

December 25–31, 2011

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# News and Opportunities

## CHRISTMAS

The **Christmas Day service** is today at 11:00 a.m.; 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship will *not* be held today.

**Reflections by John Buchanan** on his favorite Christmas memories are being posted online at [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) throughout the season.

**There is still time to give “Light Up a Life”** gifts to friends and loved ones. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be given to honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), at [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

**At a Michigan Avenue Forum honoring John Buchanan, Walter Brueggemann** will speak about Christianity—“where it’s been and where it’s going.” A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann’s comments at this special Thursday, January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**Help us honor John Buchanan** by raising \$800,000 by December 31—through 2011 pledge fulfillments and gifts to the annual operations of the church and to “Light Up a Life”—so that we can fulfill his hope that Fourth Church can begin 2012 with a balanced budget ([www.fourthchurch.org/johnbuchananletter1211.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/johnbuchananletter1211.html)).

**John Buchanan’s last Sunday as Pastor** of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. An open house reception for John and Sue will follow the 11:30 service that day and will be held at the Drake Hotel.

### Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you’ve not yet “Liked” Fourth Church on Facebook (online at [www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) or just scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can see photos from the Christmas season, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



**Recommendations of individuals to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** are being collected through December 31. Recommendations can be made using the cards in the literature racks, by emailing names to [transitionteam@fourthchurch.org](mailto:transitionteam@fourthchurch.org), or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). An eleven-member PNC will be elected by the congregation at the February 12 Annual Meeting.

**Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan**, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church reception desk, or emailed to [memorybox@fourthchurch.org](mailto:memorybox@fourthchurch.org). These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January as a gift from the congregation.

**Those 70-1/2 and older can again make distributions** to qualified organizations such as Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights of up \$100,000 per year as the IRA Charitable Rollover has been reenacted. This law allows individuals to make IRA rollover donations during January 2012 and treat them as made during 2011. For details, call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The Benevolent Guild**, which will next meet on Wednesday, December 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Superior Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building, gathers to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

*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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**A mission trip to Cuba** will take place April 21–28. Participants will stay at the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, where they will experience Cuban culture, lively worship services, and the fellowship of First Havana families and leaders. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html), and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815. The application deadline is Monday, January 9.

**Connect with Chicago Lights**, a (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization at Fourth Church providing hope and opportunity to Chicago's children, youth, and adults facing the challenges of poverty. Email [chicagolights@fourthchurch.org](mailto:chicagolights@fourthchurch.org) to receive the monthly email newsletter, and follow Chicago Lights on Facebook, Twitter (Chicago\_Lights), and online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Organist John W. W. Sherer**, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## WORSHIP

**A service in the style of Taizé** will be held on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**New Year's Day worship** will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday services will *not* be held that day.

**A jazz service** will be held next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

**Morning Prayer** will be held on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the congregation and those in need.

## ENRICHMENT

**Join us in reading through the entire Bible in a year!** Beginning on January 1, Fourth Church will launch a congregation-wide Bible study that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31. A weekly Bible study of the texts for the week will be offered in 2012, starting on Tuesday, January 3, on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Daily devotions (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, and in the literature racks on January 1) will also reflect on the daily readings. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html).

**Books by Women** will gather on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building to discuss of *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**The nursery for young children** is located in the Anderson Hall South Balcony from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Sunday School classes will not meet** today or on January 1. Classes will resume on January 8 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

**Fourth Church youth in grades six through eight do not meet** today or on Sunday, January 1. They will resume meeting on Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

**Moms' Groups** for new moms and moms of six- to twelve-year-olds meet regularly. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 ([lnickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnickerson@fourthchurch.org)).

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Sewing and Knitting Group** will gather this Tuesday, December 27 at 5:00 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

**Cornerstones** will gather for "History of Tap Dance," led by the founder and director of the Human Rhythm Project, Lane Alexander, on Friday, January 6 on the 19th floor of the 737 building. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Wednesday, January 4.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Tutors for children** Mondays–Thursdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

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

**Gift gatherers** for the silent auction for Carnival 2012

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

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Men's sturdy winter clothes** in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 25–31, 2011

<b>Sunday, December 25</b>			<b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>
10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Anderson Hall South Balcony
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Led by John Buchanan</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Christmas Dinner		Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, December 26</b>			<b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>
<b>Tuesday, December 27</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group		737 Building
<b>Wednesday, December 28</b>			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Superior Room – 737 Building
<b>Thursday, December 29</b>			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
<b>Friday, December 30</b>			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, December 31</b>			
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>New Year's Eve</i></b>		
	<b>New Year's Eve Taizé Service</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>

### ***Preaching on Sunday, January 1***

John W. Vest preaching 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

*(8:00 and 9:30 a.m. worship will not be held on Sunday, January 1)*

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.