



October 30–November 5, 2005

# News and Opportunities

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## WORSHIP

***Lux Aeterna*** by Morten Lauridsen will be sung by the Morning Choir during tonight's Vespers service as we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones.

**November 6 is All Saints' Sunday**, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2005 will be read during morning worship.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who will be by the pulpit after 11:00 worship.

**Morning prayer** is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, November 25.

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship**, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday.** We are grateful to all of you who have already made your annual pledge to Fourth Church. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church this week. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

**Join in the celebration of Stewardship Commitment Sunday this morning**, as the Stewardship Committee hosts Coffee Hour in recognition of this congregation's faithful commitment to further the mission and ministry of Fourth Church.

**All are invited to a congregational Stewardship dinner** on Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Feedback about the racial-ethnic experience at Fourth Church** will be collected at a lunch hosted by the Multi-cultural Enrichment Subcommittee today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Members and friends are invited to this time of input and fellowship.

**The anniversary of the ordination of women** in the Presbyterian Church as deacons (1906), elders (1930), and as Ministers of Word and Sacrament (1956) is being observed with four celebrations taking place across the U.S. The celebration cohosted by Fourth Church the weekend of November 5–7 will include Linda Loving’s performance of *Julian*, an afternoon expo, a special Vespers service, and a banquet. Details and registration forms are available in the literature racks.

**The Flu Immunization Campaign** will take place next Sunday, November 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No reservations are needed; there will be a \$10 administration fee for immunizations, payable to the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago; Medicare beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare Card.

**The annual Covenant Network Conference** will be held November 3-5 in Memphis. Please keep John Buchanan, Dana Ferguson, and other conference participants in your prayers as they come together to study and discuss the theme “Disciples in Community.” For information about the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole, visit [www.covenantnetwork.org](http://www.covenantnetwork.org).

**Printed copies of recent sermons** are available in the literature racks and in print formats at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

## ENRICHMENT

**Bible Study** opportunities this week:  
*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
*Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**Adult education opportunities** offered by the Academy for Faith and Life today are: “Cabrini-Green Transformation: What’s Next?” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Introduction to the Bible” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and “An Overview of the Gospel of Mark” at 11:00 a.m. (Anderson Hall S. Balcony).

**CD recordings of the “Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism” Academy class** taught earlier this fall by John Cairns are available at the Academy Table during Coffee Hour.

**“Leaders Learning from Leaders at Fourth Church,”** a leadership forum sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, will be held Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 by Friday, November 3.

**“Books by Women,”** a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet this Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

**“New Visions: Help for Adults with Vision Loss,”** a four-week workshop series, begins Saturday November 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. RSVP by contacting Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386. For more information about this and other workshop opportunities, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/health.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/health.html).

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**“Circle of Hope and Care: Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness,”** a luncheon forum discussion, will be held Sunday, November 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396

## FELLOWSHIP

**Fourth Couples** meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse. Tom Schemper, Director of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be speaking about intentional relationships.

**The Gathering**, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Jennifer Kottler of Protestants for the Common Good will be speaking.

**The Fourth Dimension**, a gathering of individuals age 50 and older, will meet Friday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494 by November 10.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students** are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table and, during the week, at the reception desk. They can also be ordered on the church website, [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). All proceeds benefit the Partners in Education Tutoring program.

**Mission trips to China, Cuba, Cameroon, Guatemala, Honduras, and the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations** are planned for 2006. Those interested in participating in or learning more about these trips are invited to an information session on Sunday, November 13 following 11:00 worship.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors for children** on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fourth Church

**RNs, pharmacists, and hospitality volunteers** for Fourth Church's flu campaign on November 6

**Hosts for the Ordination of Women conference**, Sunday, November 6, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

#### **Canned vegetables**

*For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**Children's Corner**, a time of storytelling, takes place today after 9:30 worship.

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

**The Junior Highs Sunday School** (grades 6–8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Junior Highs** (grades 6–8) meets today at 11:00 a.m. at the Chestnut St. entrance.

**Smorgasbord for Schools** takes place next Sunday, November 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Stop by to learn about public, private, and parochial education opportunities.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Passionate Focus**, a collection of works by artists who are blind or visually impaired, is on display in the Loggia through November 13.

