



November 20–26, 2005

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

The variety of Thanksgiving worship opportunities taking place this week are listed on page 7 of the worship bulletin.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

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.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Friday after Thanksgiving, a Tower Brass concert and Taizé service will take place at Fourth Church: the free concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, the monthly Taizé service at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

“A Whisper of Hope: Confronting the Plague that Thunders,” an exhibition of artwork by Mary Fisher, is on display in the Loggia through December 18 as part of the World AIDS Day Remembrance event.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Letters asking Illinois senators to support HIV/AIDS-related programs are available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour. An interfaith AIDS conference will be cohosted by Fourth Church on Friday, December 2. An interfaith remembrance service, with Mary Fisher preaching, will be held on Thursday evening, December 1. Registration forms are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. For details, contact Sheila Cotter at 312.573.3366.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, November 22 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Loggia. Proceeds from the fairly traded handcrafts will help promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world.

A Fourth Church mission trip to Gautier, Mississippi to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina will take place December 27 to January 2. For more information, call Erica Schemper at the church at 312.981.4034.

ENRICHMENT

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

CD recordings of recent Academy classes are available at the Academy table during Coffee Hour.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program will be explained in an information session on Tuesday, November 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. A soup lunch will be available for a donation of one canned good. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

“Developing the Habit of the Soul: Four Kinds of Prayer,” a workshop offered by Spiritual Director Suzanne Dunbar, will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425. To learn about other Spiritual Direction opportunities and the role of a spiritual director, visit www.fourthchurch.org/lrcc.html or pick up an information card from the literature racks.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will next meet for breakfast on Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Carl Grapentine of WFMT 98.7 will present a program of music and commentary appropriate to the season of Advent. RSVP by December 9 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

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.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group then meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest to celebrate November birthdays.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kids’ Cafe on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Servers for congregational Thanksgiving Dinner at Fourth Church

Vespers bread cutter for the fourth Sunday of the month

Hosts for the World AIDS Day Conference to be held at Fourth Church December 2

Current Donation Needs

Clothing and household items for survivors of hurricanes; lists of needed supplies are available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour

Canned vegetables

Brown paper bags with handles

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.

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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STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. 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.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall on Thursday, November 24. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour today and at the reception desk during the week.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

An Advent wreath workshop for families takes place today at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. All materials will be supplied.

Christas ornaments, sold by Fourth Church Deacons, are available at the Volunteers table during Coffee Hour.

“Holidays a cappella” will be performed by Chicago *a cappella* on Friday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago *a cappella* at 773.755.1628 or www.chicagoacappella.org. For additional holiday concerts taking place at Fourth Church, please visit www.fourthchurch.org.

The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Chanticleer will present the concert “A Chanticleer Christmas” on Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra box office only: 312.294.3000.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered 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.

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Pick up instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, from the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, collects holiday gifts for more than 700 children in need. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by calling 312.640.5495.

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. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program. Fifteen years of student-created Holiday Card designs are on display in the Gallery, celebrating this Tutoring project.

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning Sunday, November 27 by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org) and in printed booklets (which will be placed in the church literature racks).

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 20–26, 2005

Sunday, November 20

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class		Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School		Large Conference Room
9:45 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.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop		Activity Center
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Chestnut St. Entrance
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
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Sanctuary, by the Pulpit
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest		<i>(see page 7 of bulletin)</i>
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Erica Schemper preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 21

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)		Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, November 22

5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop		Page Smith Room
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service		Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 23

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
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Thursday, November 24 **THANKSGIVING DAY—Church Office Closed**

11:00 a.m.	Worship	Donna Gray preaching	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner		Anderson Hall

Friday, November 25 **Church Office Closed**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Tower Brass of Chicago		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé		Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, November 27

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m
Keith C. Harris	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.