

March 8–14, 2020

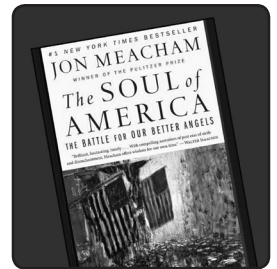
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# 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 weekly **“Foundation of Faith” Bible study** led by clergy continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Rocky Supinger leading discussion of Luke 19. ✨ Discussion of **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others**, led by Lucy Forster-Smith, concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. ✨ **“From St. Paul to C. S. Lewis: Revisiting Repentance through the Lens of Conversion”** continues today at 11:00 a.m. with Casie Dodd. ✨ Beginning next Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. Jeff Doane will lead us in conversation about Jon Meacham’s book ***The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels***. ▶



Throughout Lent our sermons are exploring the theme **“Questions Jesus Asked.”** Today we encounter the “Question about Compassion”—“Do you see this woman?”—in Luke 7:36–50. Next Sunday, March 15 we will encounter the “Question about Identity”—“What is your name?”—in Luke 8:26–39. ✨ Today we welcome **Dr. Stephen Ray Jr.**—President of both Chicago Theological Seminary and the Society for the Study of Black Religion—as our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday School children 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 leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms. ✨ **“A Very Magical Family Night,”** showcasing the magician Great Scott, ▶ will take place this Friday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.



**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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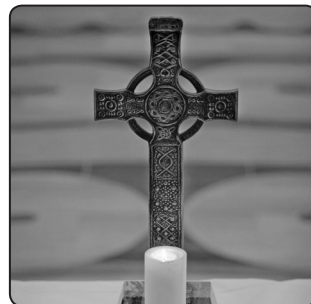
The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished and storied 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., performing for presidents, participating in the Olympics closing ceremonies, and singing at the Super Bowl, will present a concert tomorrow, Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door.

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► A **candlelit Lenten Taizé service**—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. that evening there will also be opportunity to **walk a labyrinth** in Anderson Hall.

*(The next Taizé service will be held on Friday evening, June 26.)* \*

Our **daily Lenten devotions** invite us into a time of reflection, this year on hymns of our faith. 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)



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We have opportunity to learn about the faith of our neighbors through an **Interfaith Seder** that will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 17, but space is limited and fills quickly. Register for tickets (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/interfaithseder20](http://www.bit.ly/interfaithseder20) or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

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To **sponsor Coffee Hour** in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* You can also **remember loved ones at Easter** by contributing to the purchase of **Easter flowers** for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 29 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgifts](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts), by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576). \* Mark your calendars: Families and individuals are invited to **Easter brunch** ► on Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets are available online at [www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch20](http://www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch20)



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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A variety of **well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **“Living Your Best Life”** support group for young women, which 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 below for more information. \* 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.

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Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—is 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. \* You can learn about and sign up for additional **volunteer opportunities** through our volunteer management software, **VOMO** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://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](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



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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** 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](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org)

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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](http://www.bit.ly/2020tripleader)

\* Youth Ministry is also looking for **Youth Ministry Leaders** to join our team for the 2020–2021 school year program. Youth Ministry Leaders help teach youth groups ► and lead special events like retreats and lock-ins. If you enjoy spending time with teenagers and are looking for a meaningful way to share your faith, please apply by April 1 by visiting the Sign-Up Page noted below.



**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 March 8–14, 2020

- Sunday, March 8 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms 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. Inquirers’ Class . . . . . Page Smith Room  
     9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” . . . . . Room 5E  
     9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room  
     9:30 a.m. “Holy Envy” . . . . . Room 5E  
     9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Stephen Ray Jr. 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. “St. Paul to C. S. Lewis” . . . . . Room 5G  
     11:00 a.m. Confirmation . . . . . Room 4G  
     11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room  
     12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary  
     12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
     5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, March 9**  
     9:00 a.m. Day School (*also Tues.–Fri.*) . . . . . Day School Classrooms  
     10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (*also Tues.–Thurs.*) . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
     4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities  
     5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (*also Tues.–Thurs.*) . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
     7:30 p.m. Concert: Morehouse College Glee Club . . . . . Sanctuary
- Tuesday, March 10 . . . . . 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. . . . . Page Smith Room
- Wednesday, March 11 . . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
     9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B  
     12:00 p.m. *Horizons* Bible Study for Women. . . . . Room 5H
- Thursday, March 12. . . . . 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group . . . . . Randolph Room**  
     6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary
- Friday, March 13 . . . . . 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Steven Betancourt, organ . . . . . Sanctuary**  
     5:30 p.m. Magical Family Night . . . . . Borwell Dining Room

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

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