

February 4–10, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## Lent

**Tuesday, February 6 “Path of Discipleship”** registration is due. This weekly Lenten series begins Tuesday, February 20 and includes presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices. Sign up online at [www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018)

**Ash Wednesday services** with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14.

To receive Lenten devotions daily via email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)

## Enrichment

**“Reading Paul with the Protestant Reformers,”** taught by Stephen Chester, concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

**“Icons: Windows to the Divine,”** a class with Nanette Sawyer, concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

**“Conversations on Ministry,”** a time for informal dialogue with Fourth Church ministers to explore the topic of God’s call to ministry and Christian discipleship, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining with Rocky Supinger and Judith Watt. Next Sunday, the conversation will be with Vicky Curtiss and Matt Helms.

**“Christian Spirituality: What It Is and Why It Matters,”** a new adult education class taught by Carol Allen, former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Fourth Church, begins next Sunday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

**A meditation group** hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Those who would like to stay for a time of discussion afterwards are invited to do so.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Girl in Disguise* by Greer Macallister on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Bumpus.



## Help Score a Victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring!

Today our youth are collecting cans of soup, other nonperishable food items, and monetary donations to contribute to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to alleviate hunger. The youth will be in Coffee Hour collecting these gifts, which will be used to support the outreach of Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Food Pantry.

**Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday, February 6 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aeellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Christian Century Discussion Group** meets this Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (aeellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study** meets Wednesday noon, February 14 in 5H.

"How the Constant Use of Technology Is Changing Us" will be the topic of a one-day conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturday, February 24 at Fourth Church. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

## Worship

**Individuals can lift up prayer concerns** with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on Sundays.

**A weekly Jazz at Four worship service** with Communion is held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Sacred Pause** meditation 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.

**The next candlelit Taizé service** with meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 23 in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

**Next Sunday, February 11, our youth** will be leading the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

**Daily devotions** are available via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); in booklets in the literature racks; and online at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and [fourthchurch.org](http://fourthchurch.org)

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

## News and Resources

**This is Alex Wirth's last Sunday** as our Minister for Evangelism. As you see Alex in Coffee Hour and around the church, please take a moment to thank him for his ministry among us and wish him and his family well as they move to California, where they have been called to serve churches in the Presbytery of San Diego.

**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which is a prerequisite for membership—will be offered next Sunday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

**A new Grief Group** begins this Monday, February 5. To sign up (*required*), call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be next Sunday, February 11 in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon and will include the election of officers.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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A **congregational lunch** for all ages will follow the Annual Meeting next Sunday, February 11 and be held in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/lunch021118](http://www.bit.ly/lunch021118)

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Families with young children are invited** to the Fourth Church Day School's 50th anniversary celebration this Saturday, February 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the church. There will be a bouncy house, balloon artist, carnival games, face painting, refreshments, and a performance by annual favorite Joel Frankel.

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. today on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Next Sunday the children will be joining us in worship at 9:30 and 11:00. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their classrooms.

**Youth** meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and worship together at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Music and the Arts

**An exhibition of art by members and friends** is on display in the Loggia Gallery. There be opportunity to meet the artists after 11:00 worship on Sunday, February 18.

**Associate Organist Thom Gouwens** will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Fellowship

**The Young Adults** group has its weekly Sunday Gathering time of fellowship and discussion today at 12:30 p.m. in 5A. Next Sunday they will attend the Annual Meeting together. Their small group meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for discussion.

**Men's Breakfast** will be held this Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. Myron McCoy, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, will present the program.

**In honor of Black History Month**, Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Robert Crouch. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Connection Corner** during Coffee Hour offers opportunity to discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Volunteer to help an older member** (who lives near the church) get to and from Sunday morning worship services

**Tutors** to work with Chicago Lights Tutoring one evening a week at the church

**Shower Ministry greeters** (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

*To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).*

## Mission and Outreach

**The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism**, of which Fourth Church is a member, is hosting a film viewing, with discussion, of *Islamophobia in the USA*, today at 3:00 p.m. at Downtown Islamic Center (231 S. State).

**Tickets for the 2018 Gala of Hope** event (Friday, March 2) and drawing are available during Coffee Hour and online ([www.bit.ly/gala-2018](http://www.bit.ly/gala-2018)). Proceeds support our outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

## Calendar for February 4–10, 2018

<b>Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship</b>	<b>Lucy Forster-Smith preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots	Day School Classroom B
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F
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
<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary</b>			
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
	9:30 a.m.	"Paul and the Protestant Reformers"	Room 5D
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Fellowship	Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.		Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	"Conversations on Ministry"	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	"Icons: Windows to the Divine"	Room 5D
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A
<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four Nanette Sawyer preaching Sanctuary</b>			
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, February 5</b>			
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk ( <i>also Tues.</i> )	Buchanan Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> )	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> )	Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
	6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Small Group	Manse
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>			
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	( <i>see announcement</i> )
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> )	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>			
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Century Discussion Group	Randolph Room
<b>Thursday, February 8</b>			
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, February 9</b>			
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Thomas Gouwens	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, February 10</b>			
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Parish House Dining Room
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.		Day School Celebration	Borwell Dining Room / Anderson Hall
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<b>Worship on February 11 Transfiguration of Christ Sunday</b>			
	8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching   Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Youth leading   Baptisms	
	4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching   Jazz Communion	