

December 22–28, 2013

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Four candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve this Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. (Children's Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service; Adam Fronczek preaching); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols; Calum MacLeod preaching).

Parking on Christmas Eve for those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24 will cost \$16 this year due to a change in management at the garage. The \$16 orange parking voucher will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve and will be available before and after the Children's Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with a green voucher available at the church. Parking on Christmas Day in the 900 garage will also cost \$16. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

The Christmas Day worship service this Wednesday, December 25 will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with Hardy Kim preaching.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place this Wednesday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available at the reception desk. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

Online viewing of the Christmas Eve 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. services will be available live on the evening of December 24 as well as afterwards. To watch, go to www.bit.ly/FPCXmasEve2013

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers, and more.

Online gifts to Light Up a Life and pledge fulfillment

can be made at www.fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning the QR code at right with any smartphone).

These year-end gifts provide vital support to the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, funding outreach to those in need, sustaining choirs, supporting educational opportunities, and making possible our ministry together!



Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago).

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to be in conversation with candidates. The role of "call" as part of the search process is the topic of a recent PNC reflection, and you can read that online at www.fourthchurchorg/pnc.

WORSHIP

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Morning Prayer is held this week in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on Monday and Friday and at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets for a discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

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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Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will come together for dinner and a performance by Fourth Acts on Friday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Buchanan Chapel. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 or Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, January 8.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks.

"Hope in an Age of Crisis," a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and public meeting, will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (8235 S. Shore Dr.). For details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Health insurance coverage assistance for uninsured residents is available at getcoveredillinois.gov. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chancel Choir will not rehearse on Thursday, December 26 or January 2. Rehearsals for this volunteer choir will resume on Thursday, January 9.

Organist John W. W. Sherer will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The art exhibit "Work: Curse or Calling" is on display in the Loggia through Monday, December 30.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth Worship will be held today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nursery care on Christmas Eve will be available from 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. It will not be available during the last two services.

Sunday School will not be in session on Sundays, December 29 and January 5. Children are invited to worship with their parents on those Sundays; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

ENRICHMENT

“Endings and Beginnings,” a spiritual retreat led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held Saturday, January 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To RSVP, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Sunday, December 29.

Several meditation opportunities are being offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center in early 2014. “Mindfulness and Meditation,” led by Ruth Durchslag and Nesita Kwan, will be held on Wednesdays, January 8–February 5 at 7:00 p.m.; “Embodied Meditation: Introductory Class,” led by Jon Hansen and Whitney Logan, will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and “Embodied Meditation: Advanced Class” will be held every other Monday, January 20–March 3, at 7:00 p.m. All classes will take place in the Third Floor Conference Room. To register, call 312.787.8425.

Books by Women will discuss *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“Taste and See: A Retreat for Women” will be held on Saturday, January 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Immigration Today,” a Center for Life and Learning minicourse led by Edwin Estevez, will be held on Mondays, January 27–February 17 at 2:45 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

“Composing a Life: A Journaling Workshop for Boomers and Beyond,” led by Carol LaChapelle, will be held on Tuesdays, February 4–25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of Parish House. To register for a discounted rate, contact the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, January 28.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

In2it Café instructors to share hobbies with Chicago Lights Tutoring students; once a week (Monday–Thursday); 5:25–5:55 p.m.

Teachers and health professionals for the Center for Life and Learning

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s seasonal clothes in all sizes

Women’s seasonal clothes in larger sizes

Department store bags with handles

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 22–28, 2013

Sunday, December 22

8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Advent Bible Study		Room 5G
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Room 5B
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Worship		Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Room 5B
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:15 p.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 23

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
3:30 to 7:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Service	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols		Sanctuary
		Calum I. MacLeod preaching	
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols		Sanctuary
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Wednesday, December 25 *Christmas Day: Church Office Closed*

11:00 a.m.	Christmas Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Christmas Dinner		Anderson Hall

Thursday, December 26 *Church Office Closed*

Friday, December 27

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary

Saturday, December 28

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m.	Edwin Estevez preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
4:00 p.m.	Edwin Estevez preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. 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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.