A Christmas Cantata, featuring Benjamin Britten’s *A Ceremony of Carols*, will be sung by the Morning Choir today during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Parking rates for Christmas Eve and Day: For those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24, discounted parking will cost $16, which is the holiday rate. The $16 orange parking voucher for that discount will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve—cash or check only—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 cost $16. The voucher for discounted parking on Christmas Day must be purchased, with cash or check, at the church on Christmas morning. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

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!
The annual Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register, with cash or check, at the reception desk.

Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online or by completing the form available in the literature racks.

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities. Feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources and a supportive environment for reflecting on, exploring, and coping with such experiences. To learn how the Center can help, call 312.787.8425.

Youth gather today for worship at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held today at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP

The old blue hymnals are going to be given to communities in need of hymnals—but if you would like to have one or more of them, they are available from the Book Nook for a suggested donation of $10 each.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Flutist Cate Hummel will perform the next free Noonday concert, which will be held on Friday, January 2 at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will gather today for fellowship and discussion about “Advent Expectations” at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.
Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of the presentation “The Music and History of Bagpipes,” led by George Sims, on Friday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7.

Applications for 2015 mission trips “Racial Reconciliation” (May 2–9) and Guatemala (July 12–19) are due February 15 and April 11, respectively. Application information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

**Angels on Call** is a volunteer opportunity offering home-cooked meals to Fourth Church families who have recently welcomed a baby or who are recovering from surgery. To learn more about Angels on Call and how to help, contact Judy Watt at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the $1 gift will be redeemed at a participating store or restaurant. To purchase a $5 booklet, stop by the Mission table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

**The Benevolent Guild**, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, will next meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Save the date for **Gala of Hope**, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being: Friday, March 6. Watch for details in the new year!

“Endings and Beginnings,” a spiritual retreat, will be held on Saturday, January 3 at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To register (required), contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, December 28.

“Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 7–27. For more information about the series and speakers, including Richard M. Daley, visit www.calvin.edu/january

**Books by Women** will discuss *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron on Tuesday, January 13 in Borwell Dining Room.

“1914: Picturing the Great War” will be the topic of a Center for Life and Learning class held on Thursdays, January 15–February 26 at 10:00 a.m. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

**Current Volunteer Needs**

**Audio recording** operators for worship

**Church members to serve** as Nursery caregivers during morning worship

**Tutors** for Chicago Lights Tutoring

**Current Donation Needs**

**Men’s and women’s** sturdy winter clothes

**Individually wrapped** and nonperishable food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html
Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Morning Worship    Judith L. Watt preaching    Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal    Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour    Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery    Gratz Center, First Floor
9:00 a.m. Tunes for Tots    Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship    Shannon J. Kershner preaching    Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. “Parenting in Faith”    Room 4G
9:30 a.m. Sunday School    Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour    Commons
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Intercessory Prayer    Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship    Shannon J. Kershner preaching    Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Sunday School    Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:00 noon Coffee Hour    Commons
12:10 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal    Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Young Adults Gathering    Room 5A
4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship    Shannon J. Kershner preaching    Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper    Anderson Hall

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk    Buchanan Chapel
9:30 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    John W. Vest preaching    Sanctuary
8:30 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols    Shannon J. Kershner preaching    Sanctuary
11:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols    Shannon J. Kershner preaching

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day
11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship    Matt Helms preaching    Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Congregational Christmas Dinner    Anderson Hall

Friday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Labyrinth Walk    Buchanan Chapel

Worship on Sunday, December 28

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