

October 13–19, 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.

**“Called to Be a Church Alive,”** ► our 2020 Annual Appeal, is underway! Pledge cards are in the pew racks, and information has been mailed to members about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge by Sunday, November 3, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!



This Sunday we continue our sermon series ◀ **“Remembering the Past, Inspiring Our Future,”** as we explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God's redemptive work. \* Those who would like to receive the previous Sunday's 9:30/11:00 **sermon text in their inbox** each week can do so by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons) \* **The next candlelit Taizé service** will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 25.

This week's **Friday Noonday concert** features the talents of organist Patrick Scott. \* The Morning Choir will perform **Requiem** by Herbert Howells on Sunday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**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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This Friday, October 18, is the deadline to submit names to the Officer Nominating Committee for ► **individuals to serve in leadership roles** as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Officer Nominating Committee or Chicago Lights Board beginning in 2020. Please take a moment this week to make your recommendations, either in Coffee Hour, by using a card in the pew rack, or online: [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating)



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Today's **"A Year with the Bible"** class at 9:30 a.m. will focus on Deuteronomy 6. Each class is self-contained, so join us whenever your schedule allows! \* **Tom Dozeman and John Buchanan** are teaching a four-week 9:30 a.m. class on "Job, Suffering, and the Limits of Pastoral Care" that continues today in Borwell Dining Room. \* "The Cosmic Significance of Christ in Our Everyday Lives: **Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ***," taught by former associate pastor Carol J. Allen, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

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**Are you interested in traveling with Fourth Church? ►**

You can pick up information about our 2020 trips to **Cuba** (in March), **Guatemala** (in July), and **Colombia** (in August) from the literature racks; details are also available on our website.



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During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the **purple bows** on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness to this issue and all those affected by it.

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Families are invited to our annual ► **Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night** this Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room! We'll be celebrating autumn with a fall-themed menu and plenty of crafts and pumpkin painting. \* **Storytime for children ages three and under**—accompanied by their caregivers—takes place on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. with our Day School staff, who read stories for an hour in Room 4A. See the sign-up page noted on the bottom of page 3 for more information about this activity.



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You are invited to a **listening session** about the racial equity work the church is undertaking. Please email [racialequity@fourthchurch.org](mailto:racialequity@fourthchurch.org) if you would like to attend.

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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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**Are you interested in exploring membership ► at Fourth Church?** Today we begin a two-week Inquirers' Class during which we will explore faith stories and backgrounds as well as learn more about Fourth Church and how to connect with the community in ways that match your interests and gifts. The class will meet from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Page Smith Room this Sunday and next and will include a light lunch.



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**Are you looking for ways to get connected** with the Fourth Church community? \* **A Men's Faith Discussion Group** will meet on Friday mornings beginning on October 18. (See the sign-up page for the required preregistration.) \* **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. \* **Women at Fourth's monthly gathering** on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. will feature speakers from the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being who will speak on the topic of transitions. \* **LGBTQIA Brunch** will be on Sunday, October 27 at 12:15 p.m. \* **Cornerstones**—a group for those fifty and over—will gather on Friday evening, November 1 for dinner and a panel discussion presented by our senior high youth talking about **"What's on My Mind."** Registrations are due by Tuesday, October 29; see the sign-up page listed below for details.

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We have **two urgent needs** for additional volunteers: **tutors ►** to match with 60 students who are eager to take part in Chicago Lights Tutoring here at the church and volunteers to assist with **Sunday Night Supper.** \* Additionally, **ushers** are needed to serve at the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and the 4:00 p.m. services. \* We are also in need of volunteers to serve at the **Book Nook** during Coffee Hour following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. \* For more information about these opportunities, please see the sign-up page noted below.



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A new Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being **Grief Group** is beginning in November. \* You're not alone **when diagnosed with breast cancer or navigating treatments** and the aftermath. Going Fourth is a group of women who have had the same experience and are willing to offer support. See the sign-up page noted below for more information about both groups.

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Join us for a unique opportunity to hear three notable religious leaders—**Cardinal Blase Cupich, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, and Eboo Patel**—engage in a dialogue, sharing their own interfaith stories and exploring how each person's religious tradition motivates them to love God and work toward community during a Michigan Avenue Forum **"How Love for God Asks Us to Embrace Rather than Exclude Each Other"** on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

## Calendar for October 13–19, 2019

<b>Sunday, October 13.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5G
	9:30 a.m. “Job, Suffering, and Pastoral Care”	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School.	Room 4D
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “The Universal Christ”	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room
	12:15 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch.	Meet in Coffee Hour
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, October 14</b>	9:00 a.m. Day School ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> )	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> )	Gratz Fifth Floor
<b>Tuesday, October 15</b>	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study.	See the sign-up page
	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> )	Anderson Hall
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime	Room 4A
	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
<b>Thursday, October 17.</b>	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday, October 18</b>	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Patrick Scott, organ	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m. Pumpkin-Decorating Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
<b>Saturday, October 19</b>	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open ( <i>until 3:00 p.m.</i> )	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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