



This morning we are grateful to have our junior high and Confirmation students in worship leadership roles for our **youth-led worship service**. * For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. * In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at **www.bit.ly/FPCworship** (*where the service is available throughout the week*), we also make the service available via **Facebook Live** (**www.facebook.com/fourthchurch**) and **YouTube** (**www.bit.ly/fpcvideos**) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to join the service by **listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (*toll-free*) at the time of the service (*the prelude typically begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we also make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (**www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast**); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (**www.bit.ly/fpcsermons**).

On Thanksgiving, this Thursday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. we will stream a **Thanksgiving Day worship service** at **www.bit.ly/FPCworship** as well as via Facebook Live and YouTube. Those without Internet access are invited to join that service by listening to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (*toll-free*) at the time of the service

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following worship today, please join us online following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!** Our **youth will be hosting this time of informal conversation** online at **www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship** (Zoom details are posted at **www.fourthchurch.org**). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone**: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. * Another opportunity to connect with others is in our **small groups**, which meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks. To learn more or express interest in joining one of the groups forming in upcoming months, email Anne Ellis (**aellis@fourthchurch.org**).

Sunday School and family activities are being held online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (**bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org**). For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (**kpatterson@fourthchurch.org**). * **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, email Joe Morrow (**jmorrow@fourthchurch.org**). * For details about the **Center for Life and Learning** lectures and exercise classes for adults sixty and over, see **www.fourthchurch.org/cll** or email Susan Quaintance (**squaintance@fourthchurch.org**).

Our organist, John Sherer, will be playing this **Friday's weekly online Noonday Concert**, which will be streamed at 12:10 p.m. on November 27 at **www.bit.ly/fpcprograms**, where the performances can also be viewed in the following days.

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at **www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc**

Beginning today, Joe Morrow is guiding us in a closer look at **“Scriptural Journeys: The Enduring Power of Migrations in the Bible,”** the current theme in our **“Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible”** class, which meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 * On Sundays at 9:30 a.m., David Handley is leading a class on **Harry Emerson Fosdick’s *The Meaning of Prayer***. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/prayermeaning * **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets this Wednesday, November 25 at 12:00 noon via Zoom. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * On Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. we gather online for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details.

The First Tuesday Book Club next meets on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion will again focus on the book ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone** and will be led by Nanette Sawyer. Register for Zoom details at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks * **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schoff**. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html

If you would like to have **a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another, we want to hear from you! **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **To explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

Knitting and Crocheting will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m. and **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For Zoom details for either of these gatherings, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

We are grateful to all who have made gifts in support of our mission and ministry. Thank you! This monthly generosity report summarizes contributions to Fourth Church as of October 31, 2020.

Fourth Presbyterian Church Generosity Report — Contributions as of October 31, 2020				
<i>YTD = Year-to-Date</i>	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance	2020 Budget
Pledged contributions	\$2,334,000	\$2,387,086	(\$53,086)	\$3,111,000
General contributions	\$1,297,891	\$1,555,282	(\$257,391)	\$2,270,929
Restricted contributions	\$364,328	\$386,361	(\$22,034)	\$573,100
Total contributions	\$3,996,219	\$4,328,729	(\$332,511)	\$5,955,029

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 29! Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning that Sunday as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)

The Spiritual Formation Council is hosting a morning workshop on “**Rites of Passage: Creating Sacred Ritual in a Time of Pandemic**” via Zoom on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. This **Advent exploration** of how to use ritual making as a way to reconnect us to ourselves, our faith, and our God **will be led by Lois Snavely, a former seminary intern at Fourth Church**. For Zoom details, contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * **Cornerstones**, a fellowship opportunity for those fifty and older, will next gather via Zoom on Friday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a **Christmas concert by John Sherer and tenor Cole Seaton**. Register online by Thursday, December 3 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones1220 for Zoom details.

Again this holiday season we have a variety of opportunities to share love and light. You can **honor a loved one with a contribution toward the Christmas flowers and garlands** that will decorate the Sanctuary for our online worship services. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts; contributions must be received by Friday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin. * Gifts to the **Light Up a Life offering** will help us continue to **serve our Meals Ministry and Chicago Lights guests** throughout the winter. Gifts can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (write “Light Up a Life” in the comments). For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers or our Light Up a Life offering, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org). * **Christmas gift bags** are being prepared by Meals Ministry staff and volunteers for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers. Donations toward purchasing the items for the bags—which will include a food gift card, gloves, hygiene items, and a mask—can be made at www.bit.ly/giftbags2020 * **Fulfilling Christmas wishes for our Chicago Lights Tutoring students** continues this year, with each student receiving a gift card, a book, and a mask. The selected books can be ordered online at www.bit.ly/christmaswishes20; contributions toward gift cards can be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (choose “Congregational Life” as your designation, and write “Christmas Wishes” in the comments). * Although we will not have our annual Cookies-and-Cocoa reception this year, Women at Fourth is still **inviting individuals to bake cookies, brownies, and other sturdy sweets** to share with our Sunday Night Supper guests on December 20. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for updates.