearly gatherings of past officers and an officer appreciation dinner for those officers rotating off boards. One of its new initiatives in 2004 was the Job Club Team, which offers a weekly presentation on job search basics and networking opportunities for people in career transition. As part of its 2005 initiatives, the Committee will offer an Academy for Faith and Life course on caring for oneself while being involved in the care of others.

Mark Bereyso, Larry Braskamp, Monica Brown, Barbara Cleveland, Andy Ekern, Dorothy Rice, Marge Shelton, Joyce Sigmon, Rosemary Withaeger  
Staff liaison: Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor



The more-than-100 guests who attend the December 19 Sunday Night Community Supper in the Dining Room receive Christmas gift bags decorated by Fourth Church members who have filled the bags with personal hygiene items and other gifts.

## Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee focuses its deliberation and effort on defining and supporting Christ-centered lay leadership for church groups. Through its work, the committee seeks to educate, equip, encourage, empower, and support leaders who volunteer to serve in various ministries within the church, namely Women@Fourth Connect, Hospitality Ministry, Common Connection Groups, and Faith Builder Groups. Its main goal is to help leaders keep Christ at the center of each group's mission and message.

In addition to its support of existing church groups, the Congregational Life Committee provides facilitation for members wishing to form new groups. Before a group is formally approved and organized, the committee provides prospective founders of a group a valuable portfolio of qualification questions, start-up information, and tips based on best practices of other groups. It also works with the Congregational Life staff to provide start-up coaching and other guidance as needed.

Agnes Boateng, Sue Buchanan, Ali Burke, Lisa Cochrane, Patricia Coyne Johnson, Linda Crane, John Dallas, Lou DiCerbo, Robin Erickson, Wendell Gooch, Susan Hanes, Shirley Henninger, Debbie Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Sally King, Jeanette Krenek, Gale Kryzak, Carol Lobbes, Karen McCracken, Andy McGaan, Diane Meister, Mary Metag, Laura Meyer, Zoa Norman, Amy Pagliarella, Joann Pitcher, Jane Purdy, Gail Riggs, Beth Rizer, Sylvia Robertson, Rick Sabol, Marge Shelton, Cecy Szuba, Amy Volpe

Staff liaison: Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor

## Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee provides a ministry of hospitality and information to people who are seeking a church home in the city. From the time a person makes a decision to cross the threshold of the sanctuary to his or her decision to become a member and get involved in the life of the church, the Evangelism Committee has a cohort of more than 300 volunteers ready to walk with that person and provide an encouraging word or a nudge of direction.

In 2004, 324 new members were welcomed into the fellowship of Fourth Presbyterian Church, which represents a net growth in church membership of 3.5 percent and is almost exactly the average number of new members welcomed in each of the past six years. It is through the commitment of Open House greeters, Coffee Hour welcomers, Invitation Committee callers, Inquirers' Class teachers, New Member Brunch hosts, Fourth Shepherds, and all who have welcomed or encouraged a visitor to Fourth Church that we follow the call of the one who said, "Go and make disciples."

Don Allerton, Delia Coleman, Lillian Davidson, Robert Day, Sue Duffy, Arnold Lenters, Mary Moore, Martha Payne, Polly Peters-Bottrell, Marge Shelton, Dennis Thorn, Jason Tuscher

Staff liaison: Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor



The Center for Older Adults continues to serve as a "Belonging Place" by providing a web of friendships that nurture health and well-being. The COA also teams with the Center for Whole Health in recognizing and celebrating the many wonderful relationships that have developed as a part of the program.

## Giving Ministries Committee

Each October, the Stewardship Committee of Giving Ministries launches Stewardship season at Fourth Church. Members are asked to make commitments of financial support for the year so that stewardship of resources will allow the church to plan programs and mission outreach. Initiatives that highlighted stewardship issues in 2004 included Academy classes, devotions written by pastors and members, printed materials, prayer letters, and special stewardship events. The 2004 Stewardship campaign was completed with pledges exceeding the goal of \$2.6 million. The 2005 campaign, begun in October 2004, has a goal of \$2.8 million.

