

December 11–17, 2005

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**FOURTH  
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CHURCH**  
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# News and Opportunities

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**“Light Up a Life”** this holiday season with a gift to this year-end giving campaign that combines the “Life-Changing Gifts” and “Christmas Joy” appeals of previous years. Gifts to “Light Up a Life” will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and its many programs while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the church literature racks and on the church website. Envelopes for making “Light Up a Life” gifts can be found in the pew racks.

**A midweek Advent service** is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each Wednesday of Advent.

**The Christmas cantata *Gloria* by John Rutter** will be sung by the Morning Choir during 9:30 and 11:00 worship next Sunday, December 18.

**This year’s 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be broadcast locally** on WBBM Channel 2 TV at 10:35 p.m. Christmas Eve and 6:00 a.m. Christmas Day. The Christmas worship schedule is printed on page 7 of the bulletin.

**Christmas Day dinner tickets** are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

**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 Tutoring program. Fifteen years of Holiday Card designs are on display in the Gallery.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Completed cards must be returned by this Friday, December 16 in order for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, contact Ruth Pellowski at the church at 312.981.3381.

**Christmas ornaments**, depicting Fourth Church, and Tower Brass CDs are available at the Volunteers table during Coffee Hour.

**Daily Advent devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available in printed booklets found in the church literature racks, by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Chicago Chorale** will perform a concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

**The “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert**, an annual favorite, will be held this Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**“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.

## WORSHIP

**On Sundays, December 25 and January 1, only one worship service** will be held in the morning, at 11:00 a.m. The evening Vespers service will be held at its usual time on those Sundays, at 6:30 p.m.

**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 in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

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

**For a preview of next Sunday’s worship**, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**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.

**Applications for the 2006 mission trips to Cuba and Honduras** are due Tuesday, January 3, and applications for the trip to China are due Sunday, January 15. Information and application forms are available in the “Mission Trips 2006” booklet in the literature racks and on the church website.

**A Blood Donor Drive** sponsored by the Center for Whole Health will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 800.448.3543 or visiting [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org); the Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352.

## 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.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:15 p.m. at the Chestnut St. entrance to go ice skating.

*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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## FELLOWSHIP

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

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets today at 12:30 p.m. for brunch at McCormick and Schmick's.

**The 30s and 40s**, a gathering of individuals in that age range interested in faith, service, fellowship, and educational opportunities, will be wrapping gifts for the "Christmas Wishes" gift project at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse.

**Fourth Couples**, a gathering of couples in their twenties to forties, meets today at 4:30 p.m. in the Manse for a potluck dinner.

## 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 "The Madonna in Art" at 9:30 a.m. and "Fourth Church History" at 11:00 a.m., both in Anderson Hall N. Balcony. CDs of five previous courses are available during Coffee Hour. Gift wrapping will be provided.

**Spiritual direction opportunities** are available at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center through appointments with spiritual director Suzanne Dunbar. To learn more about these opportunities and the role of a spiritual director, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/spiritualdirection.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/spiritualdirection.html). Appointments can be made by calling the Center at 312.787.8425.

**"The Challenges of Forgiveness,"** a Midwinter Conference sponsored by the Counseling Center and led by John Boyle and Jeanne Bishop, will be held Saturday, January 28. Brochures with details are available in the literature racks and on the church website.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center** offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on and coping with experiences of grief and sadness that can arise during the holidays. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

## 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 a congregational Christmas Dinner** at Fourth Church

**Vespers bread cutter** for the fourth Sunday of the month

**Drivers (with cars)** to pick up donated food from a Lincoln Park grocery and deliver it to shelters on the weekend

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Gently used children's outerwear**

**Canned vegetables**

**Men's clothing** in extra-large sizes

Palm Pilots (with pens and adapters) in working order for children in the Fourth Church Job Training program

**New and used dictionaries**

**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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.*

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 11–17, 2005

### Sunday, December 11

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 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
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson N. Hall Balcony
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
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
<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
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The 30s and 40s		Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum		<i>(see announcement)</i>
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		<i>(see announcement)</i>
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Chicago Chorale		Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Fourth Couples		Manse
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>Patrick Daymond preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

### Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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### Wednesday, December 14

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Worship</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>

### Thursday, December 15

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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### Friday, December 16

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Cathryn Wilkinson, organ	Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m.	Concert: "Christmas with Tower Brass"	Sanctuary
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### ***Preaching on Sunday, December 18***

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Catherine Knott	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.