

December 4–10, 2016

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This class, a prerequisite for membership, meets this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Books by Women will meet next Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Sparks.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible Study will meet next Wednesday, December 14 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

The January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College will be shown via live video feed—cohosted by the Center for Life and Learning and the Academy for Faith and Life—weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For details, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Worship

There will be just one worship service—at 11:00 a.m.—on Sunday, December 25. That will also be the schedule on Sunday, January 1: 11:00 a.m. worship only. Then the regular Sunday worship schedule will resume on Sunday, January 8.

News and Resources

Do you know someone who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information is available in the literature racks, on the website, and by leaving a confidential message with the Stephen Ministry: 312.573.3365.

"Like" Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources.



As you tend to your Christmas shopping list,

let Fourth Church and Chicago Lights help you spread double the joy with your giving: "Light Up a Life" gifts—which are easy to place online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts and perfect for all on your list—provide a meaningful gift for recipients and make a lasting difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights and Fourth Church.

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 call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

We are counting on gifts pledged for 2016 to be fully fulfilled by year end to ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met. If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (312.640.2576) so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Advent

Today's Fair Trade Bazaar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

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).

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

Holiday Bags are being collected by Fourth Church Meals Ministry for guests of Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers. A list of needed items and bags to decorate are available at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour. Items are to be returned to the Meals Ministry cart by next Sunday, December 11.

Young Adults and the Chicago Lights Associate Board will gather for an Advent dinner and gingerbread-house-decorating contest this Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Holidays a cappella," with Chicago *a cappella*, will be held this Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoacappella.org

Next Sunday is the deadline for Christmas flower contributions to memorialize or honor loved ones. Names of those being remembered must be received by December 11 in order to be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by calling Allie Williams at 312.981.3383.

Carl Grapentine will discuss Advent music on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place next Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall. (*There is no discounted parking after 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.*) Volunteers and bakers are needed to help bake cookies and set up the reception; to help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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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Join the Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge. Details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo. Search social media for #adventfpc to see what others have posted!

The Jazz at Four Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m.; music will begin at 3:50 p.m. The worship service that afternoon will feature selections from *Singing Christmas*, the latest CD by the Lucy Smith Quartet. A post-service gathering will be held in Borwell Dining Room. (*The 4:00 jazz service will not be held on December 25 or January 1 but will resume on January 8.*)

The “Longest Night” service, which will be held Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

The annual Christmas Dinner will take place on December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Reservations (*required*) can be made at www.bit.ly/cdin1216

Mission and Outreach

“Dancing in the Dark: Nurturing Healing and Resilience” is the subject of a seminar sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vicky Curtiss will preach.

A **vigil** remembering all those affected by gun violence will be held Wednesday, December 14 at 5:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. There will also be opportunity to walk the labyrinth at that time.

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, February 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Fellowship

Today ThirtiesForties will meet in the Narthex after 11:00 a.m. worship to go to lunch at Lyfe Kitchen (831 N. State).

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

Christian Century Study Groups will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Music and the Arts

Pianist Christopher O’Hara will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes will be held today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Youth in grades 6–12 will come together today at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and hold gatherings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs). Confirmation meets today at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Servers for the Fourth Church Christmas Dinner, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Cooks and servers for Monday Night Supper on January 2

Sunday School teacher

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring,

Current Donation Needs

Travel-size toiletry items

Sturdy winter clothing

For more opportunities or to volunteer, visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Calendar for December 4–10, 2016

Sunday, December 4

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour		Commons
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. <i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5H
	9:30 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m. Confirmation Youth		Room 5A
	10:00 a.m. All-Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour		Commons
	11:00 a.m. Junior Highs		Room 4G
	11:00 a.m. Senior Highs		Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour		Commons
	12:00 p.m. ThirtiesForties		(see announcement)
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship	Nanette Sawyer preaching	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 5

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 to 3:30 p.m.	Day School (<i>also Tuesday–Friday</i>)	Gratz Center, First Floor
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Room 4F

Tuesday, December 6

7:45 a.m.	“Sacred Pause”	Stone Chapel
7:30 p.m.	“A Chanticleer Christmas” (<i>also Wednesday</i>)	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 7

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
6:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Century</i> Study Groups	Randolph Room

Thursday, December 8

7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Advent Dinner	Anderson Hall
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Friday, December 9

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Christopher O'Hara	Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 10

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	“Dancing in the Dark”	Buchanan Chapel
8:00 p.m.	Holidays <i>a cappella</i>	Sanctuary

Worship on Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	
4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching	
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music	

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.