

News and Resources

January 10–January 16, 2021

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), the service is 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 **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free)** at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*).

* During the week we 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).

Our Session has called an **online congregational meeting** for today, January 10, following 11:00 a.m. worship. The meeting will be online at 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**.

If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship today, join us following the congregational meeting 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#. * 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).

Those who are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church** are invited to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class next 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

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.

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This Thursday, January 14 join us online for **“Faith in Uncertain Times: Reflecting on the Past and Envisioning the Future,”** a **Michigan Avenue Forum** that will take place at 7:00 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms (call in at 888.916.9166). 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. * As a complement to this Michigan Avenue Forum, Lucy Forster-Smith and Jim Garner are leading a **two-week Sunday morning class on “Faith in Uncertain Times.”** This class meets on Sundays, January 10 and 17 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and will explore the ways recent history might put a strain on our faith. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/faithuncertaintimes

This Saturday morning, January 16 explore **“Journal Writing as a Spiritual Formation”** in a Zoom workshop hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council. For details about this event led by the Reverend Christine Vogel, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * Next 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).

Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the winter term of the **Center for Life and Learning**, which offers online lectures and exercise classes; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cfl * **Sunday School and family activities** also meet 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).

Books by Women will meet via Zoom this Tuesday evening, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ***The Optimist’s Daughter* by Eudora Welty.** For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **The First Tuesday Book Club** hosted by the Adult Education Committee will next meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ***Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes De Mez.** For Zoom details for this conversation that will be led by Jim Garner, register online at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks * **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets this Wednesday, January 13 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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The **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. to share in fellowship while working on knitting and crocheting projects for the agencies we support. For Zoom details for either of these opportunities, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** take place at 12:10 p.m. each week at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms as well as on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and via Facebook Live. * **The artist Gerald Griffin** will present the program at the February 5 Zoom gathering of **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group for adults fifty and over. For Zoom details, register by Thursday, February 4 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones0121

The **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** will be on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. This 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).

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 are looking to add devotional meditations into your daily routine this year, we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are available by email (you can 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).

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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