

October 27–November 2, 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



Today we are commissioning ◀ **Lois Snavelly**, whom we are delighted to have with us as a seminary intern during this program year. Lois is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at McCormick Theological Seminary, and her internship at Fourth Church provides opportunity for her to work in a congregational setting while being mentored in skills and disciplines of congregational ministry. We look forward to partnering in that ministry with Lois in the months ahead!

Next Sunday, November 3 is **All Saints' Sunday**, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2019 will be read during morning worship. That evening, **Herbert Howells' Requiem** ▶ will be sung by the Morning Choir during a Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m.



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

Next Sunday, November 3 is also **Commitment Sunday!** If you have not yet submitted your pledge to the 2020 Annual Appeal ► for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, please do so by next Sunday, when we will recommit ourselves to actively participating in God's re-creating and reconciling work in this world. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3: be sure to set your clocks back an hour!

We invite you to share in a time of **fellowship during Coffee Hour**, which today is sponsored by Larry Nicholson in memory of Dana Ferguson, who joined the Fourth Church staff as Associate Pastor for Mission in 1998 and served as Executive Associate Pastor from 2005 until her death on October 27, 2008. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (see the sign-up page noted on page 3 for details). * **Our monthly LGBTQIA Brunch** is today at 12:15 p.m. Meet in Coffee Hour to then walk to a neighborhood restaurant together for an additional time of fellowship.

With our sermon series helping us to examine today how our faith is illumined and informed by a healthy, robust life of the mind, we invite you to explore the learning opportunities available to you here at Fourth Church in the weeks ahead. **“Philippians: Addressing A Divided Church in a Hostile Culture,”** a class led by Walter Hansen, starts next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. The Michigan Avenue Forum ► **“How Love for God Asks Us to Embrace Rather than Exclude Each Other”** takes place on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Cardinal Blase Cupich, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, and Eboo Patel** will speak at this interfaith dialogue.



ROOTS OF
PEACE



In another important interfaith event, Fourth Church and Congregation Sinai invite you to come hear firsthand about the work of ◀ **Roots**, a nonprofit initiative that builds Jewish-Palestinian relationships as a necessary prerequisite for a future peace settlement. They will be with us this Monday, October 28 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.

Several members of Fourth Church are spending this week on a journey cohosted by our Racial Equity Council and CROAR (Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism). Please keep them in your prayers as they travel through Alabama and Mississippi on this **civil rights movement insight trip**.



Are you looking for ways to get connected with the Fourth Church community? * ◀ **Cornerstones**—a group for those fifty and over—will gather this 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 this Tuesday, October 29; see the sign-up page listed below for details. * **Benevolent Guild** meets on Wednesdays to craft items for hospitalized children.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, we have plenty! In addition to volunteers to assist with **Sunday Night Supper**, we also need assistance with both the Elam Davies Social Services Center **food pantry** (on Tuesdays) ▶ and the **share shop**. * We are also in need of **Presbytery Assembly meeting volunteers** on Saturday, November 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. * Beginning next Sunday, November 3, we will be implementing a permanent **churchwide composting program**. Volunteers are needed to help with this during Coffee Hours and Sunday Night Supper. * For more information about all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Run the Bank of America ◀ **Chicago Marathon** with Team Chicago Lights in 2020 and support our community outreach along the way. See the sign-up page for details. * You can also support Chicago Lights by volunteering as a **tutor** to match with students who are eager to take part in Chicago Lights Tutoring here at the church.

The holiday season is right around the corner, and for many that means times of stress and anxiety or reminders of grief. The Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being is here to help. In the coming weeks they will be offering two workshops, **Keeping Calm during the Holidays** on November 2 and **PhotoYoga** on November 12 for those who wish to strengthen their self-care and mindfulness skills; a **Grief Group** begins on November 4. Please see the sign-up page for more information.

For details about events, see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for October 27–November 2, 2019

- Sunday, October 27.** *Reformation Sunday*
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship • Rocky Supinger 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 • Lucy Forster-Smith 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. Racial Equity Council Listening Session. Page Smith Room
 - 11:00 a.m. “The Universal Christ” Room 5E
 - 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
 - 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
 - 12:00 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch Meet in Coffee Hour
 - 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.** Buchanan Chapel
 - 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, October 28** 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
 - 7:00 p.m. Roots of Peace Sanctuary
- Tuesday, October 29** 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, October 30** 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
- Thursday, October 31.** 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, November 1.** *All Saints’ Day*
- 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Kontras String Quartet #1 Buchanan Chapel
 - 5:30 p.m. Cornerstones Borwell Dining Hall
- Saturday, November 2** 10:00 a.m. Keeping Calm during the Holidays Anderson Hall
- 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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