

December 9–15, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## Advent and Christmas

**Today is the last day for Christmas flower gifts** to be made in memory or honor of loved ones. Contributions will make possible this year's Christmas garland and flowers in the Sanctuary, and the names of those remembered—and submitted no later than today (December 9)—will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by using the forms in the literature racks or online at [www.bit.ly/FPCgifts](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgifts)

**Advent Jazz worship** with Communion is held Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**This evening the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception hosted by Women at Fourth follows.

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

**Bella Voce will sing A Ceremony of Carols** this Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.bellavoce.org](http://www.bellavoce.org)

**Chicago a capella's holiday concert** will be held this Friday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org)

**The Christmas cantata A Ceremony of Carols** by Benjamin Britten will be sung by the Morning Choir as part of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, December 23.

**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, alienation, and sadness—personal and regarding world events—that are often present during this season.

**We will gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services** on Monday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

6:00 p.m. Family Service

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

**We will worship on Christmas Day** at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 25.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/cdin2018)

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

## Advent and Christmas *(continued)*

**Holiday Gift Bags** for guests of our Meals Ministry Sunday and Monday Night Suppers are to be returned to the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour today.

**The “Christmas Wishes” project**, which is in its final week, collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) to learn more.

**Expectations for the holidays** can be different from the realities, and feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers a supportive environment for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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

## News and Resources

**In order to conclude 2018 with a balanced budget**, we are counting on gifts pledged for 2018 to be fully fulfilled by year end—and welcome additional generosity where it is possible! If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (312.640.2576) so we might plan accordingly. Thank you!

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

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

**A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers** will begin in the spring. Those interested in this fifty-hour class—and making a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring—can find information at [www.bit.ly/fpcstephen](http://www.bit.ly/fpcstephen)

## Mission

**Fourth Church Prison Ministry** is looking for volunteers to visit with men in a minimum-security space at the Cook County Jail. Learn more at an informational meeting next Sunday, December 16 at 12:20 p.m. in Room 5F.

**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](http://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 and a trip application are available at [www.bit.ly/crtrip2019](http://www.bit.ly/crtrip2019)

**Information about ways to support immigrants at the southern border** is available at [www.bit.ly/fpcimmref](http://www.bit.ly/fpcimmref) or by contacting Vicky Curtiss ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)).

## Enrichment

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

**A Men’s Faith Discussion Group** beginning in January will combine autobiography and listening to Jesus’ life and teachings. Learn more today at 10:35 a.m. in Room 5F.

**Books by Women** meets this Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *Crossing Thresholds: The Making and Remaking of a 21st Century Chaplain* by our Senior Associate Pastor, Lucy Forster-Smith.

**Horizons Women’s Bible Study** meets this Wednesday, December 12 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

**Men’s Bible Study** meets next Tuesday morning, December 18 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School children** are joining us in worship today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when the children will leave with their teachers for their classrooms.

**Youth meet this morning**, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room; a time of fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Allison Library; and Senior High at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. (*Confirmation is meeting off-site today.*)

**“Cookies, Cocoa, and Caroling” Family Night** will be Friday evening, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

**The youth ski retreat** will be January 18–20; register at [www.bit.ly/fpcski2019](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/summertrips19); register by January 15.

## Fellowship

**Today’s Coffee Hour is sponsored** in memory of Clyde O. Bowles Jr.—member of Fourth Church for sixty-one years and longtime Clerk of Session—by Michael M. Kazanjian. A memorial service for Clyde will be held this Saturday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

## Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers to unload food trucks** on second and fourth Monday mornings

**Sunday Night Supper volunteers** to greet and serve guests on Sundays, December 23 and 30 from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m.

**Candle-slevers** on Thursday, December 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to prepare for Christmas Eve candlelight services

*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 9–15, 2018

### Sunday, December 9 *Second Sunday of Advent*

	8:00 a.m. <b>Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching</b>	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m. Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Children in Worship   Sunday School	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Groups	<i>(see announcement)</i>
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 Information	Room 5F
	11:00 a.m. "Longing for God"	Room 5G
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
	<b>6:30 p.m. Advent Festival of Lessons and Music</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	7:30 p.m. Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception	Anderson Hall

### Monday, December 10

	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool <i>(also Tues.–Fri.)</i>	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring <i>(also Tues.–Thurs.)</i>	Fifth Floor, Gratz Center

### Tuesday, December 11

	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. Books by Women	Bumpus Room
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room

### Wednesday, December 12

	9:30 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	12:00 p.m. <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study for Women	Room 5H
	7:30 p.m. Christmas with Tower Brass	Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 13

	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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### Friday, December 14

	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Anthony Williams, Organ	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m. <i>Bella Voce: A Ceremony of Carols</i>	Buchanan Chapel
	8:00 p.m. <i>Holidays a cappella</i> with Chicago <i>a cappella</i>	Sanctuary

### Worship on December 16 *Third Sunday of Advent*

	8:00 a.m. Rocky Supinger   Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Shannon J. Kershner   New Members at 11:00	
	4:00 p.m. Shannon J. Kershner   Jazz Communion	

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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)