In 2004, the Volunteer Ministry Committee of Giving Ministries accomplished a myriad of diverse and important goals. Highlights included creating a comprehensive volunteer opportunities catalogue, implementing a Deacon initiative to provide a Monday Night Supper as a second free weekly meal, enhancing the Fourth Shepherd program, introducing and teaching a quarterly orientation-to-volunteering course, increasing donations of gently used children's items, assisting Temple Shalom of Chicago and LaSalle Street Church in launching weekly free suppers for those in need, blending members of Congregation Kol Ami with Fourth Church members in serving the Monday Night Supper, and establishing relationships with three more Chicago nonprofit agencies, thus creating more and varied volunteer opportunities.

Stewardship: Jeanne Bishop, Gerry Bloomer, John Cochrane, Lloyd Culbertson, Frederick Henry, Ann Kingstrom, Emily Lewis, Marc Miller, Llani O'Connor, Amy Pagliarella, Sara Pfaff, Bill Stone

Staff liaison: Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministry

Volunteer Ministry: Susan Boggie, Ellie Breskot, Jill Calian, Bonnie Clyde, Marilyn Day, Marilee Hopkins, Bob Jewell, Amy Pagliarella, Barbara Weeks

Staff liaison: Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry



On World Communion Sunday, October 3, Fourth Church has the privilege of welcoming Hector Mendez, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Havana, to the Fourth Church pulpit. Oneida Mendez, his daughter, serves as his translator

## Mission Committee

Through the work of the Fourth Church Mission Committees, members were able to build relationships with neighbors around the world in 2004 through mission-in-reverse trips to the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota and to Belfast, Northern Ireland, through a medical mission trip to Guatemala, and through a trip to build Habitat for Humanity homes in Honduras. Throughout the year, the committee made it possible for members to sign approximately 2,000 advocacy letters on issues pertaining to hunger, housing, health care, gun control, anti-death penalty, child care, education, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, Fair Trade, and other topics related to poverty. Fifty-two nonprofit agencies also received grants from Fourth Church Mission, grants totaling \$175,500.

In October, the Session and Board of Trustees of Fourth Presbyterian Church approved a gift of \$5,000 toward Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) efforts to help those in Haiti affected by Hurricane Jeanne. In cooperation with other agencies, PDA responded to the Haitian situation by delivering food, water, and kitchen utensils for the thousands of people left homeless by the hurricane. Through the Peacemaking Offering received on World Communion Sunday, October 3, Fourth Church was able to make a gift of more than \$6,400 toward mission projects and programs of First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, Fourth Church's sister church in Cuba.

Dean Banick, Bill Becker, Mary Ann Berry, Cindy Borski, Regan Burke, Crystal Bush, Missy MacLeod, David Crawford, Barbara Dillard, Heather DuVal, Kay Felkins, Jill Garcia, Alison Gerlach, Marty Hansen, Kay Hinn, Betty Hutchison, Rafi Jafri, Joe Jeffery, Susana Lopatka, Cheri Lundin, Linda McCarty, Mark Nelson, Frances Ntowe, Carla Paonessa, Kelly Pollock, Doug Pond, Mary Schaafsma, Joe Sifferlen, Tod Tappert, Jennifer Tozer, Anne Wagner, Stephanette Walker

Staff liaison: Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission



Volunteers cut thousands of paper hearts and hands to create an art installation, designed by liturgical artist Nancy Chinn, that hangs in the sanctuary throughout October and November to emphasize the Stewardship theme "With hearts and hands joined, we are God's servants working together."

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is made up of two Elders (members of the Session), one Deacon, one Trustee, and seven at-large members of the congregation who are elected at the February congregational meeting. The committee is responsible for nominating 48 Fourth Church members to serve three-year terms in office: 13 Elders (including 1 youth), 18 Deacons (including 2 youth), 7 Trustees, 7 Nominating Committee members, and 3 Chicago Lights board members. Soon after the newest class of officers is ordained and installed in May, the committee begins its work gathering recommendations for candidates for the next class. After collecting recommendations from Fourth Church members of those felt to have demonstrated gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of the church, the committee presents its slate of candidates to the congregation for election at the February meeting.

Committee nominating 2004 candidates: Dianne Bowman, Vern Broders, John Dallas, Beth Davis, Betsy Finkelmeier, Jim Garner, Ryan Gregory, Janet Reed, Mary Schaafsma, Beverly Washington, Allison Youngblood

Committee nominating 2005 candidates: Gordon Addington, Dianne Bowman, Steve Bumpus, Benjamin Carlisle, Bonnie Clyde, June Dorn, Alison Gerlach, Susan M. Hill, Marilee Hopkins, Jerry Latherow, David Miller

Staff liaison: Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate



The Shower of Stoles, a collection of liturgical stoles that celebrates the gifts of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons serving God through ministry hangs in the Loggia during the November 4–6 annual Covenant Network Conference, hosted in 2004 by Fourth Church and attended by more than 500 people from across the country.

## Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is committed to providing both leadership and support to the great staff of Fourth Church. The committee works to ensure that an environment is created that enables all Fourth Church staff to identify goals and objectives to lead the church into the future and to provide a support structure of performance reviews, learning resources, and compensation to foster that vision. The committee identifies resources where desired or needed to provide training or coaching to meet individual needs. In 2004, the committee also established several initiatives: a formal supervisory training program for staff members, a more complete review process, participation with search committees to ensure strategic staffing for future planning, and setting up a task force to look at future urban pastoral care and related staffing needs. A review of program salary ranges has also been initiated in order to remain fair to market conditions.

Elinor Hite, chair, and members Bob Doak, Kathryn Dutenhaver, Hugh Halverstadt, Marc Miller, and Karen Otto make up the current committee. Arlene Faulk and Ann Petersen rotated off the committee during 2004 after long and important service.

Staff liaison: John M. Buchanan, Pastor



In February, the annual Mission Benefit—with a 2004 theme of “Carnaval Brazil”—exceeds the Benefits of previous years both in attendance and funds raised, funds that help support Fourth Church’ Lorene Repogle Counseling Center, the Center for Older Adults, the Center for Whole Health, and the Elam Davies Social Service Center



Now a tradition, Easter Jazz Vespers is again celebrated with the musical leadership of the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble which also leads Fourth Church Vespers an additional three times during the year



### Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee

Worship lies at the heart of the life of Fourth Presbyterian Church, and the Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee takes as its guiding principle a commitment to strong, faithful worship and preaching in the Reformed tradition, whether on a Sunday morning, in a special service of healing, or during midweek Lent services or fourth Friday Taizé services. In logistical terms, the provision of services of worship involves hundreds of people: ushers and communion preparers, singers and musicians, lay participants and pastors who lead the people in worship of God.

There were more than 200 worship services and concerts in 2004. Three adult choirs, two children's choirs, Tower Brass, and Fourth Acts inspired the congregation to worship God. Throughout the year, music at Fourth Church continued to not only play an integral part in the worship life of the congregation but also reach further than that through concerts, including the free Friday Noonday Concerts, that are part of the outreach to the city.

In the Arts, the Fine Arts Council was formed in 2004 to act as the clearing house, idea generator, and decision maker for the visual and performing arts programs at Fourth Church. A series of successful exhibitions were housed in the Gallery and Loggia, and the latest pieces of the "Unweavings" liturgical artwork by Laurie Wohl were hung in the sanctuary.

Dean Banick, Dianne Bowman, Jane Brawley, Phil Calian, Dick Carlson, Kerry Grady, Suzanne Morgan, Sue Pellowe, George Shorney, Robert Rasmussen

Staff liaisons: Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor; John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

For the second consecutive year CBS films the 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service for local broadcast later that evening and Christmas morning.



### Youth and Campus Ministry Committee

The Youth and Campus Ministry Committee works to create a spiritual home where youth are safe, accepted, and loved. The committee works to help youth learn about God, explore their faith and the world, serve others, and have fun. It supports the families of youth and works to integrate young people into the life of the church. The committee oversees the programs of the Junior Highs, Confirmation Class, Senior Highs, Campus Ministries, and Youth Academy classes. For the 2004 Souper Bowl, the youth programs raised \$4,301 in cash and cans of food (\$1 per can of food), and they performed many smaller mission projects throughout the year, including cooking Sunday Night Supper and making more than 3,000 sandwiches for the Social Service Center. In May 2004, 16 eighth graders were confirmed.

