

# News and Opportunities

## LENT AND EASTER

### Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday, March 23

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach  
*Joyce Shin preaching*

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Service with Tower Brass  
*John M. Buchanan preaching*

9:30 a.m.

Children's Service  
in Westminster House

6:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers with Communion  
*John H. Boyle preaching*

*The last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on Easter. Please keep in mind that sanctuary seating fills quickly and early and also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.*

**During Holy Week**, March 17–21, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a lunch following in Anderson Hall. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

**Midweek Lenten worship** takes place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

**An Easter Vigil** will be held on Holy Saturday, March 22. The service will begin at 10:30 p.m. in the Garth and conclude in the sanctuary with a reaffirmation of baptismal vows and the celebration of the Lord's Supper as Easter arrives at midnight.

**Easter Brunch** will take place on Sunday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and, during the week, at the reception desk.

**Daily Devotions** for Holy Week and Easter, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available by e-mail (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)) and in a booklet available in the church literature racks.

**An Interfaith Passover Seder**, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Applications for the "Urban Plunge: Chicago" mission trip** (May 30–June 1) as well as the trip to **Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations** (June 22–27) are due this Monday, March 17. Applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

**Volunteers are needed to tie blue bows** on the trees outside the church on Monday, April 1 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Those who can volunteer, even for a brief period, are asked to sign up at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour today.

### *Additional Volunteer Needs*

#### **Servers for Easter Brunch**

**People to bag groceries** for Social Service Center guests, Sundays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., on rotation

**People with IT knowledge** to operate equipment during Sunday morning Academy classes

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Grocery bags, paper or plastic**, for use in the Social Service Center

**Men's winter clothes**, larger sizes

*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 age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:45 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**ThirtiesForties** meets today at 12:45 p.m. in the Manse.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet on Saturday, March 29 for a potluck dinner in a member's home. To RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

**Cornerstones** will meet next on Friday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Sel Yackley will discuss the topic "Turkey: Nation of Paradoxes." A Turkish buffet dinner will be served. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**Great Expectations**, an all-church baby shower hosted by the New Moms' Group, will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Parents expecting a baby or who have had a baby in the last year are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

## WORSHIP

**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 for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

**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 11:30 worship.

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service is Friday, March 28.

*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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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**“Moments,”** a textile exhibition by Margaret Gregg, is on display in the Loggia through March 24.

**John Buchanan** will be one of several guests offering meditations as part of the performance of Franz Joseph Haydn’s *Seven Last Words of Christ* on Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel (5850 S. Woodlawn). For details, call the chapel at 773.702.7059.

**The Choir of King’s College** will be in concert at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by calling 312.294.3000 or visiting [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org).

## ENRICHMENT

### **Bible Study opportunities:**

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
*Morning*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.  
*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**Two new exercise opportunities** are being offered by the Center for Whole Health: **Nia**, which combines dance, yoga, and martial arts, and **T’ai Chi for Beginners**. For details, including class dates and times, call Terrill Stumpf at 312.981.3396.

**Rabbi Irving Greenberg**, a prolific writer and speaker on the topic of Jewish-Christian relations, will speak at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**“Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health,”** a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, begins on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Brain Health Series Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School meets today** at 9:30 and 11:30 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.

**A Good Friday service for children and families** will be held on March 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel followed by supper at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

**An Easter service for children** four years of age through fifth grade will be held next Sunday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. Children coming to this service should enter by the door on Delaware Street, next to the Whitehall Hotel, where ushers will be stationed.

**Enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes or scrambled eggs, with a side of sausage,** at the Sunday, April 13 pancake breakfast. Prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs, this breakfast will raise funds for their summer Work Camp Trips to New Orleans and Saugatuck, Michigan. Omelets, made to order by John Vest for an additional donation, will also be available. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**A Wills Awareness Seminar** on how to create a will is being hosted by the Planned Giving Committee on Sunday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information and to RSVP, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

**CALENDAR FOR MARCH 16–22, 2008**

<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b>	
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 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
<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.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> <b>Sanctuary</b>
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
12:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
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>Elizabeth B. Andrews preaching</b> <b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, March 17</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Week Noonday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b>		
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Week Noonday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Week Noonday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>	
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Week Noonday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Tenebrae Communion Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Friday, March 21</b>	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>	
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Week Noonday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Good Friday Children's Service</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Good Friday Choral Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Saturday, March 22</b>	<b><i>Holy Saturday</i></b>	
<b>10:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>Garth and Sanctuary</b>

***Preaching on Easter Sunday, March 23***

Joyce Shin	6:30 a.m. (Oak Street Beach)
John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
John H. Boyle	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.