

May 5–11, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



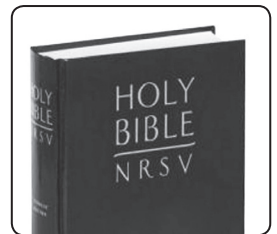
We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



Our new **"Big Questions" sermon series** begins today by exploring "Why care about creation? Isn't God in control?" Next week we will consider "Are we saved?" On Sunday, May 19 we will wrestle with "How can we be church with differing political views?" We will then take a break in the series on Sunday, May 26 to welcome **Father Elias Chacour** to the pulpit at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Father Chacour is internationally known for his work for reconciliation between Palestinians and Jews. * In addition to our Sunday morning services, we also come together as a **worshiping community** on Sunday afternoons for a 4:00 p.m. ◀ jazz Communion service in Buchanan Chapel. On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer**, an opportunity to pray for all Fourth Church members by name throughout the year and for those in need.



For those looking to enrich their faith, **Men's Bible study** gathers this Tuesday morning, May 7 in the Loop, as it does on the first and third Tuesday of each month. * This Wednesday noon, the **Horizon's Bible study** for women also has its monthly meeting. * Later in May, a three-month **Men's Faith Discussion group** will begin on Friday mornings. Those who are interested in joining this small group for study and sharing are asked to register in advance (*see the sign-up page noted on page 3.*)



This "News and Opportunities" insert is our invitation to you to join us in taking part in the programs and resources available to you here at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. On our website you will find even more opportunities, as well as the page www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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Today is **Care of Creation Sunday**, a day when we hold in prayer God's amazing creation and recommit ourselves to the good stewardship ► of that life-giving gift. * Both today and Sunday, May 19 we will be piloting the **composting** of materials from Coffee Hour and Sunday Night Supper.

* Another opportunity to take part in "reusing" items takes place on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: our annual **Bike Drive** to collect used bicycles and parts for repair and distribution to those in need of a means of transportation here in Chicago as well as in Africa and Latin America. * Also this Saturday, May 11 if you are looking for plant starts for your home garden or your planters, stop by the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for their **plant sale**. * Men's Breakfast that morning will include a program on **Openlands**, which works to protect the natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife, and help balance and enrich our lives.



Sunday School children will join us in worship next Sunday, May 12 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when children will leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms.

◀ Next Sunday will also be our **last week of Sunday School** until June.

Summer Sunday School will then begin on June 2, with just one session on each Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. * If you're planning to join us for **Family Camp**

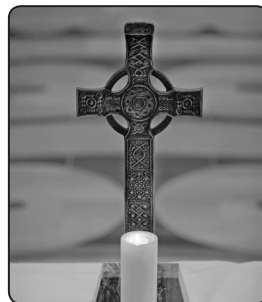
(May 17-19) in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, be sure to sign up this week! *

Registration is also open for **Vacation Bible School**, which this summer takes us to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul the mornings of August 5-9.

In addition to our daily devotions, we offer several other resources for **meditation and reflection**. Each Tuesday, we begin the day with time set apart for **Sacred Pause** meditation, twenty minutes of silence in Stone Chapel at 7:45 a.m. * We then end the day with

Tuesday evening meditation, hosted by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, at 7:00 p.m. * Later this month, on Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m., **Women at Fourth** will hold a program on contemplative prayer, and our monthly candlelit

Taizé service will be held on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.



Daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available via **email** (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.



We believe in living out our **commitment to mission** by sharing in the struggles and hopes of our brothers and sisters both in this city and around the world, working together for a world of compassion, peace, and justice. As an expression of that commitment, travelers from Fourth Church will be spending this week with our sister congregation, ◀ the **First Presbyterian Church of Havana**, in Havana, Cuba. *



We also have several upcoming opportunities to learn about ministries of compassion and justice, including through **Claire Mukundente's** ◀ presentation today at 12:15 p.m. about her experiences as a Rwandan refugee and her ministry with other refugees in Chicago and those seeking asylum. * On Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle), there will be an “On the Table” presentation about **“Better Health through Housing,”** and on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room, there will be a program on **inequities plaguing Chicago public schools.**

Among our other opportunities to learn together are today's 12:15 p.m. presentation on **“Why We March: Stonewall to Today,”** cohosted by “Widening Our Welcome,” the Fourth Church LGBTQIA Group. ▶

On Wednesday afternoon at our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, **“Music, Nostalgia, and Wellness”** will invite those sixty and over to share the soundtrack of their lives (*class size is limited; advance registration is required*). * Then next Tuesday evening, May 14, **Books by Women** will discuss Paulette Jiles' *News of the World*.



Are you planning to run the Chicago Marathon this year? If so, we hope you will join the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team** in support of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights. * Another running—and walking!—opportunity will take place on Saturday, June 1, when the Racial Equity Council will be raising funds for **antiracism work** through the GospelRun. Walkers and runners are needed as are donations in support of them.

Taking part in our walking and running teams is just one way to support the mission and ministry of Fourth Church. We are also in need of individuals to serve as **greeters** to welcome and assist worshipers during Sunday Jazz at Four services. * **Youth Ministry** is also recruiting an adult leadership team for the 2019–2020 program year, which begins in September. To learn about helping with Sunday morning programs for junior high and high school youth or to accompany students on lock-ins and weekend retreats, visit our online sign-up page. * To add your name or learn about other volunteer opportunities, please contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for May 5–11, 2019

- Sunday, May 5** 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. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching Sanctuary
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Gratz Fourth Floor
 9:30 to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups Bumpus Room
 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Psalms Room 5E
 9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents The Loft
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Marilynne Robinson's Essays Room 5E
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. Sanctuary
 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
 12:15 p.m. Claire Mukundente Presentation. Borwell Dining Rom
 12:15 p.m. "Why We March: Stonewall to Today" Buchanan Chapel
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching. Buchanan Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, May 6** 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, May 7** 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study. (*see website sign-up page*)
 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed.–Thurs.*) Anderson Hall
 7:00 p.m. Meditation. Boyle Conference Room
- Wednesday, May 8** **9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer** Buchanan Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 12:00 p.m. *Horizon's* Bible Study. Room 5H
 1:00 p.m. "Music, Nostalgia, and Wellness". Boyle Conference Room
- Thursday, May 9.** 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, May 10.** 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Thom Gouwens, organ Sanctuary
- Saturday, May 11** 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Room 4E
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bike Drive 115 E. Delaware Entrance
 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plant Sale at Chicago Lights Urban Farm 444 W. Chicago

See www.fourthchurch.org/calendar for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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