

December 20–26, 2015

**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

# News and Opportunities

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Grant Street String Quartet will perform the next free Noonday concert, which will be held on Friday, January 8 at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

New gifts to Fourth Church that are in addition to 2015 pledges are being matched one-for-one through the end of the year, up to \$50,000 total. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

## 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.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held today at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nursery care on Christmas Eve will be available from 3:00 to 7:15 p.m. It will not be available during the last two services.

No Sunday School or youth gatherings will be held on Sundays, December 27 or January 3. Children are invited to worship with their parents on those Sundays; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Cantata, featuring John Rutter's *Gloria*, will be sung by the Morning Choir today during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

We will be live streaming the 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service for those who are unable to be with us or who want to share the service with those who are out of town. The live stream will be available at <http://bit.ly/FPCXmasEve2015> where it will also be available after Christmas Eve.

### Pledge fulfillment and online gifts to 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).

These year-end gifts provide vital support to the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, funding outreach to those in need, sustaining choirs, supporting educational opportunities, and making possible our ministry together!



The “**Longest Night**” service, which will be held Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

**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).

**Parking rates for Christmas Eve and Day:**

For those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24, discounted parking will cost \$17, which is the holiday rate. The \$17 parking voucher for that discount will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve—cash or check only—and will be available before and after the Children’s Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with a green voucher available at the church. Parking on Christmas Day in the 900 garage will cost \$17. The voucher for discounted parking on Christmas Day must be purchased, with cash or check, at the church on Christmas morning. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

The **Christmas Day worship service** will be held at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a congregational Christmas Dinner in Anderson Hall. Tickets for the dinner, which are required, are available at the reception desk today and during the week.

A **Christmas jazz service** will be held on Sunday, December 27 at 4:00 p.m.

**Expectations for the holidays** can be different from the realities. Feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with such experiences. To learn how the Center can help, call 312.787.8425.

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)

**MISSION AND OUTREACH**

**Cuba trip applications are due today.** Details are posted online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html)

An **orientation session** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at [bit.ly/tutorwinter15](http://bit.ly/tutorwinter15)

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension** will meet for a joint gathering of the presentation “The Lure of the Relic: Collecting the Holy Land,” led by Morag Kersal, on Friday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, with refreshments to follow in the Manse. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6.

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

**ThirtiesForties** will meet on Sunday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D to discuss the topic of “Calling or Vocation.”

## ENRICHMENT

**Weekly Seeds at Fourth**, a weekly women’s Bible study, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

“**What Is Justice?**”—a five-week Academy for Faith and Life class cohosted with McCormick Theological Seminary and taught by Robert Cathey—will begin on Sunday, January 3 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

“**Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education**” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 6–26. Lecturers include Eboo Patel, Ron Suskind, David Brooks, and Mitri Raheb. Visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january) to learn more.

“**Too Hot to Handel: The Music and Message of the Jazz-Gospel Messiah**,” a free lecture offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Thursday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 to RSVP.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now: The Best of Mary Schmich* by Mary Schmich on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Presbyterian Women’s Horizons** Bible study will next meet Wednesday, January 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

“**Look Around: The Cries Will Be Heard**,” a Michigan Avenue Forum on mass incarceration, will be presented by Iva Carruthers, professor emeritus and former chairperson of the sociology department at Northeastern Illinois University, on Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

“**Claiming Our Faith Stories**,” a retreat for women, will be held on January 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Led by Layton Williams, Vicky Curtiss, and members of Fourth Church, the morning will include a variety of workshops. Contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) for details and to register.

## WORSHIP

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

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Sunday School teachers** beginning January 10

**Tutors** for Chicago Lights Tutoring

**Ushers** for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

**Nursery caregivers** on Sundays during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

**Members to assist a child** with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Men’s and women’s winter clothing**

**Clean blankets**

**Magazines**

*For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

**CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 20–26, 2015**

**Sunday, December 20**

8:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Day School Classroom B
9:20 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Room 4G
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5F
9:30 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:45 a.m.	Youth Choir		Room 4G
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir		Room 4G
11:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
11:00 a.m.	"Becoming a Vital Member"		Room 5E
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"Handel's <i>Messiah</i> " Class		Buchanan Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Layton Williams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Monday, December 21**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
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**Tuesday, December 22**

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
6:30 p.m.	"Longest Night" Service		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel

**Thursday, December 24**

	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
4:00 p.m.	<b>Children's Pageant</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:30 p.m.	<b>Service of Lessons and Carols</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
		<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	
11:00 p.m.	<b>Service of Lessons and Carols</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
		<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	

**Friday, December 25** *Christmas Day: Church Office Closed*

11:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Layton Williams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Christmas Dinner		Anderson Hall

**Worship on Sunday, December 27**

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching
4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching