

December 1–7, 2013

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# News and Opportunities

## WORSHIP

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Inquirers' Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets this Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:** (@FourthChicago).

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Information about the pastoral search process is posted online at [www.fourthchurch.org/pnc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc).

## ADVENT

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families is today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

“Holidays *a cappella*,” with Chicago *a cappella*, is today at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Ticket information is at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org).

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held this Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org).

**Online gifts for Light Up a Life—to make a difference** in the lives of those served by the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights—can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). They can also be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or in Coffee Hour today. These gifts provide important year-end support to programs that feed the hungry, provide educational opportunities, engage people through music, and much more!



**The “Christmas Wishes” gift project** collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour today. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**“Carols and Anthems of the Season,”** a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place this Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.stcharlessingers.com](http://www.stcharlessingers.com).

**The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held this Saturday and next Sunday, December 7 and 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

**The “Christmas Gift Bag”** project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by next Sunday, December 8.

**The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will take place next Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

**Help decorate the Sanctuary** and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 13 for names to appear in the bulletin.

*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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**“The Music and Meaning of Advent”** invites adults and children to a time of fellowship and music on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. RSVP with Ryan Loeckel at [rloeckel@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rloeckel@fourthchurch.org) or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academy](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy).

**An Advent Contemplative Retreat** will be held Friday–Saturday, December 13–14 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details are available in the literature racks. Registration forms are due by next Sunday, December 8.

**Men’s Ministry** will meet for breakfast and a presentation about Christmas music, led by Carl Grapentine, on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For more information, contact Edwin Estevez at [eestevez@fourthchurch.org](mailto:eestevez@fourthchurch.org).

**A CLL Holiday Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, December 10.

**A “Christmas with Tower Brass”** concert will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Young Adults** meets for fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**A Cornerstones Christmas Party** will be held this Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) by this Wednesday, December 4.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for a Christmas party and caroling on Friday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10.

To sponsor **Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School classes** are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth (grades 6–12) meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The “**Mindful Parenting**” series continues next Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A **Youth and Family Luncheon** will be held next Sunday, December 8 at 12:15 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

The “**Religion in Interfaith Homes**” series continues with the topic “What Do You Have in Common? What Are Your Differences?” on Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Pl.).

**La Posada Family Night** will be held on Friday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Harpist Emily Granger** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

“**New Volunteer**” orientation sessions for Chicago Lights Tutoring will be held December 4 and 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@fourthchurch.org.

**Due December 15 are applications** for the women’s mission trip to Cuba (March 21–29) and the musical mission trip to Guatemala (February 22–March 1). Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks.

## ENRICHMENT

**Men’s Bible Study** will gather this Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

**Christian Century Study Groups** will gather this Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**Fourth for Bridge** will meet on Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Books by Women** will discuss *My Antonia* by Willa Cather on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Tutors** for the Tutoring program; one evening a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Teachers and health professionals** for the Center for Life and Learning  
**Members** to be Nursery caregivers on Sundays, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes**  
**Nonperishable food items** for the Consumer Choice Food Pantry

*For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.*

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1–7, 2013

### Sunday, December 1

	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	<b>8:00 a.m. Morning Worship</b> Hardy H. Kim preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Worship</b> Judith L. Watt preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 5B
	10:30 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop	Parish House Dining Room
	10:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
	<b>11:00 a.m. Morning Worship</b> Judith L. Watt preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	11:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	Room 5B
	11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	12:15 p.m. Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship</b> Adam H. Fronczek preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	4:00 p.m. "Holidays <i>a cappella</i> " Concert	Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

### Monday, December 2

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk ( <i>also Tuesday</i> )	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School ( <i>also Tuesday–Wednesday</i> )	Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer ( <i>also Wednesday–Friday</i> )	Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m. Inquirers' Class	Room 4F

### Tuesday, December 3

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	( <i>see announcement</i> )
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 4

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m. <i>Christian Century</i> Study Groups	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer	Hospitality Suite
	6:00 p.m. Tutoring New Volunteer Orientation	Room 4G
	7:30 p.m. "A Chanticleer Christmas" Concert	Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 5

7:30 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas" Concert	Sanctuary
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### Friday, December 6

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Emily Granger	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m. Cornerstones Christmas Party	Borwell Dining Room
	7:30 p.m. St. Charles Singers Concert	Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 7

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room
	7:30 p.m. Fourth for Bridge	( <i>see announcement</i> )

### Worship on Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m.	Edwin Estevez preaching	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	
	4:00 p.m. Adam H. Fronczek preaching	
	6:30 p.m. Festival of Advent Lessons and Music	

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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.