



During worship this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. We encourage you to **have at hand elements for communion** such as juice and crackers or bread.

* Next Sunday, February 14, our morning worship service will kick off our celebration of the **150th anniversary of the founding of Fourth Presbyterian Church**. As part of that service **Pastor Emeritus John Buchanan** will join us as a worship leader and an octet from the Morning Choir will **premiere a choral anthem** commissioned by Fourth Church for this anniversary occasion. * In the days and weeks ahead we will be sharing **stories from our history** as well as **greetings from former pastors and other partners in ministry**. To ensure you do not miss any of these, if you do not already receive our weekly News @ Fourth Church emails, be sure to sign up www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Also next Sunday, February 14 we will gather online for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**. The meeting will be held online at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms (call in at 888.916.9166) following the 11:00 a.m. service and will include the election of officers. The **recommended slate of officers** that will be presented by the Nominating Committee will be posted on our website, www.fourthchurch.org, early this week.

Today is the **Souper Bowl of Caring!** Again this year our team is led by Fourth Church youth, who encourage you to take part in this national grassroots, faith-based campaign against hunger by making a gift online at www.bit.ly/fpcsouperbowl21; all proceeds will support **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** and the **food pantry of our Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center**.

Hanging above our Sanctuary entrance throughout Black History Month is a banner with an image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the words **"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. * "Building Beloved Community" is the topic of a **Muslim–Presbyterian Dialogue**, co-moderated by Nanette Sawyer, on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/building0221

The season of **Lent begins on February 17, Ash Wednesday**. * **Lenten devotions** for you to use as a **resource for reflection** will be available daily via email; sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * In the Lenten **"Path of Discipleship" series**—meeting six Tuesday evenings via Zoom beginning February 23—the pastoral staff will lead a study grounded in the book **Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy Jill-Levine**. For details, register by February 15 at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2021 * Our **online Ash Wednesday worship service** will be streamed at 7:30 p.m. on February 17. It will include Rocky Supinger preaching and Nanette Sawyer creating an Ash Wednesday artwork during the service. * Those who would like to receive an in-person, safely-distanced verbal **blessing on Ash Wednesday** (*we will not be imposing ashes this year*) are invited to come by the Sanctuary steps on Michigan Avenue between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on February 17.

New small groups will meet weekly during Lent via Zoom. These groups offer opportunity to connect with one another and build relationships among participants as we get to know ourselves and each other better. Three types of groups will be formed: **Bible study and discipleship groups**, focusing conversation and reflection on Bible passages and their application to our daily lives; **race conversation groups**, using discussion of *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby to practice having meaningful conversations about race, racism, and being an anti-racist church; and **self-improvement groups**, using Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* to guide conversation and reflection on developing virtues, such as setting boundaries and developing courage. To express interest in being part of a group, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Another opportunity to connect with others is by joining us for a time of fellowship today after worship: **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom takes place at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship** (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org) and begins after the postlude. You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

The adult education class led by Carol Allen, **"On Restoring God's Beloved Community: Looking for Guidance in Scripture,"** continues via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays through February 28. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/restoring21 * **"End Times: A New Look,"** the current theme within the "Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible" Zoom class also continues on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and is led by Lucy-Forster-Smith. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/fpcf20 * **Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** next meets this Wednesday, February 10 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **An online Bible study for those in their twenties and thirties** meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For Zoom details and more information, sign up at www.bit.ly/2Yq3znE

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.

If you are interested in **becoming a member** of Fourth Church, please join us online for a **one-session Inquirers' Class** next Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. Sign up to receive Zoom details for this class (*which is required for membership*) at www.bit.ly/inquirer0221

Our **Friday Noonday Concerts** take place at 12:10 p.m. each week at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms as well as via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). This week the online concert will be presented by the **Chen Family string quartet**.

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. ✨ The Fourth Church LGBTQIA+ **Widen Our Welcome group** will gather for a half-hour Zoom Happy Hour this Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. ✨ The **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For links for these Zoom gatherings, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** will be held online 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 details about attending this free event or becoming an event sponsor, sign up at chicagolights.org/gala or contact Laura Woods (lwoods@chicagolights.org).

Fourth Church's Employment Network, which works in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center on the South Side, is **looking for volunteers** interested in supporting job-preparedness workshops on interviewing, entrepreneurship, or credit repair. The skills of those volunteering for SCORE or CARE Chicago are especially needed as are **individuals whose organizations can provide internship to job opportunities** in the fields of health care, security, manufacturing, IT, retail, administrative, and commercial driving. If you can help or would like to learn more, please email employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org

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). ✨ Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in 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

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).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on our calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar; for news, quotes, and photos follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch).

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