During the summer the Junior Highs assisted with the Illinois Special Olympics and the Senior Highs participated in a mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama, as well as the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Indianapolis. Parents of youth began meeting quarterly for fellowship and enrichment. Also in 2004, the campus ministry expanded to include students, both undergraduate and graduate, from nine different campuses. The committee will continue in 2005 to work to attract and maintain youth in meaningful Christian programming that the youth want to make a priority and will strive to find additional ways to encourage and challenge college students in faith and mission.

Leif Anderson, Lizzie Andrews, Rick Baum, Ben Carlisle, Jessica Corlett, Joan Crouch, Ryan Gregory, Maria Holmes, Michelle Holmes, Mike Kalman, Philip Lamb, Clare Monroe, Mark Nelson, Bob Parsons, Lauren Scheibe, Polly Toner, Jackie Valentine, Gretchen Wahl, Tina Wardrop  
Staff liaison: Keith Harris, Associate Pastor

Women@Fourth Connect again ties blue ribbons to the trees outside the Garth in remembrance of the children affected by the 27,590 cases of child abuse investigated and



proven in the state of Illinois in the previous year. As part of the events to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 1, Illinois First Lady Patti Blagojevich joins child advocacy organizations in a press conference in the Garth.

## Project Light Leadership Team

The Project Light Leadership Team is pleased to report significant progress in 2004 toward the realization of Project Light, the bold and faithful vision that outlines the future of Fourth Presbyterian Church and affirms its role and mission to serve as "A Light in the City." With Project Light, Fourth Church is answering the call to serve its congregation and extended community by renovating and expanding space for worship, programs, and fellowship at the Michigan Avenue site. The congregation is similarly answering the call to serve future generations and secure the future of its mission and ministry programs by adding to the endowment. Project Light also addresses the calls to serve pastoral theological education and continued training for Christian ministry by contributing to McCormick Theological Seminary and to serve neighbors and engender hope and understanding by building a community facility in the emerging Near North neighborhood.

Among the highlights of the year for Project Light were the overwhelming congregational approval of the joint development proposal and sale of air rights granted by vote in June (see page 14) That strong endorsement was followed by approval from the Presbytery of Chicago in August. The church and its development partners, Edward R. James Partners and Opus North Delaware Condos, filed a Planned Development application with the City of Chicago on September 29. That filing put in motion the government process by which developments of this nature are reviewed by the city. This process typically takes several months.

A new Project Light Leadership Team was named in September when the Charter for the Leadership Team, which is a committee of the Session, was revised. This team will lead implementation of Project Light through coordination of programmatic initiatives, funding strategies, and facilities development, operating through a set of working subcommittees: Capital Campaign Committee, Chicago Avenue Programs Committee, Communications Committee, Financial Restructure and Management Committee, and Sanctuary Committee

"A Light in the City: Sharing God's the Grace," the Capital Campaign for Fourth Church, is a critical funding

strategy for Project Light. The Campaign team is pleased with the financial backing and the participatory support of the congregation in this important endeavor (see page 13) the current commitments put the Campaign well on its way toward the goal. Also the Board of Trustees authorized all unrestricted bequests to Fourth Church received from October 2003 through December 2006 to support the Capital Campaign and Project Light.

Project Light's physical progress at Michigan Avenue included the Manse breakthrough from the first floor of Parish House, making the ground level of the Manse handicap accessible and available for church programming needs. Renowned consultants in architectural acoustics Robert F. Mahoney & Associates conducted extensive acoustical testing to evaluate sanctuary acoustics. The evaluation was done in connection with the planned improvements to pews and stained glass windows, both of which affect the acoustics.

In 2004, Fourth Church congratulated McCormick Theological Seminary on its 175th anniversary and welcomed one of its graduates, Richard Williams, as a new Pastoral Resident. Continuing the long-standing relationship the two institutions share, McCormick Theological Seminary named The John M. Buchanan Student Lounge in recognition of the Project Light gift to the seminary.

