



Today we join churches and communities across the nation in **honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, who was born ninety-two years ago, on January 15, 1929. A banner with his image and in his memory hangs above our Sanctuary entrance as public witness for all who pass by. Proclaiming “Moving the Dream Forward,” it is a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways.

This Tuesday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m., Fourth Church will join congregations and institutions across the nation in **tolling bells in remembrance of those who have died from COVID-19**. Our bells will toll once for every 10,000 individuals in this country who have died from the novel coronavirus.

This 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 Zoom workshop on “**Loving Our Neighbor in a Time of Social Distancing.**” For details, email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). * 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

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 projects for the agencies we support. For Zoom details for either of these opportunities, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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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).

Sunday School and family activities 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). * 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/cll

“Varying Voices of the Prophets: Cries for Justice, Lamentation, and Consolation” is the 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. Jeff Doane is leading our current exploration of texts in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Hosea on Sundays, January 17 and 24. For Zoom details, register at [www bit ly/fpcff20](http://www.bit.ly/fpcff20) * **Men’s Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets Wednesday, January 27 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The powerful and moving discussion of **“Faith in Uncertain Times: Reflecting on the Past and Envisioning the Future”**—which this past Thursday evening brought together conversation partners 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—is **available for viewing** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). * This morning, Sunday, January 17, the Adult Education Committee is hosting a **Zoom conversation to discuss the insights those speakers shared** and how those can help us grapple with current events. For Zoom details for today’s conversation, register at www.bit.ly/faithuncertaintimes

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If you would like to connect with others for a time of fellowship after worship, 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#. * 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).

The First Tuesday Book Club, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will 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 led by Jim Garner, register online at [www bit ly/firsttuesdaybooks](http://www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks) * **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 p m to discuss ***Madame Fourcade's Secret War* by Lynne Olson**. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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 * 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 **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).

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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