

December 23–29, 2012

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A **Christmas Cantata**, featuring Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *In Nativitatem Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Canticum*, will be sung by the Morning Choir today during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Four candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children's Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols).

Still shopping for Christmas presents? Consider honoring or remembering those on your list with "Light Up a Life" gifts, which also help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the offering envelopes, the brochures in the literature racks, or the forms online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place this Tuesday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available at reception.

The **Christmas Day service** will take place this Tuesday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

An opportunity to talk and pray together with Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, about the tragedy in Connecticut will be offered today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Room 5E.

Interested in computers and AV? Able to make a regular commitment to helping record worship services at Fourth Church? A rotation of volunteers is needed to help with this important ministry on Sunday mornings and for special services. For details or to volunteer, call Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

Invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to the Gratz Center Grand Opening on Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. The open house that will follow will include refreshments from Ditka's.

Even if you like us on Facebook, you might be missing

some of our fun photos, quotes from pastors, and the latest news from Fourth Church. To ensure you don't miss any posts, go to facebook.com/fourthchurch. Hover over, or point to, the "Like" button under the top photo and make sure that "Show in News Feed" has a checkmark in front of it. And if you haven't "liked" us yet, please do so as another way to stay connected!



Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, and much more.

To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates. For details about the PNC process, see www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

The Gratz Center donor wall in the Gignilliat Commons includes the names of all who contributed to the building project. While every effort was made to ensure complete accuracy, if there is an error in your listing, please call Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

Today Josh Heikkila will speak about his ministry as a PC(USA) global mission coworker in Ghana. This luncheon program will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G of the Gratz Center.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets, which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant, are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour or by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

The Sensible Gun Laws petition, which has collected 25,000 signatures, is available for signing at the Mission table at Coffee Hour and online at www.change.org.

Applications for the 2013 mission trip to Guatemala (July 6–14) are due Sunday, January 6. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

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 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

"Two for Blu" Carnival Getaway drawing tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at www.chicagolights.org. The getaway includes two tickets to Carnival, the annual gala benefiting Chicago Lights, the Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning; an overnight stay for two at the Radisson Blu; and breakfast the next morning. The drawing will be held next Sunday, December 30.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Classes will not meet on December 30. Classes will resume on January 6.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Youth will not meet next Sunday, December 30. They will resume meeting on Sunday, January 6.

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 rehearsal for those participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant will be held today in the Sanctuary following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Child care on Christmas Eve will be available for infants and toddlers from 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Nursery on the first floor of the Gratz Center.

College-age youth, ages eighteen to twenty-two, and their families are invited to an open house on Christmas Eve from 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. in the Loft of the Gratz Center.

ENRICHMENT

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets next Monday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.

Books by Women will discuss *Yellow Dirt: An American Story of a Poisoned Land and a People Betrayed* by Judy Pasternak on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. Details are available in the literature racks.

“The Labyrinth as a Source of Strength for One’s Life Journey” will be the topic of this year’s Midwinter Retreat, led by labyrinth expert Lauren Artress, on Saturday, February 16. Details will be available in January.

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth for Bridge will meet on Saturday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of “Voices from Our Past,” a Fourth Acts dramatization, on Friday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, January 9.

Men’s Group will gather for a breakfast meeting with David Scheffer, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University, on Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. To register (required), call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, January 9.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Energetic individuals to share hobbies and activities with Chicago Lights Tutoring students, one evening a week, January 7–March 7

Members to transcribe recorded oral histories, flexible hours

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Members to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, job searches, housing rights, public benefits, life skills, and art appreciation

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a chronically ill ten-year-old girl

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

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

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 23–29, 2012

Sunday, December 23

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Reflecting on the Connecticut Tragedy	Room 5E
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:15 p.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Church and Organ Tours	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Josh Heikkila Discussion	Room 4G
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Borwell Dining Room

Monday, December 24

	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
3:30 to 7:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Service Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 to 11:00 p.m.	College Youth Gathering	The Loft
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25

	<i>Christmas Day: Church Office Closed</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Christmas Worship Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Christmas Dinner	Anderson Hall

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 27

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study	Gratz Center

Friday, December 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary

Worship on Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
4:00 p.m.	Edwin Estevez preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. 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 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.