At the Chicago Avenue site, the future of Project Light literally grew, as Fourth Church celebrated a successful first season of the Cabrini Community Garden Partnership, which transformed the vacant lot into an urban organic garden and a fertile environment for continued friendships (see page 16) As these new and developing relationships take root, the Chicago Avenues Program Committee continues to lay the foundation for the Chicago Avenue community center, which will serve as an anchor in this emerging Near North neighborhood.

With all the wonderful progress made in 2004, the Project Light Leadership Team looks to 2005 as another productive year in which they, with the congregation, will continue to proclaim God's word and work to bring the Project Light vision to life.

Ending their term in 2004: Sam Evans, Lloyd A. Fry III, Laura Gates, Rob Holben, Carla Paonessa, Claudia Winkler

Current team: Don Allerton, Pamela Boneham, Clyde O. Bowles Jr., David Crawford, Ranjan Daniels, Beth Davis, Jan Feldman, Betsy Finkelmeier, Elizabeth Foster, Ellen Gignilliat, Paul Gignilliat, Don Hunt, Missy MacLeod, Donna Jean Marxhausen, Rick Mayer, Tom McDowell, Marc Miller, Mary Moore, Chris Pfaff, Janet Reed, Beth Rizer, Jason Schubert, Marty Sherrod, Ella Strubel, Dick Strubel, Bob Unglaub, Anne Voshel

Staff liaisons: John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Alison Chisholm, Director of Project Light; Dana Ferguson, Associate Pastor; Jo Ann McFarlin, Director of Business Administration; Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries; Ann L. Rehfeldt, Director of Communications

## Members

The congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the Fourth Church community

### New Members

The following new members were received on Sunday, December 12, 2004

Kimberly D. Anderson  
Kimberly M. Benson  
Mark C. Benson  
Clare H. Coakley  
Christine A. Cover  
Thomas C. DeLeire  
Jennifer B. Eagleton  
Stephen A. French  
Stacey W. Gault  
Thomas J. Gault  
Dolores S. Gruca  
Kristen E. Holcomb  
Stuart L. Feddersen  
Susan J. Feddersen  
Allen Fore  
Erica M. Paulsen  
Betty L. Reynolds  
Michael A. Ruby  
Phyllis I. Running  
Edna J. Schade  
Richard J. Schade  
Laura S. Sutton  
Jeanne M. Vogelzang  
Joshua D. Zondervan

### Baptisms

The following children were baptized on Sunday, December 5, 2004

Paige Flannery Barker,  
daughter of Andrew and Dinna Barker  
James Patrick Wattleworth Collins,  
son of J. Michael and Carol Collins  
Everett George Cook,  
son of Steven and Bess Cook  
Robert Andrew Cupps,  
son of Andrew and Danielle Cupps  
Ava Ruth Kuhlman,  
daughter of Adam and Kathy Kuhlman

Claire Elise Mertzluft, daughter of Timothy Mertzluft and Dawn Sellstrom  
Peter McLeod Morton,  
son of Bruce and Kimberlee Morton  
Angus Capen Muldoon,  
son of Paul and Samantha Muldoon  
Abigail Virginia Nowinski,  
daughter of Douglas and Jane Nowinski  
Zachary Sabatino, son of Anthony Sabatino and Monique Alber ry  
Charles Herman Schau,  
son of Mark and Barbara Schau  
Hannah Christine Stewart,  
daughter of Jeffrey and Anne Stewart  
Loring Karl Teuteberg,  
son of Jeffrey and Winifred Teuteberg  
Imogene Louise Tuerk,  
daughter of Edward and Jennifer Tuerk

The following adult was baptized on Sunday, December 12, 2004

Stephen A. French

### Births and Adoptions

Luke Armen Avedisian,  
son of Vann and Heidi Avedisian,  
born November 11, 2004  
Reagan Forrester Barr,  
daughter of J. Andrew and Deborah Barr,  
born September 5, 2004  
Benjamin Andrew Burlingame,  
son of Jason and Teri Burlingame,  
born October 11, 2004  
Brooke Mackenzie Brumfield,  
daughter of Hardy and Amy Brumfield,  
born October 23, 2004  
Eric Matthew Butz,  
son of Greg and Michelle Butz,  
born October 6, 2004  
Devon Sung Carlson,  
daughter of Steve and Ifen Carlson,  
born July 1, 2004  
Chase Henry Coghill,  
son of Clint and Meg Coghill,  
born August 19, 2004

