

November 23-29, 2003

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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# News and Opportunities

## SHARING GOD'S GRACE

**We are halfway to our goal!** Thanks to all the faithful members and friends who have already made contributions to Fourth Church's Capital Campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." We have currently received 635 pledges totaling more than \$15 million toward our goal of \$30 million. In addition, we have received 687 pledges totaling more than \$1.7 million toward our annual Stewardship goal of \$2.6 million. Fourth Church is a church of 4,800 households, so we are counting on many more responses to the invitation to make a pledge to the campaign and the annual fund. Every pledge, no matter the amount, counts! If you have not yet submitted pledges for the Capital Campaign and the annual stewardship fund, please do so by Commitment Sunday, December 7. Commitment cards are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering or returned to the church office.

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

### Thanksgiving Gospelfest

*Today at 3:30 p.m.  
at St. Matthew Methodist Church  
(1000 N. Orleans)*

Members of Fourth Church choirs will join other choirs in this service of celebration sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance.

### Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

*Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
at Chicago Sinai Congregation  
(15 W. Delaware)*

Calum MacLeod will be preaching.

### Thanksgiving Day Worship

*Thursday, November 27 at 11:00 a.m.  
in the sanctuary.*

Joanna Adams will be preaching.

*A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served after Thanksgiving worship on Thursday, November 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.*

## WORSHIP

**The Presbytery of Chicago** and Fourth Presbyterian Church invite you to a service of ordination for Judith Landt on Sunday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

**World AIDS Day** will be the particular focus of next Sunday's Vespers service as Fourth Church remembers the many lives affected by this disease.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**A free concert** will be played by the Community Chamber Ensemble of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Tower Brass of Chicago** will perform the free noonday concert this Friday, November 28 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School classes** meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Children's Corner**, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

**Junior Highs and Senior Highs** (grades 6–12) help with the children's Thanksgiving and Advent activity today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The group meets in the Crow's Nest.

**Young Adults** meets today at the reception desk at 10:30 a.m. to depart for a food collection walk to benefit Christopher House. The group next meets at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25 at the Adobo Grill (1610 N. Wells) for a SpeakEasy discussion on "Faith and Family."

**College Connections** meets next on December 7 at 4:30 p.m. Many families in the congregation have offered to host college students in their homes for Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Keith Harris at 981.3598 (kharris@fourthchurch.org).

### ENRICHMENT

**Connections**, an adult Sunday School class, meets today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m. David Aja-Sigmon will speak on "Cup of Coffee for the Soul: Fair Trade Coffee."

**Adult education opportunities** being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "Old Testament Survey" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m., and "Discerning Your Calling" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Hosea: Radical Prophet and Visual Aid" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Mondays is "Introduction to Faith and Fourth" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 7:00 p.m.

**A discussion of the film *Beyond Borders*** will be offered by the Center for Older Adults on Monday, November 24 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

**A seminar on drug interactions** led by nurse practitioner Joann Gruca will be offered Tuesday, November 25 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Personal shopping for children's Christmas gifts** is available from Senior Highs students. Donations from this service will support the Senior Highs programs and the Capital Campaign. For more information or to sign up, stop by the Youth table during Coffee Hour or contact Keith Harris at 981.3598 (kharris@fourthchurch.org).

**Need a babysitter while you shop?** Women@Fourth Connect will look after your children and feed them lunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays November 29, December 13 and 20, and January 3. Contact Judith Schneider at 640.5449 for costs and registration.

**Information about global AIDS funding** is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to the House-Senate Conference Committee urging full support for the global fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**Give Life-Changing Gifts this season**, in the names of friends, family, and colleagues, and make a difference in the lives of those facing challenges in daily life. These gifts, made through Fourth Church and its programs, can provide food, an optical exam and glasses, transportation, and much more for those in need. Brochures containing detailed information and gift request forms are available in the literature racks and on the website. For more information, call Tracey Althans at 274.3816.

**The Advent Festival of Lessons and Music** will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. (Please note that this time is a half hour earlier than the usual Vespers service.) A dedication of the new exterior lighting will take place in the Garth following this service.

**Memorialize or honor loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**The "Christmas Wishes" gift project**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee provides holiday gifts for more than 700 local children in need. Stop by Coffee Hour to pick up a wish list, or call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495.

**Tutoring Holiday Cards**, which benefit the Tutoring Program, are available during Coffee Hour. They also are available at the reception desk during the week and can be ordered at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Fourthlights** (50s and above) meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Coq D'Or (Drake Hotel).

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Fiskar scissors for children, yarn, 8" embroidery hoops, 8 oz. glue bottles, hole punchers, No. 2 pencils, and muslin fabric** for students at Jenner Arts Academy.

**Christmas gifts for children** (see "Advent and Christmas").

*Please label donations and drop them off at the reception desk (126 E. Chestnut).*

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Helpers to label and shelve books** on Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Schiller School in Cabrini-Green.

**RNs and nonmedical helpers** to assist with flu shots on December 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Byrd Academy in Cabrini-Green.

**Office workers** for Sunday School.

**Tutors** for children, at the church from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

**Kids' Café helpers**, 4:15 to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**Helpers to put drip protectors on Christmas Eve candles**, December 22-24.

*For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.*

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 23-29, 2003

<b>Sunday, November 23</b>		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
9:00 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Young Adults	(see announcement)
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Connections	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Community Chamber Ensemble	Sanctuary
<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Gospelfest</b>	<b>(see announcement)</b>
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, November 24</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Discussion: <i>Beyond Borders</i>	Dining Room
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
<b>Tuesday, November 25</b>		
12:00 p.m.	Drug Interactions Seminar	Dining Room
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults	(see announcement)
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</b>	<b>(see announcement)</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 26</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>Thursday, November 27</b>		
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>		
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Joanna M. Adams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall
<b>Friday, November 28</b>		
12:10 p.m.	Tower Brass of Chicago	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Taize</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>
<b>Preaching on Sunday, November 30</b>		
John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	
David Murad	6:30 p.m.	

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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For child care arrangements (other than during Sunday morning worship services), call (312) 787-2729, ext. 282 at least three working days in advance.