

June 30–July 6, 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 **“Big Questions” sermon series**—in which we have considered questions submitted by the congregation earlier this year—concludes today with “Is Satan for real?” as our question at all four services.

\* Next Sunday, July 7 we’re taking our weekly **Jazz at Four**

Communion service outdoors to the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

◀ Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. next 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.

Our summer **Urban Youth Mission** ► program continues this week as we welcome youth from the First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing, Minnesota, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving. This Fourth Church UYM program offers youth the opportunity to explore diverse city neighborhoods while performing valuable hands-on service and reflecting on God, faith, and the Christian call to justice.



Today fresh produce from the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase during Coffee Hour; proceeds benefit the community outreach work of the Farm.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)



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** today. We will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Broadway, between Wilson and Sunnyside Streets and across from Target. \* 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.

Did you see the **behind-the-scenes organ tour** we highlighted in our email newsletter and on our website and Facebook last 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](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews)), bookmark our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest from Fourth Church!



Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to help cook or serve food for our ◀ **Sunday Night Suppers**. \* We also are in need of volunteers to repackage snack items for **Bag Lunches**. For details, see our sign-up page.

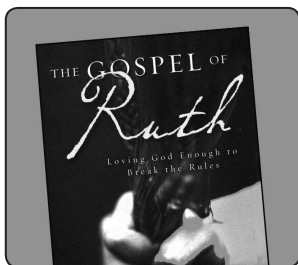
**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on July 14 and is a prerequisite for ▶ becoming a member—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those interested in attending this or a future session may register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



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

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The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include **Men's Bible study** on Tuesday, July 16 and ► **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, July 23. \* A **summer exercise program** for adults sixty and older begins on Monday, July 8 through our Center for Life and Learning (*registration required*).



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Among our learning opportunities in July is **Horizons Bible study** on Wednesday, July 10. This women's group will be studying the story of Ruth this summer, using the book ◀ *The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules* by Carolyn Custis James. \* On Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F, our Equitable Education Group is hosting a presentation by Ralph Matire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and Gaby Roman, Policy Director, on **fiscal and economic issues that impact Chicago public school funding**.

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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 August 5–9 for learning and games. ► Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. \* **Youth volunteers** are also needed for this journey about sharing God's immeasurable love. \* Children are also invited to join us for Summer Sunday School, which continues at 9:30 a.m. through July. \* They are also always welcome to worship with their parents; be sure to ask an usher for a children's bulletin!



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**Spiritual direction**—an ongoing conversation between a trained guide and a person seeking self-knowledge and an understanding of what the Spirit invites that person to do with their life—is available through our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Associate Pastor Vicky Curtiss is also among those who offer spiritual direction. To learn more, contact Vicky ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)).

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A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses is also offered by our Replogle Center. For details, call the Center at 312.787.8425. \* If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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**For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)**

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## Calendar for June 30–July 6, 2019

- Sunday, June 30 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Judith Watt 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 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  
12:00 p.m. Pride Parade. . . . . *(see announcement)*  
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
**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, July 1 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, July 2 . . . . . 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, July 3 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . 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, July 4 . . . . . *Church Campus Closed for Independence Day*
- Friday, July 5 . . . . . *Church Campus Closed*

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)  
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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