

November 18–24, 2007

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# News and Opportunities

## WORSHIP

**Thanksgiving worship opportunities** taking place this week are listed on page 4 of this insert and on page 7 of the morning worship bulletin.

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

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff in Stone Chapel for an opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

**There will be no Taizé service in November.** The next service will be held on Friday, December 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**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.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**A welcome-home reception for Dr. Bernard Blaauw,** who has served as a medical missionary in Cameroon for the past year, takes place today during Coffee Hours. Those wishing to making a financial contribution to the efforts in Cameroon will have opportunity to do so during Coffee Hour.

**Information about immigration as well as information about deaths due to premature birth** is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour today. Letters to sign about these topics are also available.

**The Lesideng Soup Kitchen in South Africa** will be the topic of a brunch next Sunday, November 25 following 11:00 worship. Teri and Hamish Rodgers, representatives from the soup kitchen, will be speaking. For more information or to RSVP, call Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

**Fourth Church youth** meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**“Light Up a Life”** this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights 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.

**The Tutoring students who designed this year’s Holiday Cards** will be at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today. Holiday cards can be purchased during Coffee Hour and are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Proceeds benefit the Tutoring and Scholarship program of Chicago Lights.

**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 Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

**“Operation Christmas Gift Bag”** provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today. Filled bags can be returned to the church on Sundays, November 25 and December 2 and 9.

**A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and will feature global gifts.

**An Advent wreath workshop for families** will be held next Sunday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

**The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Issues and concerns, including those of loss and grief**, that may become more difficult to deal with during the holiday season will be the topic of a seminar led by John Boyle and Allyson Rich on Tuesday evenings, beginning November 27, at 6:00 p.m. To register, call the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**“The Mystery of Aging”** will be the topic discussed over a healthy soup lunch on Tuesday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Admission is one can of soup to be shared with the guests of the Elam Davies Social Center. For more information or to RSVP, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3387.

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

## ENRICHMENT

**The John Knox Bible Study Class** is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

*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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## STEWARDSHIP

**Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment** to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.56 million in commitments from 863 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2008 Stewardship Campaign, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Fourth Acts**, a group that presents staged readings in support of programs at Fourth Church, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony to read one-act plays by Tom Stoppard and Arthur Miller. Newcomers are invited. A light lunch will be served.

**Tower Brass of Chicago** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**"A Chanticleer Christmas"** concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 28 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets, which usually sell out quickly, are available by contacting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.3000 ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)).

**"Holidays a cappella"** will be performed by Chicago a cappella on Friday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago a cappella at 773.755.1628.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

**Servers for Thanksgiving Dinner** on November 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Silent Auction Committee members** for the 2008 Mission Benefit

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday night suppers

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

**Ushers for Vespers** on a rotating schedule

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Men's casual winter clothes**, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

**Cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes for infants and children, coats, and books**

*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.*

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**The Community Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. John Vest will lead the discussion on *Fight Club: A Novel* by Chuck Palahniuk. For more information call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3368.

**ThirtiesForties** will meet on Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 18–24, 2007**

**Sunday, November 18**

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 and Dr. Blaauw Reception	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.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Dr. Blaauw Reception	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
<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 and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour and Dr. Blaauw Reception	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Gospelfest</b>	<b>St. Matthew United Methodist</b>
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

**Monday, November 19**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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**Tuesday, November 20**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</b>	<b>Holy Name Cathedral</b>

**Wednesday, November 21**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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**Thursday, November 22**    **THANKSGIVING DAY—Church Office Closed**

<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Joyce Shin preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall

**Friday, November 23**    **Church Office Closed**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Tower Brass	Sanctuary
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**Preaching on Sunday, November 25**

Adam H. Fronczek	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Alice M. Trowbridge	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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.