

February 19–25, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Lent

Ash Wednesday services with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Shannon Kershner will be preaching at both services.

Path to Discipleship, a weekly Lenten series using Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* to explore—with pastoral staff—various spiritual practices, begins Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required: www.bit.ly/fpcpod2017

A **contemplative Lenten retreat** will be held Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Contact Nancy Davis (312.274.3815; ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by March 1 to register.

This year's **Lenten sermon series** will follow Jesus through the Gospel of John.

News and Resources

Our commissioners to the Presbytery of Chicago are being commissioned during 9:30 a.m. worship today. These members of Fourth Church participate, on our behalf, in matters of the Presbytery of Chicago and thus the work of the wider church.

Connection Corner helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table during 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)



Gala of Hope registration closes this Monday!

Don't miss this festive event Friday evening supporting our life-changing outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being! Tickets—and details about how to bid in the auctions if you can't attend—are available during Coffee Hour and at www.bit.ly/galaofhope2017

Music and the Arts

The exhibition “Woven Quilts” by Betty Jane Lau is on display in the Loggia through Monday, February 27.

Fourth Church organist John Sherer will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A dramatic reading of Richard Durham’s *Railway to Freedom*, about Harriet Tubman, will be presented on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as part of Black History Month.

Poulenc’s *Organ Concerto* will be performed by John Sherer and the Academy Orchestra of the Music Institute of Chicago as part of a free concert Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. Written prayer requests can be left in the boxes by Stone Chapel, the Narthex, and Commons.

The Buchanan Chapel labyrinth is available for walking Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (*See page 4 for times.*)

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to topay for members and those in need.

This Friday our monthly Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. Opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall is available beforehand between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Daily devotions are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org

Mission and Outreach

A mission trip with BorderLinks in Tucson to learn about the immigrant experience in the Southwest will be July 22–29. To sign up, contact Abbi at aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

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 grocery store or restaurant—are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour or by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

PCUSA World Mission will be the topic of a four-week Academy for Faith and Life class, taught by staff of the PCUSA General Assembly, beginning Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Children, Youth, and Family

Mindful Parenting meets next Sunday, February 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft.

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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Youth invite you to enjoy tasty treats at their February 26 Coffee Hour bake sale to raise funds for their summer mission trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat.

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For information, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579).

Enrichment

“The Gospel of Matthew” Bible study led by Anna Case-Winters meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

“Roots of American Racism: Part II,” a class taught by Claudia Boatright, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Gong Healing Meditation will be offered on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For fee details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Sue Smith of Keep America Beautiful will speak at the next Women at Fourth gathering on Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A **“Caring for the Caregiver”** series will be held Mondays, February 27–March 20 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. Call Susan at 312.981.3386 to register (*required*).

Author of *Escape From Nigeria: A Memoir of Faith, Love, and War*, Maudlyne Ihejirika, will talk about her book today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room as part of our Black History Month observances.

A book discussion of *It’s Complicated: the social lives of networked teens* by danah boyd will be led by Rocky Supinger on Tuesdays, February 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their Bible study meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Guthrie’s Tavern (1300 W. Addison).

Coffee Hour is sponsored today by Dorothy Jackson in memory of her brother Bob Barnett. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“On an Elder’s Trail: The Later Life of Charles M. Charnley” will be the topic of a program, presented by author Jack Perry Brown, at a 6:00 p.m. gathering hosted by Cornerstones on Friday, March 3 in Borwell Dining Room. Register (*required*) by March 1 at www.bit.ly/CFPC0317

Volunteers and Donations

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. A one-session orientation will be held Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP to Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@chicagolights.org

For more opportunities or to volunteer, stop by Coffee Hour, email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Calendar for February 19–25, 2017

Sunday, February 19

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship	Youth leading	Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Floor 4
	9:30 a.m. The Gospel of Matthew		Room 5G
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons		Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. Roots of American Racism, Part II		Room 5G
	12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch		Randolph Room
	12:30 p.m. <i>Escape from Nigeria</i> : Maudlyne Ihejirika		Page Smith Room
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship	Nanette Sawyer preaching	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, February 20

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	(<i>see announcement</i>)
7:00 p.m.	Grief Group	Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	(<i>see announcement</i>)
7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	<i>It's Complicated</i> : Rocky Supinger	Page Smith Room
7:00 p.m.	Gong Healing Meditation	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, February 23

5:30 p.m.	Women at Fourth	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 24

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John Sherer	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Gala of Hope	Chicago Hyatt Regency
6:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, February 25

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes 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.