

February 23–29, 2020

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



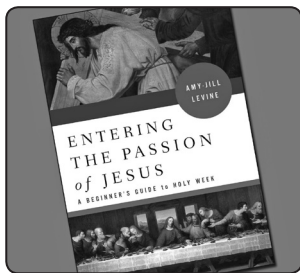
We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * **We invite you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

The Junior High, Confirmation, and Senior High **youth are leading today’s services** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The **Alma College Choir** is singing at those services as well. * **Dr. Stephen Ray Jr.**, President of both Chicago Theological Seminary and the Society for the Study of Black Religion, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 8 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

“Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions” concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

This morning’s session will be “Roles of LGBTQIA People in the Civil Rights Movement: Lifting up Voices Not Recognized by History,” presented by Derrick Dawson and Nanette Sawyer.

- * The weekly **“Foundations of Faith” Bible study** led by clergy continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Andrea Denney leading discussion of Mark 7. * Lucy Forster-Smith will lead a new Academy for Faith and Life three-week class covering Barbara Brown Taylor’s **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** beginning today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

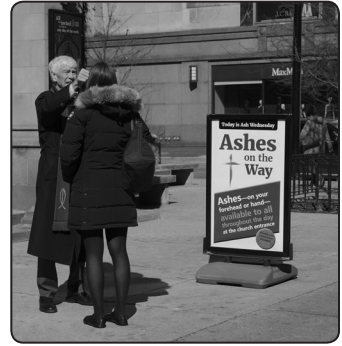


As we begin Lent this Wednesday, February 26, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for reflection during the season. To receive those meditations on hymn texts via email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * ◀ **“Entering the Passion of Jesus”** is the theme of this year’s Lenten series, the Path of Discipleship, which will be led by pastoral staff and includes supper on Tuesday evenings, March 3 to April 7. For details and to register (*by tomorrow, Monday, February 24*), see the online 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 with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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Ash Wednesday services will be held this Wednesday at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. As part of **“Ashes on the Way,”** ▶ pastors and church members will also be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection. * Next Sunday, March 1, we will begin a **Lenten sermon series on “Questions Jesus Asked.”** The first question—the “Question of Longing”—will be “Who are you looking for?” (John 18:1–11).



LGBTQIA Brunch is today at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well. * 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). * Lucy Forster-Smith will join **Women at Fourth** this Thursday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bump Room to discuss the importance of community and connection in our lives.

A variety of **well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a ▶ **SoulCollage and Poetry** workshop on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. This workshop invites participants to a greater self-understanding and self-care. * Additionally, a **“Living Your Best Life”** support group for young women will be held on Monday evenings, beginning March 16. This group will feature an emphasis on strengths, resilience, community and connection, personal values, communication, and assertiveness. See the Sign-Up Page noted at the bottom of page 3 for more information or to register. * A **Chronic Illness Support Group** will begin in late March; to learn more or to express interest, please call Bill Singerman at 312.787.8425, ext. 2210.



The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. * **Fourth Church organist John Sherer** will present this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 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.

The **Gala of Hope** ► is in just under two weeks on Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua! Tickets for the Gala of Hope 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. Details and a calendar of one-session orientations are posted on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



Invested adults are needed to serve as **youth trip leaders** to travel with our youth to either Detroit, ◀ Ferncliff, or Montreat for a week this summer. Please fill out an interest form at www.bit.ly/2020tripleader * You can learn about and sign up for additional **volunteer opportunities** through our volunteer management software, **VOMO**, at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers. Opportunities include serving as **greeters** during the 4:00 jazz worship service and as **grocery shoppers** to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@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 on the Sign-Up Page noted below. * 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. Please email information about such opportunities or openings to employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org



You are invited to bring the young children in your life to the annual ◀ **“Leap into Learning” Fourth Church Day School benefit** this Saturday, February 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., featuring a balloon artist, a bounce house, a photo booth, live music, and more. All those with young children are welcome to attend; there is no charge.

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

Calendar for February 23–29, 2020

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| <p>Sunday, February 23</p> <p><i>Transfiguration of Christ</i></p> | <p>8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. Sanctuary</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsal Room 4F</p> <p>9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons</p> <p>9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School</p> <p>9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Gratz Fourth Floor</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Youth-led Worship Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” Room 5G</p> <p>10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship. Allison Library</p> <p>9:30 a.m. “Holy Envy” Room 5E</p> <p>10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel</p> <p>11:00 a.m. “Black History and Our Faith Traditions” Room 5G</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Organ Tour. Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch Meet at Reception</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall</p> |
| <p>Monday, February 24.</p> | <p>9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) Day School Classrooms</p> <p>10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) . . Gratz Fifth Floor</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) Gratz Fifth Floor</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, February 25.</p> | <p>7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) Anderson Hall</p> <p>4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 4F</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chicago Ensemble Buchanan Chapel</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, February 26</p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> | <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 p.m. <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study. Room 5H</p> <p>12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Sanctuary</p> |
| <p>Thursday, February 27</p> | <p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group Randolph Room</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth Bumpus Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p> |
| <p>Friday, February 28.</p> | <p>12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, organ Sanctuary</p> |
| <p>Saturday, February 29</p> | <p>9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Day School Benefit Day School</p> |

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

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