

March 17–23, 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 this Tuesday, March 19. 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).

One hundred ushers are needed for Holy Week and Easter; to learn more about this opportunity to welcome and assist worshipers, visit the Ushers table at Coffee Hour.

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.

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.

A Blue Bows Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows outside the church as part of our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness efforts. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369, aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

This Friday's free Noonday Concert is presented by organist Thomas Heidenreich.

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If you are interested in meeting with a Stephen Minister or know someone who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please visit the Stephen Ministry table at Coffee Hour or leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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.

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on April 14 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those interested in attending this or a future session may register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Mission

Fourth Church will observe Earth Hour on Saturday, March 30 by shutting off all external lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to remind us of our need to be good stewards of the earth's resources.

Those interested in signing a letter to send to both mayoral candidates to urge them to work for equitable funding of Chicago's public schools are invited to stop by the Mission table at Coffee Hour. This letter is sponsored by Fourth Church's new Education Funding Team.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

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 5G) and Senior High (Bumpus) at 11:00 a.m.

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

Fellowship

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held next 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.

Cornerstones, a group of couples and singles over the age of fifty, meets on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for a time of a program on literacy in Chicago. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/cfpc0419 by Wednesday, April 3.

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

To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers 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

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).

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 5G.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

“Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers’ Class Series” begins next 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

“Practicing the Presence of God,” a three-week class led by Vicky Curtiss, begins next Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E. This class will explore how to be attentive to the presence of God by reading texts from poets and mystics.

“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

The “Dying to Know” series, cohosted by the Replogle Center and the Center for Life and Learning, begins on Wednesday, April 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room with a screening and discussion of the film *Being Mortal*. To register (*required*), visit www.journeycare.org/dyingtoknow

“How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” a men’s discussion group, will meet on Friday mornings, April–June. 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).

To sign up for or to receive more information about the October Reformation trip to Europe, contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Calendar for March 17–23, 2019

Sunday, March 17	<p>8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching Sanctuary</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Choir Loft</p> <p>9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals Room 4F</p> <p>9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall/Commons</p> <p>9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. Nursery/Day School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. “Galatians”. Room 5G</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Gratz Fourth Floor</p> <p>9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups <i>(see announcement)</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 p.m. New Member Brunch Page Smith Room</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall</p>
Monday, March 18	<p>9:00 a.m. Day School <i>(also Tues.–Fri.)</i> Day School Classrooms</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper <i>Catholic Charities</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring <i>(also Tues.–Thurs.)</i> Gratz Fifth Floor</p>
Tuesday, March 19	<p>7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study <i>(see announcement)</i></p> <p>7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches <i>(also Wed.–Thurs.)</i> Anderson Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. “Path of Discipleship” Anderson Hall</p>
Wednesday, March 20	<p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B</p> <p>7:15 p.m. “Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” Room 5H</p>
Thursday, March 21	<p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group <i>(also Fri.)</i> Randolph Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>
Friday, March 22	<p>12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Thomas Heidenreich, organ Sanctuary</p>
Saturday, March 23	<p>10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy Parish House Dining Room</p>

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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