

June 23–29, 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.

Today please join us in welcoming to Fourth Church two global partners in ministry! ► **Joshua Heikkila**, West Africa Regional Liaison for Presbyterian Church (USA) World Mission, is preaching at our 8:00 a.m. worship service today. Then at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, Josh—who was a member of Fourth Church prior to his ordination—is talking with us about his ministry since his World Mission move to Ghana in 2009.



We also welcome ◀ **Liudmila Hernández**, pastor of our sister congregation, the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, and the vice-moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Cuba. Today she is taking part in 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship and is preaching at Jazz at Four, after which we will have a reception in her honor in Allison Library. Tomorrow, Monday, June 24 Liudmila will join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for a conversation about the current atmosphere in Cuba.

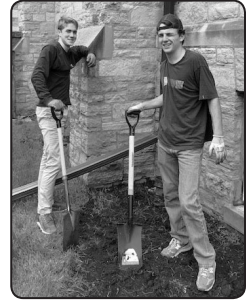
Today we commission new **Stephen Ministers** at the 11:00 a.m. service: Blake Anderson, Jean Anderson, Kathleen Cleary, John Clum, David Derks, Sam Psimoulis, and Evadne Stephens. Through one-to-one relationships that are confidential, Stephen Ministers—who first complete fifty hours of training—extend the pastoral care of Fourth Church clergy staff by providing regular spiritual support for those who are facing one or more of life’s many challenges or transitions. We are grateful to the Stephen Ministers for the ongoing pastoral care they provide! Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/caring

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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Our “**Big Questions**” **sermon series**—in which we consider questions submitted by the congregation earlier this year—continues at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services today with “What do Presbyterians believe about homosexuality?” The series concludes next Sunday with “Is Satan for real?” as our question at all four services.

Our summer **Urban Youth Mission** ► program continues this week as we welcome youth from Mifflin Presbyterian Church of Gahanna, Ohio; Buffalo Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, Minnesota; First Presbyterian Church of Howard Lake, Minnesota; and Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving. * Our own youth will also be traveling to participate in **mission trip opportunities** this week. Junior High youth will be in Detroit and Senior High youth will be in New Jersey. Please keep all these youth and their leaders in your prayers as they travel, learn, and grow together in the days ahead.



Chicago Lights Summer Day begins this Wednesday at Fourth Church. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the students, staff, and volunteers participating in this six-week academic and arts program for first through eighth graders from under-resourced neighborhoods.

A few spots still remain on our **Reformation trip** to Europe this October 2–13. If you are interested in joining us in Prague, Geneva, and Luther sites in Germany this autumn, registration closes this Friday, June 28, so sign up today if you would like to join us!

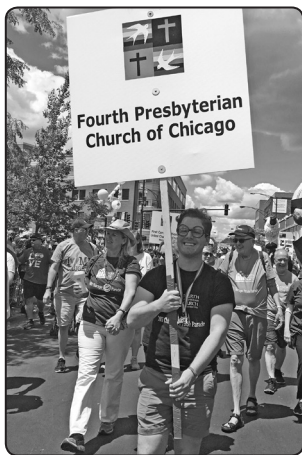
Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. * If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3382).

Did you see the **behind-the-scenes organ tour** ► we highlighted in our email newsletter and on our website and Facebook in the past week? John Sherer takes viewers from the mechanics of the blower in the basement to the pipes high above our Sanctuary floor, offering a fascinating look at how this impressive instrument makes its beautiful music. * If you haven't already, **sign up** for our email newsletter (www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews), bookmark our website (www.fourthchurch.org), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest from Fourth Church!



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.

Two special worship opportunities will take place in the next couple of weeks. Our summer candlelit **Taizé** service will be held Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. (*The next Taizé service after that will be this fall.*) Prior to this Friday's service there will be opportunity to walk a **labyrinth** in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. * We're taking our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service outdoors on Sunday, July 7 to the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. that Sunday for a time of worship, the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.



The flag hanging over the Sanctuary steps during **Gay Pride Week** is a public witness to the inclusive hospitality we extend to all and to our welcome of all of God's children into the life of the church. * As an expression of our support of the LGBTQIA community, we will be walking with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches—of which we are a partner congregation—in the ◀ **Chicago Pride Parade** next Sunday, June 30. For details about when and where to meet on the day of the parade, email Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org). * Today those who would like to join our monthly **LGBTQIA brunch** are invited to meet at Coffee Hour at 12:15 p.m. and from there go to a restaurant for a time of fellowship. * This morning's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Robert Starshak and Ross Draeger in recognition of milestones in LGBTQIA progress since the **1969 Stonewall uprising** fifty years ago.

The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Among those upcoming opportunities are **Knitting and Crocheting**, which meets this Tuesday, June 25; and **Women at Fourth**, which meets this Thursday, June 27 for a program by John Sherer about the Fourth Church organ. Learn about the history and the sounds of its 8,343 pipes, and play the lowest, highest, softest, and loudest of them. Be prepared to share your favorite hymn and we'll sing some of them together. * David Ansell will speak about his book **The Death Gap: How Inequality Kills** this Thursday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Toni Preckwinkle will introduce Dr. Ansell, who has spent nearly four decades as a doctor at hospitals serving some of the poorest communities in Chicago. * Next month a **summer exercise program** for adults sixty and older begins (on Monday, July 8) through our Center for Life and Learning (*registration required*).

A visit to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul is on the horizon for our children this summer! **Vacation Bible School** will take them on a Bible adventure with Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9. Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. * **Youth volunteers** are also needed for this journey about sharing God's immeasurable love.

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

Calendar for June 23–29, 2019

- Sunday, June 23** **8:00 a.m. Worship • Joshua Heikkila 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 • Shannon Kershner/Nanette Sawyer preaching . . Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School. Borwell Dining Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m. Joshua Heikkila Presentation Borwell Dining Room
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch *Meet at Reception Desk*
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Liudmila Hernández preaching . . Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Reception for Liudmila Hernández. Allison Library
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, June 24** 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. *Catholic Charities*
6:30 p.m. Liudmila Hernández Presentation Randolph Room
- Tuesday, June 25** 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 4F
- Wednesday, June 26** 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day (*also Thurs. and Fri.*) Gratz Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Thursday, June 27** 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
7:00 p.m. Men’s Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth. Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m. David Ansell Presentation (*see announcement*). Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, June 28** 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John Sherer, organ Sanctuary
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m. Taizé Buchanan Chapel
- Saturday, June 29** 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy Parish House Dining Room

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

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