

December 17–23, 2006

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Christmas cantata *Gloria* by Dan Locklair will be sung by the Morning Choir during 9:30 and 11:00 worship today.

A midweek Advent service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel this Wednesday, December 20.

WBBM-TV (CBS) will rebroadcast the 2005 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service at 10:35 p.m. this Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table and, during the week, at the reception desk. They can also be ordered at www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, collects holiday gifts for more than 700 children in need. Volunteers are needed to help wrap the gifts. Stop by Coffee Hour for details.

“Light Up a Life” this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available at the Project Light table during Coffee Hour, in the brochures in the literature racks, and on the church website. For more information, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

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

WORSHIP

Please note that next Sunday and the following Sunday, there will not be an 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. The complete worship schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is printed on page 7 of the worship bulletin. The regular Sunday morning worship schedule will resume on January 7.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Morning prayer is held each weekday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, December 22.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Servers for a congregational Christmas Dinner on December 25

Tutors for children in a Fourth Church program on weekdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Assistants for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Current Donation Needs

Winter clothes for a family in need; lists are available at the Volunteer Table

Men's fall and winter clothing in large and extra-large sizes

Winter clothing for babies and children

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today is the last Sunday to pick up preordered commemorative crosses during Coffee Hour. Any remaining crosses will be mailed. No new orders are being taken, but anyone interested in joining the waitlist can call Christina Wollerman at 312.573.3364.

Orders are being taken for the first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook during Coffee Hour today following 9:30 and 11:00 worship. The cookbook features recipes, artwork, and stories by members of the Fourth Church garden community. For more information or to order a copy, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org). Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

The weekly Sunday Night Supper, which serves a hot meal to our hungry neighbors, will be served on Sunday, December 24 in the Dining Room. Our guests, many of whom are homeless, will gather here the afternoon and early evening of Christmas Eve for a festive and nutritious dinner.

Year-End Gifts of Stock: Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. Information is available in the literature racks and on the website and from Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380. Information about a new charitable-giving law for those over 70.5 is also available.

Regular updates on Project Light are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website.

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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ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

“Thriving During Another Chicago Winter,” a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

Women’s Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

Books are available during Coffee Hour for those interested in reading ahead for upcoming Community Book Group gatherings. The next discussion will be on Tuesday, January 23 and will be led by Keith Harris on *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama.

“Strategic Socializing,” a workshop hosted by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held at the church on Friday evening, January 26. Call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 for details.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about the exploitation of farmworkers in the fields of McDonald’s tomato suppliers is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The 2007 mission trips to Cuba (April 19–26) and the Holy Land (June 14–26) have January application deadlines. Information about these trips is available in the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House. Sunday School will not meet on December 24 or 31 but will resume on January 7.

A mandatory rehearsal for children interested in participating in this year’s Christmas Eve pageant takes place today in the sanctuary following 11:00 worship.

The all-youth Christmas party takes place today from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today is the final day *The Face of AIDS and Poverty in Africa*, a collection of photographs, is on display in the Loggia.

John Sherer, Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music, will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.81 million in commitments from 1,111 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 17–23, 2006

Sunday, December 17

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
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.	Sunday School		Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties		Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	All-Youth Christmas Party		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 18

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)		Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, December 19

12:00 p.m.	“Thriving During Another Chicago Winter”		Page Smith Room
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Wednesday, December 20

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study		Large Conference Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship		Blair Chapel

Thursday, December 21

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Hoops		Northwestern University Athletic Club

Friday, December 22

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, Organ		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé		Blair Chapel

Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	John M. Buchanan preaching
4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant
6:00 p.m.	John W. Vest preaching
8:30 p.m.	John M. Buchanan preaching
11:00 p.m.	John M. Buchanan preaching

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.