James Anderson Georgelos,  
son of Andrew and Nicole Georgelos,  
born September 21, 2004  
Jacob Copelin Grissom,  
son of Douglas and Ann Grissom,  
born December 14, 2004  
Andrew Barclay Keller,  
son of Russell Keller and Anne Cartwright Keller,  
born September 8, 2004  
Rachel Mary Menna,  
daughter of Ronald and Madaleine Menna,  
born December 27, 2004  
Meredith Leigh Mulhern,  
daughter of Brian and Elisa Mulhern,  
born October 27, 2004  
John Gentry Nickerson,  
son of Matthew and Elizabeth Nickerson,  
born November 14, 2004  
Abigail Virginia Nowinski,  
daughter of Douglas and Jane Nowinski,  
born September 17, 2004  
Bennett Fraser Patterson,  
son of Devon and Melissa Patterson,  
born August 6, 2004  
Maximilian Graham Pohl,  
son of Ralf and Pamela Pohl,  
born November 8, 2004  
Abigail Margaret Smith,  
daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Smith,  
born October 31, 2004

### Weddings

On December 4, 2004  
Simone Henkel and David Zorzy

### Deaths

Sarah Campbell, December 13, 2004  
Rosalie Moles  
Georgella Stewart, December 31, 2004  
Florence Veenbass, December 14, 2004

Information about the worship, education, fellowship, and mission life of Fourth Presbyterian Church is available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) and in the church literature racks. To subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org). A one-session Inquirers' Class for those interested in learning more about Fourth Church is offered on **Saturday, February 19** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; **Sunday, February 27** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; and **Monday, March 7** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. These classes are generally held three times per month; a schedule of future class dates can be found in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html).

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## Fast-Forward to These Dates on Your Calendar

- ▶ Throughout February, **“The Dream Revisited II: The Dream and the World”** will be on display in the Loggia. Curated by Joyce Owens, this exhibit features works by African American artists and explores the topic of global freedom.
- ▶ A five-part course on the Abrahamic origins and traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and the religions’ history of peaceful coexistence and bitter conflict will be the focus of **“Children of Abraham: From a Common Heritage to a Hopeful Future,”** an Academy for Faith and Life course taught by Dirk Ficca beginning Sunday, February 20 at 11:00 a.m. This is just one of several classes being offered in the winter/spring semester. For information about other courses, pick up a new Academy catalogue or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html).
- ▶ The first conversation in **“Strengthening Our Ties,”** a series of monthly conversations cohosted by Fourth Church and Chicago Sinai Congregation, will be Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai. John Buchanan will lead the first of the four sessions; on Wednesday, March 16, Rabbi Michael Sternfeld will lead the discussion at Fourth Church. Subsequent conversations on the history of Israel and of Palestine and their political situations will be held in April and May. Each program will include breakout sessions among members of both congregations to discuss who we are, what we believe, commonalities, and today’s world situation. To facilitate dialogue, each session will be open to a limited number of members from each congregation. In the interest of continuity and in order to achieve the goal of getting to know each other, participants are asked to register in advance (by contacting Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 or [kjohnson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kjohnson@fourthchurch.org)) and make every effort to attend all four sessions.
- ▶ During February, featured performers at the **free Friday Noonday Concerts** are bass-baritone Jerry Johnson on February 18 and organist Marcia Van Oyen on February 25.
- ▶ The skating rink in Millennium Park has been reserved for Fourth Church’s fifth annual **Family Skating Party** on Sunday, February 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Skating and skate rental will be free that evening.
- ▶ Thursday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m. will be the next gathering of the **Women’s Bible Study, “The Scripture and Women’s Concerns,”** led by Carol Allen. Each session is independent of the others, so newcomers are always welcome. Box lunches can be reserved by contacting Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)).
- ▶ The **application deadline for the Borderlinks mission trip** to the U.S.–Mexico border in Arizona is Tuesday, March 1. For details or an application, pick up a “Mission Trips 2005” booklet or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html).
- ▶ Recognized by Newsweek as one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world, **James Forbes Jr. will speak on “Putting Virtue into Practice in Business and Civic Life” on Wednesday evening, March 9 at Fourth Church. This presentation will be the last in the five-part series “Working Virtuously: Rediscovering a Value System for Business and Civic Life”** hosted by the Crossroads Center. The first four presentations meet on Wednesdays February 9–March 2 at Old St. Patrick’s Church (700 W. Adams). For details and registration information, pick up a brochure in the Fourth Church literature racks or visit [www.crossroads-center.org](http://www.crossroads-center.org).
- ▶ **Dave Brubeck and the Dave Brubeck Quartet** return to Fourth Church on Thursday, March 17. They will be joined during a portion of the concert by the Fourth Church Morning Choir. Tickets are available through [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) and by contacting Beverly Escuder in the Fourth Church Music Office at 312.981.3595 ([bescuder@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bescuder@fourthchurch.org)).
- ▶ The Fourth Presbyterian Church Morning Choir will sing **The Passion according to Saint Matthew** by Heinrich Schütz during the Good Friday choral service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

