

November 6–12, 2011

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Today is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2011 will be read during today's worship services. Brahms' *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray there with a Deacon at that time.

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

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. The next service will be Friday, January 27.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert.

An artist reception for Timothy Botts takes place today in the Loggia following 11:00 a.m. worship.

"Public Art in Chicago," offered by the Center for Life and Learning, continues Tuesdays, November 8 and 22 at 3:00 p.m. Details are available at the CLL Table during Coffee Hour or by calling Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

A CLL outing to see *The Christmas Schooner* at the Mercury Theater will take place on Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Monday, November 7.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

THANKSGIVING

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

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street).

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 24.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have made a 2012 Church Alive pledge. As of Commitment Sunday, nearly \$2.3 million has been pledged by 608 households in support of the Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so in the days ahead using the cards available in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A February Mission Trip to Mexico will be led by Donna Gray and Joe Pixler. Todd Luke will give a luncheon presentation on Sunday, November 13 in the Calvin Room at the 737 building on the cistern project on which trip participants will work, and he will answer questions regarding church and political issues in Mexico. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

A letter urging U.S. Senators to oppose amendments that would cut poverty-focused foreign assistance in developing countries is available for signing at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour.

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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A viewing and discussion of *Very Young Girls*, a documentary about child sex trafficking, will take place this Friday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For information, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference Room.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

The Smorgasbord of Schools is today from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Parents are invited to stop by and learn about elementary schools in Chicago.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), will meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

This year’s children’s musical, *100% Chance of Rain*, will take place on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian beliefs. This one-session class meets on Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fourth Church

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and during the week

Current Donation Needs

Children's winter clothes for a family in need. List is available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Fourth Dimension will host a presentation of *Anne Boleyn* by Fourth Acts on Friday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, November 9.

Men's Group will gather for a discussion led by Bob Muzikowski, Founding Director of the Chicago Hope Academy, on Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Register by calling 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, November 9.

ENRICHMENT

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright will speak about his two newest books, published last month, *Simply Jesus* and *The Kingdom New Testament*, at a Michigan Avenue Forum this Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. To register for this free event, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). "Christianity without Heaven or Hell," led by John Vest, and "Expected Grace: Can Jesus' Interactions with Women Help You Get Over Your Fear of the Bible?" led by Judy Watt, meet at 9:30 a.m. "Understanding Arab Spring," led by Azam Nizamuddin, and "At the Name of Jesus," led by Tom Rook, meet at 11:00 a.m.

A fibromyalgia support group meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. The first meeting will be this Monday, November 7.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building to discuss *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 6–12, 2011

Sunday, November 6		
7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	The Clare
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Smorgasbord of Schools	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	737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	The Clare
12:15 p.m.	Artist Reception: Timothy Botts	Loggia
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.	Young Adults Gathering	737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	All Saints' Service with Brahms' Requiem	Sanctuary
 Monday, November 7		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>also Wednesday–Friday</i>)	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fibromyalgia Support Group	737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Randolph Room
7:00 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: N.T. Wright	Sanctuary
 Tuesday, November 8		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	"Public Art in Chicago"	737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	737 Building
 Wednesday, November 9		
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class (<i>also Friday</i>)	737 Building
 Friday, November 11		
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Thomas Gouwens	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	737 Building
6:30 p.m.	<i>Very Young Girls</i> Viewing and Discussion	Anderson Hall
 Saturday, November 12		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Dining Room

Preaching on Sunday, November 13

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.