



Throughout this Christmas season we are receiving a **“Light Up a Life” offering**, which helps shine God’s light of love on those who need it most this winter, 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” either in the comments section when giving online via **Venmo** or the Fourth Church website (**[www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online)**) or on the memo line of a **check** payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

If you missed our online **Children’s Pageant, Christmas Eve service, or Christmas Day Service**—or would like to share them with others—we invite you to view them at **[www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship)** or YouTube (**[www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)**). \* Similarly, if you missed our online **Christmas with Tower Brass concert** or **John Sherer’s organ concert of Christmas favorites**, you can still enjoy them online at **[www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms)** or YouTube. \* Our weekly **Friday Noonday Concerts** take place at 12:10 p.m. at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) as well as on YouTube and via Facebook Live.

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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship)** (*where the service is available throughout the week*), the service is available via **Facebook Live** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. \* Those without Internet access are invited to **listen 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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)); you can also receive our sermons **by email** ([www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons)).

**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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship)** (Zoom details are posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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#. \* To express interest in connecting with others in a **small group**, which will meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

The Session of Fourth Church has called an **online congregational meeting** for Sunday, January 10 following 11:00 a.m. worship. The meeting will be online at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) (call in at 888.916.9166). The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee** to identify and recommend a candidate to serve Fourth Presbyterian Church as **Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries and Spiritual Formation**.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)**

**Daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by email (sign up online at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) or read them online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), or Twitter ([www.twitter.com/fourthchicago](http://www.twitter.com/fourthchicago)).

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for the details. \* **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html)

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church history, mission, and congregational life as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up to receive Zoom details at [www.bit.ly/inquirer0121](http://www.bit.ly/inquirer0121)

The winter term of **Center for Life and Learning** online lectures and exercise classes for adults sixty and over begin the week of January 4; for details, see [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) or email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)). \* **Sunday School and family activities** also meet online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). \* For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). \* **TwentiesThirties** offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).

**The First Tuesday Book Club** next meets this Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom discussion will focus on the book ***The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion*** by **Barbara Brown Taylor** and will be led by Lucy Forster-Smith and Jim Ford. Register for Zoom details at [www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks) \* Also meeting via Zoom are Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the Horizons Bible Study for women on second and fourth Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. For Bible study details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***The Optimist's Daughter*** by **Eudora Welty**. Newcomers to this book group are welcome. For details, email Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

We encourage you to mark your calendars for three events planned for this January:

**“Faith in Uncertain Times: Reflecting on the Past and Envisioning the Future”** is an online Michigan Avenue Forum that will be held Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. That evening Lucy Forster-Smith will moderate a panel discussion bringing together Shannon Kershner; Horace Smith, Pastor of Apostolic Faith Church; Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ; David Crawford, President of McCormick Theological Seminary; and Ozzie Smith Jr., Pastor Emeritus of Covenant United Church of Christ. The event will be livestreamed at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms) \* Explore **“Journal Writing as a Spiritual Formation”** in a Zoom workshop hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council on Saturday morning, January 16. For details about this event led by the Reverend Christine Vogel, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)). \* On Saturday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m., David Hogue, Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary will lead a workshop on **“Loving Our Neighbor in a Time of Social Distancing.”** For details, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)).

Also on the calendar this year is the **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. The gala annually benefits the life-changing youth development and social service programs of Chicago Lights—the community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the community support efforts of our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For more information, email Laura Woods ([lwoods@chicagolights.org](mailto:lwoods@chicagolights.org)).

Watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) for additional resources and ways to connect.

Online events are posted on the church calendar at **[www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)**; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and **Instagram** ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)) for updates, sermon quotes, images from Fourth Church, and more.

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