

December 12–18, 2010

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**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

This evening the annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

The Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert will be Monday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com (847.382.5085).

Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer will perform this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The annual Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year's Christmas Cantata will be sung Sunday, December 19 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship and will feature the world premiere of *Magnificat* by Aaron David Miller, as performed by the Morning Choir, with organ and Tower Brass.

WORSHIP

A weekly jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., in Stone Chapel.

There will be four candlelight services on Christmas Eve: 4:00 (Children's Pageant), 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00 p.m. The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m. On Sunday, December 26, there will be 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship; 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship will *not* be held that day.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held on New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will host a Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 19. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by this Monday, December 13.

Young Adults are invited to a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

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 loved ones. “Light Up a Life” offering envelopes are available in the pew racks, and brochures have been mailed to member homes. For more information, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

An Advent book study of *Watch for the Light*, hosted by ThirtiesForties and Young Adults, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook.

More than 130 gift requests still need to be picked up and fulfilled for the Christmas Wishes gift drive for youth who might not otherwise receive presents this Christmas. Wish lists are available today during Coffee Hour. For more details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk through Sunday, December 19. This traditional meal will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Feelings of grief, loss, loneliness, sadness, and anxiety can become more pronounced during the holidays. The Counseling Center is available to offer support (call 312.787.8425), and the “Blue Christmas” Service on Wednesday, December 22 provides a Christmas worship opportunity for those who may find it difficult to share in the traditional celebrations on December 24 and 25.

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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Daily Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in printed booklets that can be found in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Hosts to serve December 15 holiday dinner to guests at an area SRO

Social Service Center helpers on the first Friday of each month to help with clothes distribution

Clothes sorters on Mondays and Fridays

Current Donation Needs

Men’s sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Thank you to those who have already fulfilled their 2010 pledge. The Resource Development Committee asks those who have not fulfilled their 2010 pledge to please do so in the next three weeks before year-end.

A temporary ramp is being built in the Garth to facilitate handicap access to the church when the 126 E. Chestnut entrance is demolished in early 2011 and the Project Second Century new building construction work is begun. A temporary exit stairway is also being built from the Dining Room. The Garth will remain closed to the public while the work is being done. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

"Women, Food, and God," a Tuesday evening discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss Jacqueline Winspear's *Maisie Dobbs*. Those attending are encouraged to bring a potluck appetizer.

A Nia "Splash Out" will be held Saturday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall; those attending are asked to bring new socks or good condition tennis shoes for Deborah's Place. A twelve-week Nia series will begin Wednesday, January 5. For registration details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

"Eat, Pray, Love" is the theme of the Fourth Church women's retreat, which will be held Saturday, January 29. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"How to Do Good Grief" will be the topic of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center's annual Midwinter Conference, to be held at the church on Saturday, February 5. The symposium will address the experience of loss, which can take many forms and is a natural part of life. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest June 20–29. For information and an application (due February 11), contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow's Nest.

The annual La Posada Family Night will be Friday, December 17. Families will reenact Mary and Joseph's search for lodging by traveling around the building; families with younger children are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and families with older children may arrive at 6:15 p.m. There will also be cards, games, a piñata, and dinner. To RSVP, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

The Children's Pageant rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 19 following 11:00 worship.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter to state representatives addressing the negative impact of a casino in Chicago is available for signing at the Mission Table.

The Benevolent Guild will gather this Wednesday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Mission trip applications for the March 26–April 2 trip to Colombia are due Wednesday, December 15. Details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 12–18, 2010

Sunday, December 12

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	(see announcement)
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Blair Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Advent Book Study	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Cookies-and-Hot-Cocoa Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 13

8:30 a.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)	Dining Room
8:00 p.m.	Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 14

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Manse
6:00 p.m.	“Women, Food, and God”	Randolph Room

Wednesday, December 15

10:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Friday, December 17

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
5:30 and 6:15 p.m.	La Posada Family Night	Reception Desk

Saturday, December 18

10:00 a.m.	Nia “Splash Out”	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Christmas with Tower Brass	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, December 19

Calum I. MacLeod preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam H. Fronczek preaching	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.