

September 1–7, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



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**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.

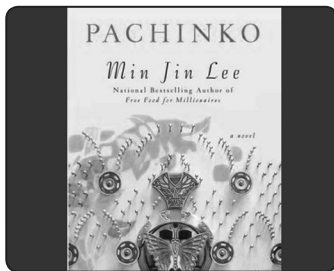
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Join us for outdoor worship this afternoon as we take our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service outside to the courtyard, where we will gather around the fountain for a time of prayer, scripture, and music while surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation. \* **Free Friday Noonday Concerts** continue this autumn, with performances moving indoors starting this Friday with a concert by Kate Carter and Louise Chan in Buchanan Chapel. The concert schedule can be found on the Fourth Church website.

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**“Get Connected”** through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! Next Sunday, September 8, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour, an opportunity to identify ways to connect through educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities. \* **Today’s Coffee Hour** is sponsored by Bill Bowen in memory of Sonja Bowen. To sponsor Coffee Hour, see the sign-up page.

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Various small groups offer additional ways to get connected at Fourth Church. These include ◀ **Books by Women**, which will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee on Tuesday, September 10, and a new **Men’s Faith Discussion Group**. This men’s group, which will begin on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 a.m. in the Randolph Room, will bring together seven to ten men for conversation about the ways in which scripture intersects with their lives. Since space is limited, preregistration (*see the sign-up page*) is required.

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**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)

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The September **Cornerstones** dinner this Friday, September 6 has reached capacity, but all are welcome to attend the program by John M. Buchanan that will follow in Buchanan Chapel. (Please arrive prior to 7:15 p.m.) John will be discussing themes that animate his writing.

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On “**Get Connected**” **Sunday**, our children and youth will also kick off their fall programming. Their choirs resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 8 in Room 4F, with **Cherub Choir** (age three through first-graders) at 9:00 a.m., **Youth Choir** (sixth-graders through twelfth-graders) at 10:00 a.m., and **Children’s Choir** (second-graders through fifth-graders) at 10:30 a.m. \* **Sunday School** ► starts up again that day, with classes at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. \* **Eighth-grade Confirmation** will begin at 11:00 a.m. (*the registration deadline is today; see the sign-up page for details*), and the **Junior High** (9:30 a.m.) and **Senior High** (11:00 a.m.) groups will also gather, with a joint time for weekly youth fellowship at 10:30 a.m.



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Our **Day School** weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See our sign-up page for more information. \* We are always **delighted to have children with us in worship**, but we particularly welcome their presence this week as Sunday School is taking a break until Sunday, September 8. Special children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to **Chancel Choir** ► rehearsals, which begin this Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. \* **The Handbell Choir** also welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals, which begin next Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. \* The **Choral Society’s** next concert, which will be on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., will feature music highlighting events of 1969. Interested in singing? Rehearsals will be held in Buchanan Chapel on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning on September 26. \* The **Music Mission Choir** will be returning to Cuba March 2–9, 2020. See the sign-up page if you would like to join us!



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If you would like to partner with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center in identifying employment opportunities for low-income persons, you are invited to attend the next meeting of the **Employment Network mission group** this Thursday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.

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Did you know that more than 4,000 people around the world receive **devotions** from Fourth Church in their inbox every morning? To receive them by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

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**If you submitted an online recommendation** ► for members to serve as church officers, we ask that you please take a moment to resubmit it by going to [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating). Because of some problems we had over the summer with the inbox for [nominations@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nominations@fourthchurch.org) (that have since been resolved), we want to make sure we received your submission! And if you have not yet had opportunity to submit your recommendations for individuals—including yourself!—to serve as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Chicago Lights Board, please do so, either online or by completing the card in the pew rack. The Nominating Committee appreciates your help!

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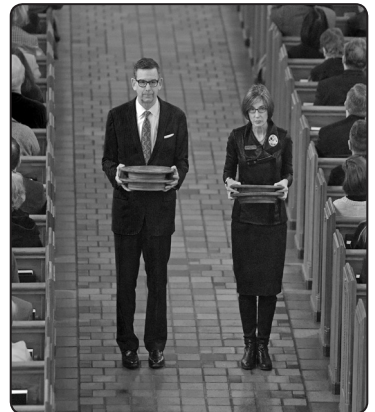
**“Foundation of Faith: A Year with the Bible”** is an engaging new weekly Bible study that will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Taught by our Associate Pastors and Parish Associate, it is designed for everyone with an interest in the Bible, whether you’re a biblical scholar or are unfamiliar with the text. Each class will also be self-contained, so you can attend as your schedule allows, and a reading list will be posted online if you want to read along.

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Two new adult education classes begin next Sunday, September 8: **“The Economics of Discipleship: From Scarcity to Sufficiency”** with Stuart Barnes Jamieson at 9:30 a.m. and **“Christian Meditation: Creating Space for Connection”** with Holly Hamilton at 11:00 a.m. Visit our website or pick up the new Academy for Faith and Life catalog from the literature racks to see all the adult ed classes on the calendar for this autumn. \* New weekday classes and opportunities for adults sixty and over begin the following day, on Monday, September 9. Be sure to check out all the upcoming **Center for Life and Learning** opportunities, which are also posted online and in the literature racks.

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We are in need of assistance this autumn. Might you be able to help? **Ushers** ► are needed to serve at the 11:00 a.m. service and the 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service. \* Meals Ministry will be offering **medical services** to guests starting on Sunday, September 8 and needs medical professionals to provide services and nonmedical volunteers to help coordinate the services offered. \* Fourth Church is hosting the **Chicago Presbytery Assembly** meeting on Tuesday, September 17, and volunteers are needed to help between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. \* Chicago Lights is also offering a one-session **tutor orientation** several times in September for those interested in tutoring. \* For more information on all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.



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

## Calendar for September 1–7, 2019

- Sunday, September 1 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Michigan Avenue Courtyard  
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery / Day School  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . . . . Courtyard**  
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, September 2 . . . . . *Church Campus Closed in Observance of Labor Day*
- Tuesday, September 3 . . . . . 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, September 4 . . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Thursday, September 5 . . . . . 12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Friday, September 6 . . . . . 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Kate Carter and Louise Chan . . Buchanan Chapel  
7:15 p.m. Cornerstones: John M. Buchanan . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
- Saturday, September 7 . . . . . 10:00 a.m. Discover Fourth Open House (until 1:00 p.m.) . . . . . Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.) . . 444 W. Chicago Ave.

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

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