

January 26–February 1, 2020

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 morning at 11:00 a.m. we conclude our **“Beloved Community: Shaping Our Lives Together”** class.

◀ In it we are looking at biblical and theological foundations for working toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice and identifying what Fourth Church can do on the path toward justice and racial equity. * Next month a variety of guest lecturers will guide us in learning more about **“Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions”** in a Sunday morning series on February 2–23 at 11:00 a.m. *

Also in honor of Black History Month, Robert Crouch

will present a **Cornerstones** program on the Racial Equity Council-sponsored **civil rights movement tour** this past fall. All those fifty and over are invited to this Friday, February 7 dinner and program. To register (*required by February 4*), see the Sign-Up Page noted at the bottom of this page.

Several options for Bible study are available this week: The weekly **“Foundations of Faith” Bible study** ▶ led by pastoral staff continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Matt Helms discussing John 1. Next Sunday Rabbi Todd Zinn and Nanette Sawyer will give an overview of the Old Testament. (Past sessions of the study can be viewed at www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations)



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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The **weekly livestream** of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and the Fourth Church website, where it can also be viewed throughout the week. * If you give to Fourth Church electronically—whether via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or our website—we encourage you to place in the offering plate an **“I give” card** from the pew racks.

LGBTQIA Brunch is today. Meet at 12:15 p.m. at the Reception Desk. * To **sponsor Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **Books by Women** will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Help score a victory in the ► **Souper Bowl of Caring!** Next Sunday, please bring cans of soup or nonperishable food items to contribute to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to alleviate hunger through local food programs. Our youth will be in Coffee Hour on February 2 to collect the canned goods and monetary contributions, all of which will support Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Food Pantry.



This Friday, January 31 is the registration deadline for the **youth summer trips** to Detroit and Ferncliff, Arkansas. For details or to sign up, see the Sign-Up Page noted on the bottom of page 3.

Fourth Church offers many ways to **connect through service**, including the **Benevolent Guild** on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and **Knitting and Crocheting** ► this Tuesday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. * Are you looking for **volunteer opportunities in 2020**? Check out our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**, for ideas! You can sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church by going to www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers. (Simply click "join" on the right side of the VOMO page and fill out the requested details.) For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * **Grocery shoppers** are needed to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. Shoppers are scheduled on a once-a-month cycle. Email access and a car are essential to fulfilling this volunteer role.



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.

Fourth Church's new mission group, **Employment Network**, is working in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase job opportunities for those in the Auburn-Gresham and Englewood neighborhoods and could use your help: if you become aware of **entry-level job openings** where you work or live, please email employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org so we can share that information through the Resource Center. * Those interested in criminal justice reform or worshiping and talking with detainees in the Cook County Jail are asked to email jailministry@fourthchurch.org by Friday, January 31. Participation in our **2020 jail ministry** requires attendance at a one-hour training by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in early February.

Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? Do you feel called to be present with and pray for individuals experiencing challenging times? If so, we encourage you to consider **becoming a Stephen Minister**. Our next fifty-hour Stephen Ministry training class begins in March and will be offered on Saturdays. Details and links to the application are on the Sign-Up Page noted below.

"Strengthening Communication through the Enneagram" offers opportunity to learn about ourselves, how we experience the world differently than others, and our particular communication styles. To learn more or to register for this Saturday, February 8 workshop hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Tickets for the ◀ **Gala of Hope**, which will be Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2020 and during Coffee Hour. All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. * Chicago Lights is also in need of **tutors** to mentor children and youth one evening a week at the church. See www.bit.ly/cltutor2020 for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.

The **150th Annual Meeting of the Congregation** ▶ will be held Sunday, February 9 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will include the election of officers. * You can **honor our past by investing in our future** through remembering Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in your will. For information about how to do that, contact Stuart Barnes Jamieson (sjamieson@fourthchurch.org).



**To sign up for opportunities described in this newsletter,
please see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up**

Calendar for January 26–February 1, 2020

Sunday, January 26.	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
	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 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Nanette Sawyer preaching.	Sanctuary
	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”	Room 5G
	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	10:30 to 11:00 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship.	Allison Hall
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. “Beloved Community”	Room 5G
	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Confirmation	Room 4G
	11:00 to 12:00 p.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. LGBTQIA Brunch	Meet at Reception Desk
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching.	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 27.	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
Tuesday, January 28.	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
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F
Wednesday, January 29	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.	Stone Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, January 30.	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 31.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, organ	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m. St. Olaf Choir.	Sanctuary

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

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