



Throughout Advent we are receiving a **“Light Up a Life” offering**, which helps shine God’s light of love on those who need it most this season, including those in need of the warmth, clothing, and nourishment provided by our Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Fourth Church Meals Ministry programs. Gifts can be made to this offering by noting “Light Up a Life” in the comments section (*or memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church*) when giving online via Venmo or the Fourth Church website (www.fourthchurch.org/give-online).

Again this holiday season we have a variety of additional opportunities to share love and light as well. 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 this Advent and Christmas. A list of those individuals remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts; **contributions must be received by this Friday, December 11** for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information about gifts toward Christmas flowers or our “Light Up a Life” offering, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org). * 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). * **Christmas gift bags for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers** are being prepared by Meals Ministry staff and volunteers. 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

The Longest Night Service, for those experiencing grief and loss this season, will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/longestnight20 or email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * **On Thursday, December 24**, we will have two online services: the **Children’s Pageant** at 4:00 p.m. and the **Christmas Eve service** at 8:00 p.m. (*with a choral prelude beginning at 7:30 p.m.*). The services will be available on **our website**, www.fourthchurch.org, at www.bit.ly/FPCworship as well as via **Facebook Live** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where they can also be viewed afterwards. Those without Internet access are invited to join the services by **listening to them via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service. * Our online **Christmas Day service** will be available via the same platforms, including by phone, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 25. * Likewise our online **New Year’s Eve Taizé service** will be available at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 31.

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Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**. You can receive them in your inbox daily (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).

This year's **Christmas with Tower Brass concert** will be online on Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms * **Harpist Kara Bershad** will be playing this **Friday's weekly Noonday Concert**, which will be streamed at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, where the weekly performances can also be viewed in the following days.

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship following worship today, please join us following the postlude for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom 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 express interest in joining one of the groups forming in 2021, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * This Wednesday, December 9 we will gather online with friends from Chicago Sinai Congregation for **"Our Neighbors: Deepening Interfaith Relationships,"** an opportunity to share stories of life and faith as we reflect on the metaphor of light in this season. Register at www.bit.ly/3ohxKZk to receive Zoom details.

Books by Women will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schoff**. * The **Benevolent Guild**, which is making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. * On Thursday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. **Women at Fourth** will hold a **"Christmas Joy"** Zoom fellowship time for women. For details about any of these three opportunities, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

David Handley's class on Harry Emerson Fosdick's ***The Meaning of Prayer*** concludes this Sunday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom (register at www.bit.ly/prayermeaning). * Continuing this Sunday is a closer look at **"Scriptural Journeys: The Enduring Power of Migrations in the Bible,"** the current theme in our online "Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible" class, which is being led this month by Joe Morrow on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcff20 * Also meeting via Zoom are **Men's Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** this Wednesday, December 9 at 12:00 p.m. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **"God in the Cubicle,"** a two-week online class taught by Lois Snavelly and beginning next Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m., will look at what it means to be called by God to a world of "secular" service and how we can bring the sacred into the secular without isolating ourselves. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/aflcubicle

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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).

For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. * In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (*where the service is available throughout the week*), we make the service available via **Facebook Live** (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 Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the details. * **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. * 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.

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

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional 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, sermon quotes, images from Fourth Church, and more.

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