

December 8–14, 2013

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# News and Opportunities

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**An Advent Bible study**, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Sundays through December 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

**Today's Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

**Today's Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

**Friday is the deadline** for Christmas flower contributions to memorialize or honor loved ones. Names of those being remembered must be received by December 13 in order to 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) or by calling Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

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 reception by Sunday, December 15.

**"The Music and Meaning of Advent,"** an all-ages event of fellowship and music, will be this Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. RSVP at [www.fourthchurch.org/academy](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy).

Through **"Light Up a Life"** gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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

### Online gifts for Christmas Flowers and Light Up a Life

can be made at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) (also accessible by scanning the QR code at right with any smartphone). There you can also find a complete schedule of this year's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship opportunities, upcoming Christmas concerts, and various ways to join this community in our Advent journey to the manger.



**The “Christmas Wishes” gift project** collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Volunteers are needed to help with weekday inventory and at the gift-wrapping party next Sunday, December 15 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**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 this Tuesday, December 10.

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

**A Christmas Cantata**, featuring Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, will be sung by the Morning Choir, accompanied by members of the Chicago Chamber Orchestra, on Sunday, December 22 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). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

**Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner**, which will take place on Wednesday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available at the reception desk. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

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

*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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**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 on Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

**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.

**The Pastor Nominating Committee** ([www.fourthchurch.org/pnc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc)) continues to be in conversation with candidates.

## 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.

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

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Fourth Acts** will meet today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

**Flutist Christopher Buckler** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**A “New Volunteer” orientation** session for Chicago Lights Tutoring will be held Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at [ftiflis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ftiflis@fourthchurch.org).

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

**The declaration** of Fourth Church as a gun-free zone is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

## ENRICHMENT

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

**“Endings and Beginnings,”** a spiritual retreat led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held Saturday, January 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To RSVP, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, December 29.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Young Adults** meets for a discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for a Christmas party and caroling this 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. this Tuesday, December 10.

**Men's Ministry** will meet for breakfast and a presentation about Christmas music, led by Carl Grapentine, this Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. To RSVP, contact Edwin Estevez at eestevez@fourthchurch.org.

**ThirtiesForties** will meet to discuss “Life in Focus: Caring,” led by Adrian Guiu, next Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

## 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 today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

**A Youth and Family Luncheon** will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

**“Munch and Mingle,”** offered through Parenting in Faith, will be held for parents next Sunday, December 15 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 4G. Parents are invited to bring a breakfast snack to share.

**The “Religion in Interfaith Homes”** series continues with the topic “What Do You Have in Common? What Are Your Differences?” next 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.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights 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

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's and women's** seasonal clothes

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

**CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 8–14, 2013**

**Sunday, December 8**

8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Edwin Estevez preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Gignilliat Commons
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Advent Bible Study		Room 5G
9:30 a.m.	“Mindful Parenting”		Room 4G
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.	Coffee Hour		Gignilliat Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<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.	Coffee Hour		Gignilliat Commons
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Room 4G
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Family Luncheon	Parish House Dining Room	
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	<b>Festival of Advent Lessons and Music</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception		Anderson Hall

**Monday, December 9**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk ( <i>also Tuesday</i> )	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer ( <i>also Wednesday–Friday</i> )	Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 10**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring New Volunteer Orientation	Room 4G

**Wednesday, December 11**

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m.	“Music and Meaning of Advent”	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer	Hospitality Suite

**Friday, December 13**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Christopher Buckler	Buchanan Chapel
5:15 p.m.	Advent Contemplative Retreat	( <i>see announcement</i> )
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Anderson Hall

**Saturday, December 14**

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast	Bumpus Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Room 4F

**Worship on Sunday, December 15**

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
4:00 p.m.	Adam H. Fronczek 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 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.