



December 28, 2003–January 4, 2004

# News and Opportunities

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## 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 are more than halfway to our goal! 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 and Youth classes** do not meet today or next Sunday, January 4.

**College students returning home** for the holidays are invited to a reunion today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Senior Highs** meets next Sunday, January 4 for fellowship at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest. Junior Highs fellowship next meets on Sunday, January 11.

## 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.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

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

### Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, January 4 to hear and act on the resignation of Joanna M. Adams as Co-Pastor, effective December 31, 2003. The meeting will be held after 11:00 worship, and a reception for Joanna and Al Adams will follow immediately afterward in Anderson Hall.

### The Fourth Church website

[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) makes available 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.

**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 at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Year-End Gifts of Stock:** Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. To make a gift of stock or mutual funds for which you have a loss, sell the securities first and then contribute the proceeds to Fourth Church. To make a gift of appreciated stock to Fourth Church, do not sell the stock first; transfer it to Fourth Church and the church will then sell it. For more information about making a gift of securities, see the article in the December 15 issue of *Fourth Press* or call Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at 787.1271.

**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](mailto:akemp@fourthchurch.org)).

**Infant and child care** is available in Room W14. Feel free to keep your infant or small child with you in worship. If your infant or small child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome.

## 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.

**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.

**"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 and president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, will explore some of the questions about Christianity raised in this best-selling novel.

**"Filling Your Cup: The Benefits for You and Your World"** is the topic of this year's midwinter conference sponsored by Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. Participants will learn ways to restore themselves and to be more available in a variety of ways to those around them. For information, contact the Center at 312.787.8425.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).  
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**A winter retreat for women** will be held January 16–17 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Hosted by Women@Fourth Connect and led by Rebecca Prichard, the retreat will help participants consider new ways of sensing God’s life in us and in our everyday lives. Brochures with registration forms are available in the literature racks and at the website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. The topic for the month of January is “New Beginnings.”

## 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.*

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### **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.

**Be a part of Caring Connection**, a program that provides social support and advocacy for members and friends of Fourth Church by calling, visiting, and sharing joys and sorrows. Those who would like to share a special interest or skill, keep in touch by phone, or make home or hospital visits are asked to contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at 640.5398 ([callen@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callen@fourthchurch.org)).

## WORSHIP

**New’s Year’s Eve worship** will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## BELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Fourthlights** (50s and above) meets today 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.

**Young Adults** meets for a poetry slam on Wednesday, December 31. For more information, contact Alfred Kemp in the Young Adults office at 981.3599.

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 28, 2003–JANUARY 4, 2004

### Sunday, December 28

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Fourthlights		AndersonHall South Balcony
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights		(see announcement)
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b>	<b>Thomas C. Rook preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### Monday, December 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	Blair Chapel
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### Tuesday, December 30

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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### Wednesday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### Thursday, January 1 *New Year's Day: Church Office Closed*

### Friday, January 2

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Eunice Keem, violin and Tatyana Stepanova, piano	Sanctuary
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#### ***Preaching on Sunday, January 4***

Joanna M. Adams and John M. Buchanan, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

*Congregational Meeting following 11:00 worship  
Reception for Joanna and Al Adams after the meeting*

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.