

February 17–23, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



Worship and Prayer

Is there a topic or biblical story you have hoped would be addressed in a sermon? If so, please share that with us by email (sermons@fourthchurch.org) or by writing it on a slip of paper and putting it in the “Big Questions” box during Coffee Hour. The pastors will then use these suggestions to shape their “Big Questions” sermon series in May and June.

This Friday’s Taizé service—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

News and Resources

Have you seen the triptych of ice storm photos from Fourth Church posted on Instagram? Visit www.instagram.com/fourthchurch—and use @fourthchurch to tag your Fourth Church photos!

This Monday, February 18 is the last day to complete the survey for the Resource Development Committee. The survey is online at www.tinyurl.com/fourth2019

The Stephen Minister application deadline is this Friday, February 22. Information about becoming a Stephen Minister and the application are online at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

A new book of prayers by John Boyle is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour. All proceeds benefit the Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

A one-session Inquirers’ Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held Sunday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth meet on Sundays, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Bumpus; and Confirmation (Room 4G) and Senior High (Bumpus) at 11:00 a.m.

Mission

Scholarships to attend the Gala of Hope have been made available by a generous sponsor; for details, contact Stacy Jackson (312.981.3562; sjackson@chicagolights.org). Tickets for the Peloton drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) and the Friday, March 1 Gala are available in Coffee Hour and at bidpal.net/clgala2019; all proceeds support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center.

The Racial Equity Council invites you to view and discuss *The Long Shadow*, a film about the origins and legacy of slavery, today at 2:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Tuesday, February 26 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

Those interested helping explore equitable funding of public schools and employment for young adults on the South Side are asked to contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Fifty tutors to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/2S314SC (*the next orientation will be this Thursday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room*)

Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments that support our weekly Communion services and morning worship (*once a month*)

Individuals to read occasionally to an elderly member who is blind

Donations of individually packaged snacks, especially chips and fruit cups, for our weekday Bag Lunch program; donations can be dropped off at the reception desk—or shipped to the church—to the attention of Fourth Church Meals Ministry

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).

Fellowship

LGBTQIA Brunch will be held next Sunday, February 24 at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

TwentiesThirties Brunch will also be held next Sunday, February 24 at 12:10 p.m., with young adults meeting in Coffee Hour to walk to a nearby restaurant for a time of fellowship. The group's spring retreat will be the weekend of May 3–5; register online at www.bit.ly/2030may19

Women at Fourth will meet next Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a program on “Optimal Aging: Eat Well, Move Well, Be Well.”

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Lent

Ash Wednesday worship will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 6. Also that day, pastors and Fourth Church members will make available “Ashes on the Way” in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.

“Path of Discipleship,” a six-week Lenten series hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. Space is limited, so register soon at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019

Enrichment

An Enneagram workshop on personality and realizing potential will be offered by the Replogle Center this Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/2S18OWh

“Conversations with Pastors on the Intersection of Faith and Life” continues this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room with Matt Helms, Vicky Curtiss, and Lucy Forster-Smith.

The class “Water: Use, Abuse, and Stewardship” continues today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis ([312.573.3369](tel:312.573.3369); aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A new Men’s Faith Discussion Group meets on Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Registration (*contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org*) is required.

A Reformation trip to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva will be led by Judith Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith in October. For details, see www.bit.ly/reformationtrip2019; to sign up for the March 14 information meeting, contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org).

A 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. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos’s annual Chicago Area Men’s Retreat at Covenant Harbor Retreat Center in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, March 15–17. To learn more or to register, see www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

Music and the Arts

Our organist John Sherer will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

The choral group Bella Voce will be in concert, presenting “Tudor Splendour,” Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.bellavoce.org

Calendar for February 17–23, 2019

Sunday, February 17	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Choir Loft
	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
	9:30 a.m. “Water: Use, Abuse, and Stewardship”	Room 5E
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups	(see announcement)
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. “The Intersection of Faith and Life”	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. New Member Brunch	Page Smith Room
	2:00 p.m. <i>The Long Shadow</i>	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, February 18	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.)	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, February 19	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	(see announcement)
	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.)	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with the Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, February 20	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	7:15 p.m. Yoga for Managing Stress	Boyle Conference Room
Thursday, February 21	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (also Fri.)	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
Friday, February 22	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Available to Walk	Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, February 23	10:00 a.m. Enneagram Workshop	Boyle Conference Room

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

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