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To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 ([jschiltz@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jschiltz@fourthchurch.org)). For information about scheduling a wedding at Fourth Presbyterian Church, contact Ann Meuse, Wedding Coordinator, at 312.981.4026 ([ameuse@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ameuse@fourthchurch.org)).

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

##### FEBRUARY 13

**8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

John M. Buchanan preaching  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Baptisms

**6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers**

John H. Boyle preaching

##### FEBRUARY 20

**8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

Calum I. MacLeod preaching  
11:00 a.m. — Reception  
of New Members

**6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers**

Carol J. Allen preaching

##### FEBRUARY 27

**8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

John M. Buchanan preaching

**6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers**

John A. Cairns preaching

##### MARCH 6

**8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

Dana Ferguson preaching  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Baptisms

**6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers**

Julie Kim preaching

#### MORNING PRAYER

Weekdays at 9:00 a.m.  
in Stone Chapel

#### WEEKDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 16 and 23  
at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

#### TAIZÉ SERVICE

Held at Fourth Church on the  
fourth Friday of the month.  
The next Taizé service will be  
Friday, February 25, at  
7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

## Lenten Retreat

### “It’s Not about Me?!”

For some, Lent has been understood as a time set aside for individual introspection. In the past, we were often encouraged to augment our personal spiritual disciplines during Lent. More recently we have been challenged to add to our already full calendars something that will contribute to the flourishing of our neighbors in need. The result can be that we may well spend these precious 40 days of Lent putting our focus where it is for much of the other 325 days of the year: on ourselves.

This year’s Lenten retreat, led by Bill Golderer, will invite participants to take a break from a focus on the self and instead to be awakened to God’s dynamic activity—in past and present histories, in the life of Jesus, and in the life of Fourth Church. Beginning Friday evening, February 25 at Fourth Church and continuing on Saturday, the retreat will combine multisensory presentations, interactive worship, and conversation intended to equip participants to together watch for the transforming action of God in their lives—and in the lives of those around them—during this Lenten season.

Retreat leader Bill Golderer is the founder, pastor, and convener for the Broad Street Ministry in Center City, Philadelphia, an innovative ministry that emphasizes hospitable outreach, civic involvement, and artistic expression. He previously served as Lecturer in Reformed Theology and the founding Director of the Center for Church Life at Auburn Theological Seminary, Director of the Presbyterian Program at Union Theological Seminary, and Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Fourth Church.

To register for the retreat or for more information about it, pick up a brochure from the church literature racks, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/clife.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/clife.html), or contact Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495 ([lcochrane@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lcochrane@fourthchurch.org)).

## Observing Lent

### Midweek Worship

Throughout Lent, midweek worship services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

### Lenten Devotions

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), on the website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and in a printed booklet available in church literature racks.