

December 2–8, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Advent and Christmas

Our Annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar continues today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room. Proceeds help artisans around the world earn a living wage to provide food, shelter, and education for their families.

A family Advent wreath workshop is being held today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Advent Jazz worship, with Communion, takes place each Sunday of Advent at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Daily Advent devotions written by members and staff are available via email (subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and on facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Help decorate the Sanctuary and also honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by next Sunday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.

Ushers are needed for Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant; 6:00 p.m. Family Service; 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols) and Christmas Day (11:00 a.m.). Contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org) for details.

"Christmas with Chanticleer" concerts are this Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from the CSO (312.294.3000; www.cso.org); use promo code CHANTICLEER for 15 percent off tickets.

The Lakeside Singers holiday concert is this Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be celebrated next Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow.

The Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be next Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary; donations (suggestion of \$20) will be received at the door.

Bella Voce's presentation of A Ceremony of Carols will take place Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.bellavoce.org

Chicago a capella's holiday concert will be Friday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoacappella.org

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Advent and Christmas *(continued)*

Decorated and filled Holiday Gift Bags are needed by next Sunday, December 9 so we might give them to Fourth Church Meals Ministry guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate are available at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour today.

The “Christmas Wishes” project needs individuals and families to shop for a gift for one of the Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive one. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour and from Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The “Longest Night” service, which will be held Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

A traditional Christmas dinner will be held on Christmas Day at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall as a time to share Christmas with friends new and old. Reservations (*required*) can be made online at www.bit.ly/cdin2018

News and Resources

We are counting on gifts pledged for 2018 to be fully fulfilled by year end to ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met. If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (312.640.2576) so we might plan accordingly. Thank you!

A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers will begin in the spring. Details for those interested in this fifty-hour class are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

Worship

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

A New Year’s Eve Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Monday, December 31.

Mission

Mission trips to Cuba (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11) are being planned for 2019. Learn more or apply (*by January 15*) at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

An insight trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2, 2019. Details are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

Information about ways to support immigrants at the southern border is available from the Coffee Hour Mission table and Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

A Men's Faith Discussion Group beginning in January will combine autobiography and listening to Jesus' life and teachings. Learn more today or Sunday, December 9 at 10:35 a.m. in Room 5F or Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

"Longing for God: Faith Development over a Lifetime," a class with Lucy Forster-Smith, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

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

Horizon's Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, December 12 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H. Contact Anne Ellis for more information (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. today on the fourth floor. Next Sunday children will join us in worship for the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

TED Talks for Parents meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the fourth-floor Loft.

Youth are worshipping together in the Sanctuary today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The youth ski retreat will be January 18–20; register at www.bit.ly/fpcski2019

Details about summer 2019 youth trips to New Jersey, Detroit, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium are posted at www.bit.ly/summertrips19; register by January 15.

Fellowship

A brunch for LGBTQIA individuals and friends will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

TwentiesThirties will gather for an Advent party, including cookie decorating, this Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Cornerstones Christmas Sing-Along and dinner for adults fifty and over will be held this Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. Registration is required by this Wednesday, December 5 and can be completed online: www.bit.ly/cfpc1218

Men's Breakfast will meet this Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to bake cookies and host the cookies-and-cocoa reception following Advent Lessons and Music next Sunday evening, December 9

Christmas Wishes volunteers are needed to help inventory and wrap gifts

Volunteers to unload food trucks on second and fourth Monday mornings

Tutors to work one-to-one with Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; sign up for this week's December 3 orientation at www.bit.ly/2QYB4bq

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Calendar for December 2–8, 2018

Sunday, December 2 *First Sunday of Advent*

	8:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
9:30 a.m.	TED Talks for Parents	The Loft
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Youth in Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop	Parish House Dining Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
10:35 a.m.	Men's Faith Discussion Group Informational Meeting	Room 5F
11:00 a.m.	"Longing for God"	Room 5G
12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour Organ Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	LGBTQIA Brunch	Randolph Room
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joe Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 3

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.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room

Tuesday, December 4

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Silent Meditation	Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed., Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Discussion Group Informational Meeting	Randolph
7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Christmas with Chanticleer (<i>also Wed.</i>)	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 5

	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B

Thursday, December 6

7:00 p.m.	TwentiesThirties	Anderson Hall
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Friday, December 7

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Estrella Piano Duo	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Christmas Gathering	Room 4G
7:30 p.m.	Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 8

8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Room 4E
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Worship on December 9 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Lucy Forster-Smith Communion	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner	
4:00 p.m.	Nanette Sawyer preaching Jazz Communion	
6:30 p.m.	Advent Festival of Lessons and Music	

For a complete Fourth Church calendar that includes links to register for programs and to add events to your own electronic calendar, see www.fourthchurch.org/calendar