

December 10–16, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Advent and Christmas

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music service of worship will take place this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception hosted by Women at Fourth will follow.

Filled and decorated holiday bags for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers are to be returned to the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour today for distribution at upcoming meals.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour. Volunteers are also needed to help inventory and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Las Posadas Family Night will take place this Friday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center.

The Christmas musical *Where’s the Newborn King?* will be presented by the Children’s and Youth Choirs next Sunday morning, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Christmas cantata “In Nativitatem Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Canticum” by Marc-Antoine Charpentier will be sung by the Morning Choir as part of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship next Sunday, December 17.

The Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a freewill donation will be received at the door.

The “Longest Night” service, which will be held Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel and hosted by our Stephen Ministers, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.



Today is the last day for Christmas flower gifts

to be made in memory or honor of loved ones. Contributions will make possible this year’s Christmas garland and flowers in the Sanctuary, and the names of those remembered—and submitted no later than December 10—will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by using the forms in the literature racks or online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts

Some Christmas Eve candlelight times will be different this year. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, that morning of December 24 we will worship at 11:00 a.m. only. (*There will be no 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. services that day.*) We will also gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services:

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
- 6:00 p.m. Family Service with Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
- 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

We will worship on Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 25.

A New Year's Eve Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Sunday, December 31. That day we will also worship in the morning at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. (*There will be no 4:00 p.m. jazz service on December 31.*)

Taking Communion to homebound members is part of the Deacon ministry this Advent season. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Carol Allerton (312.640.5448; callerton@fourthchurch.org).

Daily Advent devotions are available in printed booklets in the literature racks; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and fourthchurch.org

Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A and for an Advent/Christmas Party this Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House Dining Room.

Connection Corner during Coffee Hour offers opportunity to discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

Take part in our chili cook-off on Sunday noon, January 7! Enter your chili into the contest by signing up at www.bit.ly/chili1718

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School children are joining us in worship today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their Sunday School classrooms. Worship bulletins specifically for families are available from the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. ushers.

Youth meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in Room 4G; Confirmation in Room 5A; and Senior Highs in Bumpus.

Enrichment

Books by Women meets this Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Bumpus to discuss *A Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny.

Women's Horizons Bible Study (*monthly*) meets this Wednesday, December 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H.

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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“Reformed and Always Reforming: Doing Church Differently,” an adult education class led by Abbi Heimach-Snipes, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men’s Book Club meets on Monday, December 18 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room to discuss *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote.

A spiritual pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, will be held April 6–13. Details are available in the literature racks.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Servers for the congregational Christmas dinner (*volunteers needed 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 25*)

Hosts on weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Calvin College January Series shown in the Page Smith Room

Leaders for 2018 youth mission trips; details and a sign-up form are online at www.bit.ly/youthtrips18

To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; Mexico; and Washington, D.C., is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

A candlelit prayer vigil for peace will be held this Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. On the anniversary of the Sandy Hooks shooting, we remember those who have been killed in Chicago and in other national tragedies.

Fourth Church Prison Ministry will be launching in the new year. Those interested in learning more or taking part are invited to a one-session information time offered on Sunday, January 7 at 12:20 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, January 14 at 12:20 p.m.

News and Resources

Today’s congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present Nanette Sawyer as their recommended candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry; the congregation will then have opportunity to vote on that recommendation.

We are counting on gifts pledged for 2017 to be fully fulfilled by year end to ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met. If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (312.640.2576) so we might plan accordingly. Thank you!

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers begins February 3. Stop by Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org, or pick up a brochure from the literature racks to learn more.

For more than fifty years, Mumm Print Shop has been faithfully printing our worship bulletins. Last week one of the partners in this family-owned and operated business, Bernice Lorenz, died unexpectedly. We give thanks for her life and her partnership in our ministry and extend our sympathy to her family.

Calendar for December 10–16, 2017

Sunday, December 10 **Second Sunday of Advent**

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Rocky Supinger preaching	Sanctuary
9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals		Room 4F
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons	
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary	
10:30 a.m.	Youth Fellowship	Bumpus Room	
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel	
11:00 a.m.	"Doing Church Differently"	Room 5D	
11:00 a.m.	Youth Groups	(see announcement)	
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting		Sanctuary	
12:30 p.m.	Christmas Wishes Wrapping	Borwell Dining Room	
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A	
4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship	Alex Wirth preaching	Sanctuary	
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	
6:30 p.m. Festival of Advent Lessons and Music		Sanctuary	
7:30 p.m.	Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception	Anderson Hall	

Monday, December 11

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tues.</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
7:00 p.m.	Grief Group	Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, December 12

7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, December 13

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
12:00 p.m.	Women's Horizons Bible Study	Room 5H
6:30 p.m.	Candlelit Prayer Vigil for Peace	Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, December 14

7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Advent/Christmas Party	Parish House Dining Room
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Friday, December 15

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Bach Beethoven Ensemble	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Las Posadas Family Night	Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, December 16

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17

8:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching Communion
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata New Members
4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching Jazz Communion

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.