

November 10–16, 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.

November is a month of music at Fourth Church! This Friday our Choral Society ► will commemorate the **events and music of 1969** in a 7:30 p.m. concert in Buchanan Chapel. (*A freewill donation will be received at the door.*) * The Civic Orchestra of Chicago also returns to the Sanctuary on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. for their annual **Bach Marathon Finale**, performing J.S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*. * That Friday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. the **Andrew Pipe Organ Fourth Anniversary Concert** will be presented by organist Nathan Laube. * For more concerts in November, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



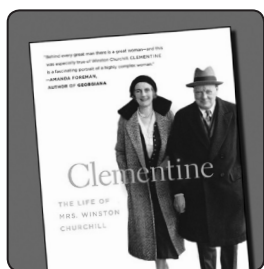
We also invite you to join us in making music! Come ◀ **carol with us on the steps** of the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival. * If you would like to join us on a **music mission trip to Cuba** in March, please be sure to submit your application by this Friday, November 15. (Application information is on our Sign-Up Page—see page 3—where you can also find details about participating in upcoming mission **trips to Guatemala and Colombia.**)

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

In this season of gratitude, we are hosting several opportunities for gathering to give thanks. Our annual **Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service** will be held Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth Church and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and LaSalle Street Church. * On **Thanksgiving Day**, November 28, our congregation will come together to give thanks in worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. * A traditional **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held in Anderson Hall following the service that day. Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019

With Thanksgiving less than three weeks away and Advent beginning on December 1, lots of seasonal opportunities will begin to appear on the Fourth Church calendar, from the always-popular **Chanticleer** and **Tower Brass** concerts to our **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music**. Let www.facebook.com/fourthchurch keep you **updated on all the holiday resources and details!** * Looking for **glimpses of Fourth Church fun and festivities** in the days ahead? Be sure to check out www.instagram.com/fourthchurch too!

One way that we express our gratitude for God's creation is through our commitment to lovingly care for the world with which we've been entrusted. As part of that, we are implementing a permanent **churchwide composting program**. Volunteers are needed to help with this during Coffee Hours and Sunday Night Supper. * Another expression of our commitment to care for God's creation and all of God's children is our annual ► **Holiday Fair Trade Bazaar**, which this year will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 7–8. Mark your calendar and plan to come shop for a difference!



The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. * **TwentiesThirties Brunch** is today; meet at 12:15 p.m. in Coffee Hour to walk to a nearby restaurant. * **Books by Women** will meet this Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ◀ *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. * **Horizons Bible Study** for women will meet this Wednesday, November 13. * **Women at Fourth** will learn about chair yoga at their monthly gathering on Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m.

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](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

An upcoming workshop and class offer opportunities to pause for reflection and spiritual discernment. This includes **PhotoYoga** through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. for those who wish to strengthen their mindfulness skills. Please see the Sign-Up Page below for details and to register. * **“Spiritual Discernment: Listening to the Spirit,”** a new Academy for Faith and Life class led by Vicky Curtiss, begins next Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. * A **TwentiesThirties retreat** takes place this Friday to Sunday, November 15 to 17 in Michigan City. Details and registration are on our Sign-Up Page.

Sunday School children will join us in worship today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when children will leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms. * **Family Night with animals** ► will be held on Friday, November 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room in partnership with Animals for Awareness. There will be games, crafts, dinner, and an animal show! * The Fourth Church Day School is currently accepting applications to our **January Twos Program**, a gentle separation program for children who will be two years old on or before January 1, 2020. For more information or to apply, please see our online Sign-Up Page.



During the season of Advent, our deacons regularly **visit our members who are homebound** and who can no longer attend worship. If you know of someone who would welcome a short visit and person-to-person connection with their church, please contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

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 Service Center ► **food pantry** (on Tuesdays) and the **share shop**. * We are also in need of **Book Nook volunteers**. * For more information about 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.

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

Calendar for November 10–16, 2019

- Sunday, November 10 8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith 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
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Inquirers’ Class Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” Room 5G
9:30 a.m. Junior High Fellowship Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m. “Philippians” Room 5E
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 Room 4G
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
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, November 11 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, November 12 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
6:00 p.m. Books by Women Bumpus Room
6:30 p.m. PhotoYoga Boyle Conference Room
7:30 p.m. Chicago Ensemble Concert Buchanan Chapel
- Wednesday, November 13 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 Bible Study. Room 5H
- Thursday, November 14**
7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group. Randolph Room
7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, November 15 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Roosevelt University Choirs. Buchanan Chapel**
7:30 p.m. Choral Society Concert in Honor of 1969 Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m. TwentiesThirties Retreat. Michigan City
- Saturday, November 16. 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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