

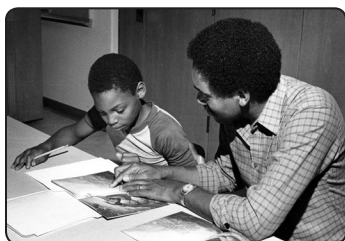
October 20–26, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



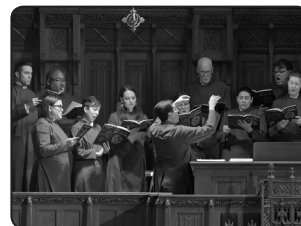
We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * We invite you 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.



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

This Friday’s **candlelit Taizé service**—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to **walk a labyrinth** in Anderson Hall between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

A special 6:30 p.m. **service of remembrance** will be held on November 3, which is All Saints’ Sunday, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. During that communion service of remembrance **Herbert Howells’ Requiem** will be sung by the Morning Choir. ► At all of our services that day we will also read the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2019.



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. To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

“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 during worship what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!

Two sessions remain in the “Job, Suffering, and the Limits of Pastoral Care” class taught by **Tom Dozeman** in Borwell Dining Room at 9:30 a.m. * “The Cosmic Significance of Christ in Our Everyday Lives: **Richard Rohr’s *The Universal Christ*,**” taught by former associate pastor Carol J. Allen, continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

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. * **Women at Fourth** will remove ► the bows this Friday morning. * **Women at Fourth’s monthly gathering** this 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 and the impact changes have on life.



You are invited to a **listening session** about the racial equity work the church is undertaking. Please email racialequity@fourthchurch.org if you would like to attend. * To learn how to advocate for the funding of the **Mayor’s Office of Gun Violence Prevention, stop by** the Mission table in Coffee Hour, where there are also copies of a proposed ordinance.

We hope you will join us for two **interfaith opportunities**: Fourth Church and Congregation Sinai will host an evening to hear firsthand about the work of ► **Roots**, a nonprofit initiative that builds Jewish-Palestinian relationships as a necessary prerequisite for a future peace settlement, on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. * **Cardinal Blase Cupich, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, and Eboo Patel** will 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.



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.

Are you looking for ways to get connected with the Fourth Church community? * **Knitting and Crocheting** ► meets this Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. * **Horizons Bible study** will now meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, beginning on Wednesday, October 23 at noon. * **LGBTQIA Brunch** will be next 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.



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**. * We are also in need of **Presbytery Assembly meeting volunteers** on Saturday, November 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. * For more information about these opportunities, please see the sign-up page noted below.

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.

Monthly Generosity Report

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry this year. Thank you! The summary of those contributions to Fourth Church as of September 30, 2019, is as follows:

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of September 30, 2019				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2019 Budget
General contributions	\$646,247	\$798,546	(\$152,299)	\$1,346,343
Pledged contribution	\$2,111,848	\$2,136,339	(\$24,491)	\$3,110,225
Loose-plate offering	\$78,908	\$88,355	(\$9,448)	\$144,000
Restricted contributions	\$398,540	\$306,075	\$92,756	\$515,700
Total contributions	\$3,235,542	\$3,329,315	(\$93,773)	\$5,116,268

For details about events and opportunities, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for October 20–26, 2019

- Sunday, October 20.** **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. “A Year with the Bible” Room 5G
 9:30 a.m. “Job, Suffering, and Pastoral Care” Borwell Dining Room
 9:30 a.m. Junior High Fellowship Bumpus Room
 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. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
 10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship Allison Library
 11:00 a.m. Confirmation and Senior High Bumpus Room
 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
 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, October 21** 9:00 a.m. Day School (*also Tues.–Fri.*) Day School Classrooms
 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper *Catholic Charities*
 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (*also Tues.–Thurs.*) Gratz Fifth Floor
- Tuesday, October 22** 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
 4:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 4G
- Wednesday, October 23** 9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime Room 4A
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. **Buchanan Chapel**
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
 12:00 p.m. *Horizons* Women’s Bible study Room 5H
- Thursday, October 24.** 5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth Bumpus Room
 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, October 25** 10:00 a.m. Purple Bows Removal Garth
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, organ. Sanctuary
 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Anderson Hall
 7:30 p.m. Taizé **Buchanan Chapel**
- Saturday, October 26** 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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