

September 15–21, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Today we are receiving a ◀ **special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to respond to immediate and long-term needs of those in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at pda.pcusa.org; immediate assistance to vulnerable populations affected by the hurricane is also being provided by the Treasure Cay Community Foundation, which is receiving gifts online at www.bit.ly/tccfhurricanerelief

We officially welcome to Fourth Church this morning
▶ **Andrea Denney** and **Michael Mirza**. Michael and Andrea joined our staff in August, Michael as the Director of Worship and Andrea as Director of Operational Ministries.

In his role, Michael is devoted to maintaining, enhancing, and deepening the worship life of the congregation, and

Andrea is leading the teams that oversee our building, facilities, and security; IT; human resources; food services; and event planning. As you see Michael and Andrea on Sunday mornings and during the week,

please take an opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them to Fourth Church!



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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Among the ways to get connected at Fourth Church are various small groups, including a new **Men's Faith Discussion Group**, which begins this Friday, September 20 at 7:00 a.m., and 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. * **LGBTQIA+ brunch** will be next Sunday, September 22 at 12:15 p.m. * Also next Sunday, all are invited to PC(USA) mission co-worker Cesar Carhuachin's presentation on **"God's Mission in Colombia"** at 11:00 a.m. * Shannon Kershner will join **Women at Fourth's** kickoff for their new year on Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. * **Books by Women** will discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber on October 8. * **"Making Prisons More Humane"** is the October 4 topic for Cornerstones, a group for those over fifty. See the sign-up page to register and for more information.

Our Spiritual Formation Council invites you to take part in a weekend **contemplative retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey** in Benet Lake, Wisconsin, October 11–13. For details or to register, see the sign-up page. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 26.

Today we kick off a **yearlong Sunday morning Bible study** led by the pastoral staff. Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, we will discuss Genesis 1 this morning and Genesis 17 next week. Each class will be self-contained, so you can attend as your schedule allows, and a reading list is posted online if you want to read along.

Do you like to sing? The **Choral Society** welcomes singers to their rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning on September 26, to prepare music from 1969 for a November 15 concert. * Those interested in the **Music Mission Choir** trip to Cuba March 2–9, 2020 are invited to an information session on Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. to learn more. See the sign-up page for more information.

Interested in learning more about Fourth Church and perhaps becoming a member? Join us for a two-session Inquirers' Class on Sundays, October 6 and 13 from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. See the sign-up page to learn more and to register for the class. * You can also learn more about Fourth Church at **Coffee Hour**, which today is sponsored in memory of William Henry Schumann Jr. and Eunice Vere Schumann—who married on September 11, 1948—by their granddaughter, Stefanie Schumann.

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 stop by the table at Coffee Hour or leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

The Racial Equity Council would appreciate your taking the time to **complete a brief survey** online at www.bit.ly/fpcrcsurvey or during Coffee Hour today. The results of that survey will help the council develop recommendations for our moving toward becoming a fully multicultural, antiracist church. * Next Sunday, September 22 we will be **dedicating a painting** commissioned by our Racial Equity Council: *The Ascension* by Gerald Griffin. The dedication will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Gignilliat Commons, where the painting will be on permanent display.



Calling all creatures great and small! We're having our annual ◀ **Blessing of the Animals** service on Saturday morning, September 28 at 10:00 am outdoors in the Fourth Church courtyard (or in Buchanan Chapel if there's rain). All pets on leashes or in carriers are welcome. If you'd rather not bring your pet, you're invited to bring your pet's photo to be blessed instead. Come help us celebrate God's creatures!

We are in need of assistance this autumn. Might you be able to help? **Ushers** ▶ are needed to serve at the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and the 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four services. * Chicago Lights needs **100 new tutors** this fall. A one-session **tutor orientation** is offered several times in September for those interested. * Throughout September, Fourth Church Meals Ministry is holding a **snack drive** to collect individually packaged, single-serving snacks to put in the sacks distributed in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as part of our Bag Lunch program. Learn more at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour! * For more information about these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.



We are also in need of more recommendations for members to serve as church officers.

If you submitted a recommendation prior to September, we ask that you please take a moment to resubmit it by going to www.bit.ly/fpcnominating. Because of some problems we had with the inbox for 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. Stop by Coffee Hour to submit recommendations or to learn more.

The Nominating Committee appreciates your help!

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

Calendar for September 15–21, 2019

- Sunday, September 15 8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching Sanctuary**
8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
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 a.m. “Economics of Discipleship” Room 5E
9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” Room 5G
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School. Gratz Fourth Floor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship Allison Library
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m. “Christian Meditation”. Room 5E
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Room 4G
11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group Bumpus Room
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. New Member Brunch Page Smith Room
12:15 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch Meet in Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, September 16. 9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.) Day School Classrooms**
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation. Borwell Dining Room
- Tuesday, September 17 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
- Wednesday, September 18. 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. Buchanan Chapel**
9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
- Thursday, September 19 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary**
- Friday, September 20 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Andrew O’Brien, piano Buchanan Chapel**
- Saturday, September 21. 10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.) 444 W. Chicago Ave.**

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

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