

March 10–16, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



Lent and Easter

Daily Lenten devotions written by members and staff are available at facebook.com/fourthchurch, [@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago), and fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

A candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Interfaith Seder will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 19, but space is limited and fills very quickly. Register for tickets (*required*) at www.bit.ly/interfaithseder19 or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Remember loved ones at Easter by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, April 7 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

Mission

The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism invites you to a public forum with mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle today from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th Street. If you would like to carpool, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

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

Worship and Prayer

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.

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.

Sacred Pause meditation, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School children join us in worship today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when children leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms.

Youth meets today 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.

“A Very Magical Family Night,” showcasing the magician Great Scott, will be this Friday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. The evening begins with dinner in Borwell Dining Room, followed by the magic show.

The spring Confirmation retreat will be the weekend of March 29. Register online at www.bit.ly/19springretreat

Volunteers Needed

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

50 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

100 ushers for Holy Week and Easter; see the usher table at Coffee Hour for more information

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

Individual to assist blind woman with errands (*every other week*) and to assist with summer walks

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).

News and Resources

The Fourth Church 2018 Impact Report—an online snapshot of our life together in 2018 and the ways in which your generosity enabled us to live out this congregation’s call to be a light in the city—can be viewed at www.bit.ly/2018fpcimpactreport

A new book of prayers by John Boyle, founder of the Replogle Center and a member of the pastoral staff for more than thirty years, is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour or can be ordered by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) to see photos of church life as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes and news from Fourth Church.

A one-session Inquirers’ Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members meets today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those interested in attending a future session may register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Fellowship

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).

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held Sunday, March 24 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.

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, March 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.

TwentiesThirties' spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register at www.bit.ly/2030may19

Music and the Arts

This Friday's **free Noonday Concert** is presented by Tres Belle soprano trio.

Enrichment

"Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today," a four-week class led by G. Walter Hansen, continues today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

Books by Women will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi this Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. in 5H.

An information session about the October Reformation trip to Europe will be held this Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4G. Contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org) to RSVP.

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos's annual Chicago Area Men's Retreat next weekend, March 15–17. Register at www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

"Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers' Class Series" begins Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. This three-week series is a chance to explore foundations of Christian faith in the Reformed tradition and life at Fourth Church. It is open to visitors, those seeking church membership, and current members seeking to refresh their understanding of our faith and their calling. Register at www.bit.ly/discovering0319

"Relationships 101," a workshop offered by the Replogle Center, will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register online at www.bit.ly/101relationships

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.

"How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," a men's discussion group meeting Friday mornings, April–June, will combine autobiography with active listening to Jesus' life and teachings. No knowledge of the Bible, theology, or experience in such a group is necessary. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for March 10–16, 2019

Sunday, March 10	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith 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 12:00 p.m. Inquirers’ Class. Page Smith Room 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. Nursery/Day School 9:30 a.m. “Galatians” Room 5E 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (see announcement) 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 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Mayoral Forum (see announcement) 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, March 11	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) Day School Classrooms 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, March 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 6:00 p.m. “Path of Discipleship” Anderson Hall 7:30 p.m. Chicago Ensemble Buchanan Chapel
Wednesday, March 13	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B 12:00 p.m. <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study Room 5H
Thursday, March 14	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>) Randolph Room 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Reformation Trip Information Session Room 4G
Friday, March 15	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Tres Belle, soprano trio Buchanan Chapel

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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