

February 24–March 2, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



Worship and Prayer

Is there a topic or biblical story you have hoped would be addressed in a sermon? If so, please share that with us by email (sermons@fourthchurch.org) or by writing it on a slip of paper and putting it in the “Big Questions” box during Coffee Hour. The pastors will then use these suggestions to shape their “Big Questions” sermon series in May and June.

Next Sunday, March 3, our youth will be leading the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship.

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

A candlelit Taizé service—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

Lent

Ash Wednesday worship will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. Also that day, as part of “Ashes on the Way,” pastors and Fourth Church members will be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.

“Path of Discipleship,” a six-week Lenten series hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 5. Space is limited, so register soon at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019

To receive Lenten devotions daily via email beginning March 6, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions

Mission

This Monday, February 25 is the deadline to reserve tickets to attend the Gala of Hope, which will be this Friday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Radisson Blu Aqua (221 N. Columbus). Tickets for the Gala and for the Peloton drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) are available in Coffee Hour and at bidpal.net/clgala2019; all proceeds support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, February 26 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

News and Resources

Did you see the *NBC Nightly News* and *Washington Post* profiles of the Good Memories Choir, which meets weekly at Fourth Church? Both stories about this opportunity for those experiencing early-stage memory loss are posted on our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and on Twitter (@fourthchicago).

Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) to see photos of church life—from children’s service projects to celebrations of staff, the beauty of our campus, and a Taizé triptych.

The deadline for Stephen Minister applications is this Monday, February 25. For more information about Stephen Ministry, being paired with a Stephen Minister, or taking part in Stephen Minister training, stop by Coffee Hour today or visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Year-end giving statements for 2018 are available upon request. Contact Andrea Miller (312.640.2576; amiller@fourthchurch.org) to receive a copy of your statement by mail or email. Also, to the more than 500 individuals who completed the survey about pledging and giving to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, thank you!

A new book of prayers by John Boyle is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour. All proceeds benefit the Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

A one-session Inquirers’ Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held Sunday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Fellowship

LGBTQIA Brunch is today at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

TwentiesThirties Brunch is also today at 12:10 p.m., with young adults meeting in Coffee Hour to walk to a nearby restaurant for a time of fellowship. The group’s spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register online at www.bit.ly/2030may19

Benevolent Guild meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Men’s Breakfast will take place Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

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).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth meet on Sundays, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Bumpus; and Confirmation (Room 4G) and Senior High (Bumpus) at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Fifty tutors to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/2S314SC

Leaders for the summer youth trips to Detroit, New Jersey, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; sign up online (www.bit.ly/summeryouthleader) by March 15

Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments for worship (*once a month*)

Individuals to read occasionally to an elderly member who is blind

Donations of individually packaged snacks, especially chips and fruit cups, for our Bag Lunch program; donations can be dropped off at the reception desk to the attention of Meals Ministry

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).

Enrichment

Those who are considering taking part in the Reformation trip to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva—a trip that will be led by Judith Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith in October—are asked to contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org) this week and to mark Thursday, March 14 on their calendar for a 6:30 p.m. information meeting in Room 4G.

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. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

The class “Water: Use, Abuse, and Stewardship” concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today,” a four-week class led by G. Walter Hansen, begins next Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“Conversations with Pastors on the Intersection of Faith and Life” continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room with Joe Morrow and Nanette Sawyer.

“A Time of Letting Go” will be the topic of next Sunday’s “Conversations with Clergy,” led by Shawn Fiedler, Ministerial Associate for Worship, at 5:00 p.m. on March 3 following Jazz at Four worship.

Women at Fourth will meet this Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a program on “Optimal Aging: Eat Well, Move Well, Be Well.”

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos’s annual Chicago Area Men’s Retreat on March 15–17. To learn more or to register, see www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

Books by Women will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Music and the Arts

The choral group Bella Voce will be in concert, presenting “Tudor Splendour,” this Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.bellavoce.org

Calendar for February 24–March 2, 2019

Sunday, February 24	8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Choir Loft
	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. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery	Nursery/Day School
	9:30 a.m. “Water: Use, Abuse, and Stewardship”	Room 5E
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups	(see announcement)
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “The Intersection of Faith and Life”	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:10 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch	(see announcement)
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch	(see announcement)
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, February 25	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.)	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, February 26	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.)	Anderson Hall
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F
Wednesday, February 27	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
Thursday, February 28	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (also Fri.)	Randolph Room
	5:30 p.m. Women at Fouth Gathering	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 1	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Brittany Hebel	Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Gala of Hope	(see announcement)
Saturday, March 2	7:30 p.m. Bella Voce Concert	(see announcement)

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

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