

April 2–8, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

Today is the last day for Easter flower contributions in honor of loved ones. Donations toward flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter must be made no later than April 2 in order for the names of those honored to appear in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

Daily Lenten devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). They are also posted on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and the church website (www.fourthchurch.org). Printed booklets are in the literature racks.

Reserve tickets for Easter Sunday Brunch, which will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch17 or with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, with the children's palm procession at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services. *The last morning service on that Sunday, April 9 and on Easter Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.*

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 13 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 14 will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Service) in the Sanctuary. The 5:30 p.m. program for children will be in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 16 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center.



Faiths United by Love: "A Time to Break Silence"

This Tuesday, April 4, Fourth Church will host in Buchanan Chapel at 7:00 p.m. an interfaith gathering marking the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, and including reflections on his sermon "A Time to Break Silence," preached fifty years ago on April 4, 1967. All are invited.

Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. Written prayer requests can be left in the boxes by Stone Chapel, the Narthex, and Commons.

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (*See page 4 for times.*)

A **service in the style of Taizé**, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, April 28 in Buchanan Chapel.

Mission and Outreach

Rugs from Pakistan are on display in Coffee Hour today in anticipation of the late April rug sale at the Evanston Ten Thousand Villages, which participates in our annual Advent Fair Trade Bazaar.

Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Plot registration is available (see www.bit.ly/clfarmplot). Registration is also open for Urban Farm CSA Salad Shares (see www.bit.ly/clcsa2017). Farm volunteer hours are Saturdays from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Please take a minute to tie a blue bow in the Commons this morning. Those bows will be added to the trees outside the Manse this Tuesday, April 4 when we begin our observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month with an interfaith prayer service at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by tying bows to the trees. To volunteer to tie bows Tuesday, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

The Community Renewal Society will offer a training session on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G about advocating for social change. Register by April 10 with Nancy Davis (312.274.3815).

Children, Youth, and Family

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old to sing simple songs together, meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room; eighth-grade Confirmation meets at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A; and all youth gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G (Junior Highs) and Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3. For details, go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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Enrichment

“Early Christian Worship,” an Academy for Faith and Life adult education class led by Carol Korak, begins today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday Bible study for women, meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

“Hospitality: The Sacred Art,” an Academy for Faith and Life class led by Nanette Sawyer, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in 5F.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Horizons Women’s Bible Study meets this Wednesday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m. in 4J.

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The need for living donors of organs will be the topic of an information session on Sunday, April 9 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 5G.

Books by Women will meet to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

John M. Buchanan will lead a two-session discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book *Life Together* on Wednesdays, April 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Fellowship

This morning’s Coffee Hour Chats, at 10:30 and 12:00 in Borwell Dining Room, offer time for informal conversation with Stephen Ministers about Stephen Ministry.

To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their spring retreat in Michigan will be May 5–7.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets this Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Greg Borzo will talk about his book *Chicago’s Fabulous Fountains*. Reservations (*required*) can be made online at www.bit.ly/cfpc0417

My Fair Lady at the Lyric Opera will be a May 9 outing for adults sixty and over. RSVP with the Center for Life and Learning at www.bit.ly/2oi3an4 by April 7.

Volunteers and Donations

Volunteers are needed to pass out cider to waiting worshipers prior to the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday services. To sign up, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Hosts and servers are needed Easter Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the congregational Easter Brunch

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of Sunday Night Supper volunteers to cook (2:00–6:00 p.m.) and serve (3:30–6:00 p.m.) on Easter Sunday, April 16.

For more opportunities or to sign up, stop by Coffee Hour or email Robert Crouch at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org

Calendar for April 2–8, 2017

Sunday, April 2

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Nursery / Day School
9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Day School Classroom B
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship		Shannon J. Kershner	Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Floor 4
9:30 a.m.	Early Christian Worship		Room 5F
9:30 a.m.	Weekly Seeds Women's Bible Study		Room 5H
10:00 a.m.	Confirmation / Youth Fellowship		Room 5A / Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour Chats		Borwell Dining Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Junior High/ Senior High Gatherings		Room 5G / Bumpus
11:00 a.m.	Hospitality: The Sacred Art		Room 5F
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship		Nanette Sawyer preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, April 3

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Room 4F

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause		Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Interfaith Service and Bow Tying		Sanctuary / Garth
6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation		Room 4F
6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Meditation		Boyle Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Interfaith Gathering: "Faith United by Love"		Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
12:00 p.m.	<i>Horizons</i> Women's Bible Study		Room 4J
6:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Century</i> Group		Randolph Room

Thursday, April 6

Friday, April 7

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Clarinet and Piano		Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones: Chicago's Fountains		Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, April 8

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Room 4F
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Discover Fourth Open House		Sanctuary

Worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching		
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching		
4:00 p.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching		