

November 22–28, 2015

**FOURTH  
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CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Follow Fourth Church on Facebook:**  
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**Taking Communion to homebound** members will be part of the Deacon ministry this Advent. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

## THANKSGIVING

**Community Thanksgiving Worship** will be held this Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State). Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name, and Fourth Church will be cohosting.

**Thanksgiving Day worship** at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary this Thursday, November 26. Vicky Curtiss will preach.

**A Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held this Thursday, November 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are available at the reception desk today and during the week.

**Thanksgiving Day parking** for the Thanksgiving Day worship service and dinner is available at a discounted rate at the 900 parking garage. Please note, however, that the discount rate will not be the Sunday morning rate but will be the \$17 holiday rate set by the garage. The \$17 vouchers can be purchased with cash or check at the church reception desk on Thanksgiving morning. There will then be no additional fee when validating your ticket at the garage upon exit.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Tunes for Tots** for infants, young toddlers, and their parents meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

**In this season of Thanksgiving we invite you to join us in "Texting to Give Thanks!"**

Text @fourthchurch and a dollar amount to 52014 or make a gift online to the Fourth Church mission and ministry fund ([www.bit.ly/FPCgiving](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgiving), or scan the QR code) and your gift will be matched 2 to 1 (up to a total of \$25,000 for all new and unpledged gifts made by text or online by November 30).



A “Parenting in Faith” opportunity for parents to connect as a community through conversation and fellowship will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“From the Euphrates to Chicago,” a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia.

The Embellish Handbell Choir will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Bach’s complete *Brandenburg Concertos* will be presented in a free concert by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago next Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

Due December 1 and 20 are applications for the mission trips to, respectively, Mexico and Cuba. Details are posted online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html)

The Book Nook is selling copies of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* at Coffee Hour this holiday season.

## WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for this weekly prayer opportunity.

## ADVENT

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held next Sunday, November 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing support of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights programs. Gifts can be made online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

Items for Christmas Bags are being collected for guests of Meals Ministry’s Sunday Night Supper and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. A list of needed items is available at Coffee Hour and in the information racks. Items are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 6.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held next Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

“Holidays a cappella,” with Chicago a cappella, will be held next Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org)

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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“Candlelight Carols,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place next Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.stcharlessingers.com](http://www.stcharlessingers.com)

**The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

**An Advent Contemplative Retreat** will be held Friday–Saturday, December 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms, which are available in the literature racks and online, are due Sunday, December 6.

**Help decorate the Sanctuary** and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and online. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Young Adults** will meet for discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Knitting and Crocheting** will next gather this Tuesday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4J for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material.

**Cornerstones** will meet for their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, December 2.

## ENRICHMENT

**Weekly Seeds at Fourth**, a weekly women’s Bible study, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

**Three Academy for Faith and Life classes** meet today: “Praying with Eyes Open” at 9:30 a.m. in Boyle Conference Room, “God in the Modern Wing” at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, and “Presbyterian Beliefs” at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

**Two new adult education opportunities** offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begin next Sunday, November 29: “Becoming a Vital Member of a Church Body,” led by Tom Payne, at 11:00 a.m. and “Handel’s *Messiah*,” led by John Sherer, at 12:15 p.m. Register online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academy](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy)

**Christian Century Study Groups** will gather for discussion next Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Ushers** for the 11:00 a.m. worship service  
**Workers** to take down the Fair Trade Bazaar, December 6

**Members to assist a child** with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Tutors** for Chicago Lights Tutoring  
**Assistants** to help lead Junior High youth

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men’s and women’s winter clothing**  
**Clean blankets**  
**Magazines**

*For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 22–28, 2015**

**Sunday, November 22**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.		Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Day School Classroom B
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	“Praying with Eyes Open”		Boyle Conference Room
	9:00 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5F
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 5E
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Youth Choir		Room 4G
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Children’s Choir		Room 4G
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	11:00 a.m.	“God in the Modern Wing”		Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	“Presbyterian Beliefs”		Room 4G
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Hardy H. Kim preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Monday, November 23**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School	Gratz Center, First Floor

**Tuesday, November 24**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Day School	Gratz Center, First Floor
5:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4J
7:00 p.m.	<b>Community Thanksgiving Worship</b>	<i>(see announcement)</i>

**Wednesday, November 25**

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel

**Thursday, November 26**     *Thanksgiving Day*

<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Vicky Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner		Anderson Hall

**Friday, November 27**     *Church Office Closed*

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Embellish Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
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**Saturday, November 28**

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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**Worship on Sunday, November 29**

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching
4:00 p.m.	Layton Williams preaching