

December 18–24, 2011

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A **Christmas Cantata**, featuring John Rutter's *Gloria*, will be performed by the Morning Choir and Tower Brass today during 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

Today is the last day Tutoring Holiday Cards will be available during Coffee Hour. The cards being offered are cards remaining from previous years as the Holiday Card program has been discontinued. Cards are available in 16-card packs, for \$5 per pack.

The **"Light Up a Life" holiday giving program** is underway. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be given to honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

A **"Blue Christmas" Service**, for those experiencing grief or loss, will take place on Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Reflections by John Buchanan on his favorite Advent and Christmas memories are being posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch throughout the season.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner held at 12:30 p.m. Christmas Day are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

Daily Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

There will be four candlelight services on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children's Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols).

The Christmas Day service will take place at 11:00 a.m.; 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship will *not* be held that day.

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you've not yet "Liked" Fourth Church on Facebook (online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or just scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can see the latest construction photos, access Advent and Christmas resources there, and ensure you're up-to-date on Fourth Church news and events.



NEWS AND RESOURCES

At a Michigan Avenue Forum honoring John Buchanan, Walter Brueggemann will speak about Christianity—"where it's been and where it's going." A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann's comments at this special January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

John Buchanan's last Sunday as Pastor of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. An open house reception for John and Sue will follow the 11:30 service and will be held at the Drake Hotel.

Recommendations of individuals to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) are being collected through December 31. Recommendations can be made using the cards in the literature racks or by emailing names to transitionteam@fourthchurch.org. An eleven-member PNC will be elected by the congregation at the February 12 Annual Meeting.

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January as a gift from the congregation.

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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Help us honor John Buchanan by raising \$800,000 by December 31—through 2011 pledge fulfillments and gifts to the annual operations of the church and to Light Up a Life—so that we can fulfill his hope that Fourth Church can begin 2012 with a balanced budget (www.fourthchurch.org/johnbuchananletter1211.html).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Light, the new CD featuring the Fourth Church Choirs, is available during Coffee Hour.

Duo pianists Brian Lee and William Phemister will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties will gather today for an Advent discussion, led by Associate Pastor for Congregational Life Joyce Shin, at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Young Adults meets today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and an Advent discussion. Their Christmas party will take place this Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse.

Cornerstones will gather for "History of Tap Dance," on Friday, January 6 at the 737 building. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Wednesday, January 4.

WORSHIP

A service in the style of Taizé will be held on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

New Year's Day worship will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday services will *not* be held that day.

A jazz service is held Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray there with a Deacon at that time.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children Mondays–Thursdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

Volunteers to put drip sleeves on candles on December 22 and 23 for the Christmas Eve services

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Gift gatherers for the silent auction for Carnaval 2012

Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

A rehearsal for those participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant will be held today in the Sanctuary following 11:00 worship.

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building. Youth will not meet next Sunday, December 25 or Sunday, January 1.

Sunday school classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Sunday School classes will not meet on December 25 or January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.

College-age youth, from eighteen to twenty-two, and their families are invited to a gathering on Christmas Eve from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for refreshments and fellowship. For details, call Kimberlee at 312.981.4035.

Moms' Groups for new moms and moms of six- to twelve-year-olds meet regularly. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

ENRICHMENT

Join us in reading through the entire Bible in a year! Beginning on January 1, Fourth Church will launch a congregation-wide Bible study that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31. A weekly Bible study of the texts for the week will be offered in 2012 on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Daily devotions (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, and in the literature racks) will also reflect on the daily readings. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html.

Men's Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 18–24, 2011

Sunday, December 18

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	New Members Brunch		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Advent Discussion	Calvin Room –	737 Building
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Service	Christmas Music Sunday	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, December 19

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>also Wednesday–Friday</i>)		Sanctuary
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Tuesday, December 20

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(<i>see announcement</i>)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Party		Manse

Thursday, December 22

6:30 p.m.	"Blue Christmas" Worship Service		Anderson Hall
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Friday, December 23

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room –	737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Brian Lee and William Phemister		Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve			
3:30 to 7:15 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Service	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols		Sanctuary
		John Buchanan preaching	
9:30 to 10:30 p.m.	College Youth Gathering		Crow's Next
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols		Sanctuary
		John Buchanan preaching	

Leading worship on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

John Buchanan 11:00 a.m.

(8:00, 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship will not be held on Sunday, December 25)

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.