



Each Sunday during Lent we are extinguishing a candle during worship. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

Throughout the Lenten season we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. This special offering supports the work of **Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center;** and the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs**. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the designation “OGHS Lenten Offering” when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

You can **honor or memorialize a loved one** with a contribution toward the **Easter flowers** that will decorate the Sanctuary for our online Easter service. A list of those individuals remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts; contributions must be received **by next Sunday, March 28** for names to appear in the bulletin. For more information, email Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday. As we celebrate online with loud hosannas, we invite you to download, print, and color **a palm from our website** (www.bit.ly/palmcolor). Then take a photo of your palm, or of you and your palm, and share it on social media, **tagging @FourthChurch**. Together we can create a virtual crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem!

Our Palm Sunday celebration will lead us into Jesus’ Passion and **Holy Week**. We hope you will join us online as we pause to observe those solemn days. Our **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae** service, with Communion, will take place online Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Our online **Good Friday service** on Friday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. will include the pastors sharing short meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ. And the **Easter Vigil** on Saturday, April 3 will take place via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. and will include the celebration of Communion. (The vigil will take place only via Zoom; for the link, sign up at www.bit.ly/eastervigil21; all other services will be online at www.bit.ly/FPC worship, Facebook Live, and our YouTube channel.) We encourage you to have **bread and juice on hand** during worship on Thursday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday as we share in the Lord’s Supper from our homes.

Our **festive Easter service online** will include Communion as well as the joyous music of brass and organ, handbells and jazz, and the hymns of Easter. This online celebration of the resurrection takes place on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. We hope you and those you know will not only mark this and the Holy Week dates on your calendars but also **invite others to join us in worship online** as our journey takes us to the cross and eventually the empty tomb!

Each Sunday we host a **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom**, which begins immediately following the postlude. You can join this time of fellowship at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

The class **“Pandemics, Biblical Reflections, and a Christian Call to Action”** concludes this morning, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. **Walter Breuggemann’s recent book** *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief, and Uncertainty* guides the conversation. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/summonstofaith * **Men’s Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets this Wednesday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * For your personal meditation and study, we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily **Lenten devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff. These are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

Sunday School and family activities meet online. For details about these children and family opportunities, 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**; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll

Women at Fourth will hold a Zoom gathering this Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. The evening’s theme, “Rise Up,” will include an anticipation of Easter and a welcoming of spring For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * The **First Tuesday Book Club**, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss **Just Faith: Reclaiming Progressive Christianity** with its author, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons; for Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks * **Cornerstones**, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, next meets via Zoom on Friday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. The program that month will feature **Andrea Denney**, Executive Director of Operational Ministries, **talking about “Our House: Managing and Caring for Fourth Church’s Physical Spaces.”** For the Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones0421 * **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **Olive Again** by Elizabeth Strout. For Zoom details, 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 via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). This week the online concert will be presented by our **organist John Sherer**.

If you are interested in learning about **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up online at www.bit.ly/inquirer0421 to receive Zoom details.

Knitting and Crocheting meets via Zoom on Tuesday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. the **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom. For details for either, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * We are looking for church members to serve as **adult volunteer leaders with youth ministry** (for grades 6–12) in one of three roles during the 2021–2022 program year: **Sunday Morning Leader, Zoom Small Group Leader, and Committee Member**. Those interested in learning more are invited to sign up at www.bit.ly/youthleaderinfo2021 * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is looking for people to assist with Bag Lunch distribution, sandwich making, Monday Night Supper, Sunday Night Supper, the Baking Team, and bulk item breakdown and special projects. **To sign up to help**, please use VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers (in order to allow as many people as interested to help out, prior to Friday, March 26 please do not sign up for more than two dates per month). * **Fourth Church's Employment Network**, which works in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center on the South Side, is **looking for volunteers** to support job-preparedness workshops and **internship to job opportunities**. For details, email employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for 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). * **Those looking for personal support who would like to explore options for teletherapy** are encouraged to call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being 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.

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) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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