

December 19–25, 2004

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

There will be no Noonday Concert this Friday, December 24, as it is Christmas Eve.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Midweek Advent worship will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

This year's 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be locally broadcast on WBBM Channel 2 TV at 10:35 p.m. Christmas Eve and 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day. CBS film crews will be present during the 8:30 service to tape the service for those later broadcasts.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall after 11:00 worship.

Daily Advent and Christmas devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org) and in printed booklets found in the literature racks.

Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table and from the reception desk during the week. They also can be ordered on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit Partners in Education Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights.

Looking for last-minute gift ideas? Give Life-Changing Gifts, in the names of friends, family, and colleagues, and make a difference in the lives of those facing challenges in daily life. These gifts, made through Fourth Church and its programs, can provide food, emergency housing assistance, a scholarship, and much more for those in need. Brochures containing detailed information and gift request forms are available in the literature racks and on the website. For more information, contact Tracey Silverman in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816 (tsilverman@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

Worship on New Years Eve will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary on Friday, December 31.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life today are "Journey into Mysticism," (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Introduction to Church History, Part 1" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Introduction to Faith and Fourth" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Introducing Psalms" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

Self-Efficacy and Health: The Power of Belief, a seminar offered by JoAnn Gruca on behalf of the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights, will take place this Tuesday, December 21 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

The registration deadline for the July 2005 tour to Greece, which will focus on the journeys of Paul, is Sunday, January 30. Information is available by contacting Carol Allen at 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org) or Donna Gray at 312.640.2577 (dgray@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

Venture Fourth, a gathering of single adults, meets today, for the last time in 2004, at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Meetings will resume on Sunday, February 6, 2005.

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who have so faithfully contributed to the 2005 Stewardship Campaign and Project Light. Fourth Church appreciates your generosity. As of Sunday, December 12, a total of 925 pledges totaling \$2,115,448.00 had been received. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information, please call Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.787.1271.

Collector plates depicting Fourth Church are available today in Anderson Hall. Proceeds go to the Capital Campaign. Those who wish to order plates can do so this morning or by calling Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Infant and child care is available in Room W14 during morning worship. Feel free to keep your infant or small child with you in worship. If your infant or small child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome.

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

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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The Junior High Academy Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) does not meet today or again until Sunday, January 9, 2005.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Children's gloves, caps, scarves, coats

Dental hygiene items, deodorant, shampoo, and soap for children

Deodorant and dental hygiene items for Social Service Center guests

Current computer and printer, compatible with CPS hard drive, for three boys whose family lost all their possessions in a fire

37-cent stamps for Social Service Center guests to use on holiday cards

Men's clothes and coats in large sizes

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to help cook and serve a meal for the poor and homeless on Christmas Day, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at an area restaurant.

Tutors for children in the Fourth Church Tutoring Program, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., one evening a week

Computer-savvy person to make digital recordings of Academy classes, 9:00 to 10:50 a.m. on Sundays beginning February 6; training provided

Children's choir shepherds to assist director, Sundays, 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Grocery shoppers for the Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the 2005 mission trips to Cuba (April 16–23) and Guatemala (April 25–May 2) are due in January. Details about these and other Fourth Church-sponsored mission trips are available in brochures in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

In celebration of Carnival Americana, the 2005 Mission Benefit Committee is looking for representatives of each of the fifty states—those who were born, raised, or lived in another state. Volunteer to represent your state by contacting Tracey Silverman in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816 by Friday, December 31.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Counseling Center offers holiday support for those who find this season a time of sadness as well as joy. Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with the stresses that this time of year can bring. To learn how the Counseling Center can help, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Printed copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available in audio and print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by calling Alfred Kemp at the church at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 19–25, 2004

Sunday, December 19

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Academy Class	Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship	Randolph Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John A. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 20

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, December 21

12:00 p.m.	Center for Whole Health Seminar	Dining Room
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Wednesday, December 22

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, December 23

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, December 24

	Christmas Eve	
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Worship with Children's Pageant	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Worship with Christmas Meditation	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 25

	Christmas Day	
11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Christmas Dinner	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, December 26

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Keith C. Harris	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.