

December 30, 2018–January 5, 2019
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Worship

Jazz Lessons and Carols—a worship service that includes Communion—will be held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A candlelit New Year's Eve Taizé service will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This service offers space for prayer as well as meditative pause for reflecting on the year past and looking ahead to the year to come.

A New Year's Eve labyrinth walk will be held tomorrow between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Daily devotions for the Christmas season are available via email (subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and on [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

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

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

Video of our 2018 Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service can be viewed online at www.bit.ly/FPCworship

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities, and feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church's Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers a supportive environment for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

News and Resources

In order to conclude 2018 with a balanced budget, we are counting on gifts pledged for 2018 to be fully fulfilled by year end and welcome additional generosity where it is possible! In order for gifts to be reflected on your 2018 giving statement, those gifts must be placed in the offering plate today, received online by midnight on December 31 (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online), or have been postmarked in 2018. *(For information about making gifts through stock transfers or required distributions from one's IRA or prepaying one's 2019 Annual Appeal pledge, contact Katy Frey Bever at kbever@fourthchurch.org)*

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

A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers will begin in the spring. Information about this fifty-hour class is posted online at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

Enrichment

"Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education" describes the January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 3–23 (*except Monday, January 21*) at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Nicholas Kristof, Jenna Bush Hager, and Craig Detweiler are among the lecturers. For a full list of speakers, see www.calvin.edu/january-series

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study meets Wednesday noon, January 9 in 5H.

Men's Bible Study next meets on Tuesday, January 15 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Presbyterian Historical Society will present a program on Sunday, January 13 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

A "Connecting to the Heart" workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2CdfF9D

An Enneagram workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2S18OWh

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School does not meet today but resumes on January 6 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Families worshiping with young children are encouraged to request children's worship bulletins from the ushers.

Youth do not meet this Sunday. Next Sunday, January 6 they will worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and will share in a time of fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Details about summer 2019 youth trips to New Jersey, Detroit, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium are posted at www.bit.ly/summertrips19; register by January 15.

Our Day School will hold an open house on Saturday, January 12 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. as a time for parents and children to learn about our weekday preschool program.

Mission

January 15 is the application deadline for mission trips to Cuba (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11). Learn more or apply at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

Mission (continued)

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2, 2019. Details and a trip application are available at www.bit.ly/crtrip2019

Benevolent Guild resumes its weekly gatherings on Wednesday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

The Gala of Hope—benefiting Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held Friday, March 1 at the Radisson Blu Aqua. Tickets will be available in January.

Fellowship

Take part in our chili cook-off on Sunday, January 13! Enter your chili into the contest by signing up online (at www.bit.ly/chili2019). Or come enjoy chili for lunch that day. Proceeds support the summer youth mission trips.

Books by Women will discuss *A Walk Lillian Boxfish Takes* by Kathleen Rooney on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men's Faith Discussion Groups combine autobiography and active listening to Jesus' life and teachings; no knowledge of the Bible or theology is required. Thursday and Friday morning groups begin January 10 and January 11 at 7:00 a.m. For information or to sign up, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth will gather on Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for fellowship and a program by our Minister for Evangelism, Joe Morrow.

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. Meet in the Commons near the Chestnut Street doors to walk to neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to unload food trucks on second and fourth Monday mornings

Sunday Night Supper greeters and servers on Sundays from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m.

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Music and the Arts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert, which is cosponsored by Musicians Club of Women, will be presented by flutist Colleen Matheu Johnson and pianist Janice Razaq at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Calendar for December 30, 2018–January 5, 2019

Sunday, December 30 *First Sunday after Christmas*

	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
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 • Christmas Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Christmas Lessons and Carols	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Hosted New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

Tuesday, January 1 *New Year's Day: Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, January 2

	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches	Anderson Hall

Thursday, January 3

	11:30 a.m. January Series from Calvin College	Page Smith Room
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches	Anderson Hall

Friday, January 4

	11:30 a.m. January Series from Calvin College	Page Smith Room
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Flute and Piano	Buchanan Chapel

Worship on January 6 *Epiphany*

	8:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Joseph L. Morrow	
	4:00 p.m. Shawn Fiedler Jazz Communion	

For a complete Fourth Church calendar that includes links to register for programs and to add events to your own electronic calendar, see www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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.