

December 21–27, 2003

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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News and Opportunities

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

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 800 pledges totaling more than \$15.9 million toward our goal of \$30 million. In addition, we have received 886 pledges totaling more than \$2.2 million toward our annual Stewardship goal of \$2.6 million. If you have not yet made campaign and stewardship pledges, please do so. Every pledge, no matter the size, helps us realize the goal of the Project Light vision. Commitment cards are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering or returned to the church office.

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.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Junior Highs (grades 6–7) meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest for a Christmas gift exchange and then departs for ice skating at Navy Pier. The group will return to the church by 2:15 p.m.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for a Christmas mission project.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Pewter ornaments depicting Fourth Church are available at the Sermon Tapes and Parking Validation Table during Coffee Hour. Proceeds support the mission and ministry of the Board of Deacons.

Need a babysitter while you shop? Women@Fourth Connect will look after your children and feed them lunch between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 3. Contact Judith Schneider at 640.5449 for costs and registration.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Yale Glee Club, a chorus of sixty men and women, will perform a concert on Sunday, January 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets next Sunday, December 28 at 12:30 p.m. for brunch at Coq D'or (Drake Hotel). The group will meet at the Chestnut Street entrance to walk over to the event.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

New hats, gloves, and scarves for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center (men's size large preferred).

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Kids' Café helpers from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

People to put inserts in bulletins on Friday evening or Saturday.

Helpers to label and shelve books on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Schiller School in Cabrini-Green. Van transportation from the church departs at 8:45 a.m.

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

ENRICHMENT

The adult education opportunity being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life is "Old Testament Survey" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m.

Young Adults meets today at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a discussion on "Imagining Christmas: The Holy Season in Poetry."

The John Knox Bible Study Class, now in its seventy-ninth year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Led by Fourth Church member Tassos Malliaris and combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Young Adult Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. The theme for December is "Advent: The Light of Faith."

"The Da Vinci Code —Decoded" will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum to be held Monday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bruce Rigdon, Presbyterian pastor, church historian, and president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, will explore some of the questions about Christianity raised in this best-selling novel.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Printed copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available in audio and print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

"Finding Your Niche at Fourth Presbyterian Church," a catalogue listing a wide variety of opportunities available at Fourth Church, can be found at www.fourthchurch.org and in the literature racks. Pick up a copy and explore ways to get connected and stay connected with the Fourth Church community.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.
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Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by contacting Alfred Kemp at 981.3599 (akemp@fourthchurch.org).

The Fourth Church website

www.fourthchurch.org makes available streaming audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

The Counseling Center offers holiday support for those who find this season a time of sadness as well as joy. Feelings of grief over losses can be heightened at this time of year. Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities. Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with such experiences. To learn how the Counseling Center can help, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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.

This year's 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be broadcast locally by WBBM Channel 2 at 10:35 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Worshipers as well as worship leaders and the choir will be filmed as they participate in this wonderful service, which will be shared with viewers throughout Chicagoland.

Looking for last-minute gift ideas? 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. 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.

Christmas Worship Opportunities

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24 in the sanctuary

*4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
with Children's Pageant*

*6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
with Meditation
Calum MacLeod preaching*

*8:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols
John M. Buchanan preaching
Will be filmed by WBBM Channel 2
for local rebroadcast*

*11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols
John M. Buchanan preaching*

Christmas Day Worship

Thursday, December 25

11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

*John Cairns preaching
A traditional Christmas Dinner in Anderson
Hall will follow the service. Tickets are
available during Coffee Hour and at the
reception desk.*

*Please note that the middle two Christmas
Eve services begin a half hour later than last
year, at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.*

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 21–27, 2003

Sunday, December 21

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:15 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Blair Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, December 22

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, December 23

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, December 24

<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
4:00 p.m.	Worship with Children's Pageant	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Worship with Christmas Meditation	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25

<i>Christmas Day</i>		
11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Christmas Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, December 26

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Carol Carpenter, alto and John Sherer, organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taize service	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, December 28

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Thomas C. Rook	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.

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