

February 2–8, 2020

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



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**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.

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During February we will be **honoring Black History Month** in a variety of ways, including this Friday when Robert Crouch will present a **Cornerstone’s program** on the Racial Equity Council-sponsored **civil rights movement trip**. Tuesday, February 4 is the last day to register for this dinner-program gathering for those fifty and over. (For details, see the Sign-Up page noted below.) \* A new adult education class begins this morning at 11:00 a.m.: **“Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions.”**

This morning’s session will be “The Black Presence in the Bible,” presented by Dr. Steed Davidson. \*

Also this Sunday, the Adult Education Committee invites those who would like to **talk about their classes** to join them on the fifth floor for coffee and treats at 10:30 a.m. on this first Sunday of the month.

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The weekly **“Foundations of Faith” Bible study** led by pastoral staff continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi Todd Zinn of Chicago Sinai Congregation and Nanette Sawyer giving an overview of the Old Testament. Next Sunday Jeff Doane presents Luke 2. (See [www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations](http://www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations) for past sessions of the study). \* **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on

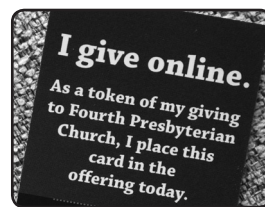
Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 a.m. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for more information. \* **Horizons Bible Study** ▲ for women will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H. \* **“Entering the Passion of Jesus”** is the theme of this year’s Lenten series, The Path of Discipleship, which will take place on Tuesday evenings, March 3 to April 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with supper. For more information and to register by February 24, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below.

**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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The **weekly livestream** of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://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.



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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](mailto: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.

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Today is Souper Bowl Sunday! Help score a victory in the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a national effort to alleviate hunger through local food programs. Our youth will be in Coffee Hour today to collect 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.



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Next Sunday, February 9 we gather for the **150th Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Fourth Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will include the election of officers. The slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee is posted at [www.fourthchurch.org/about/boards.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/about/boards.html) \* 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](mailto:sjamieson@fourthchurch.org)).

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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 on page 3.

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**“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 on page 3.

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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 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](http://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](mailto: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. \* **Greeters** are needed to serve during the 4:00 jazz worship service.

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Our **Employment Network mission group** is looking for information about day jobs, such as painting and auto repair, to pass along to one of the refugee families we support. The group also continues to compile lists of **entry-level job openings** to share with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase employment opportunities for those in the Auburn-Gresham and Englewood neighborhoods. Please email information about such opportunities or openings to [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org) \* Our Global Mission and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a **peacemaking insight trip to Colombia** this August 1–8. Details and an online application form (due May 1) can be found here: [www.bit.ly/FPCColombia2020](http://www.bit.ly/FPCColombia2020)

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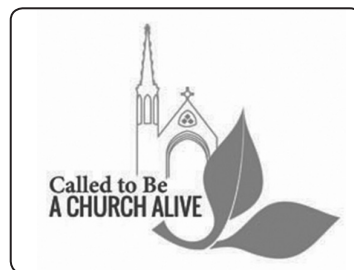
Tickets for the ◀ **Gala of Hope**, which will be Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, are available online at [bidpal.net/clgala2020](http://bidpal.net/clgala2020) and during Coffee Hour. All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the Replogle 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](http://www.bit.ly/cltutor2020) for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.

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**Year-end giving statements for 2019** are available upon request.

Contact Ron Porras ([rporras@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rporras@fourthchurch.org); 312.252.3598) to receive a copy of your statement by mail or email. \*

**If you have not yet fulfilled your 2019 pledge** to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! ▶ And if you have not yet **made a 2020 pledge**, please take a moment to submit it, either by using the card in the pew racks or by filling out the online form at [www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal](http://www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal)



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

## Calendar for February 2–8, 2020

Sunday, February 2 . . . . .	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms preaching . . . . . Sanctuary</b> 8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 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 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth in Worship . . . . . Sanctuary <b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching. . . . . Sanctuary</b> 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” . . . . . Room 5G 9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents . . . . . The Loft 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel 11:00 a.m. “Black History and Our Faith Traditions” . . . . . Room 5G 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary <b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Lois Snavelly preaching . . . . . Buchanan Chapel</b> 5:00 p.m. Jazz at Four Chat . . . . . Allison Library 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
Monday, February 3 . . . . .	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, February 4 . . . . .	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
Wednesday, February 5 . . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. . . . . Buchanan Chapel</b> 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B
Thursday, February 6 . . . . .	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group . . . . . Randolph Room 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary
Friday, February 7. . . . .	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Voice and Piano . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 6:00 p.m. Cornerstones . . . . . Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, February 8 . . . . .	9:00 a.m. Enneagram and Communication . . . . . Boyle Conference Room

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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