

December 25–31, 2016

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Worship

Tickets for the traditional Christmas Dinner being served today at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall may still be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Check for ticket availability at the door following worship.

“**Sacred Pause,**” a meditative time of twenty minutes of silence, will not be held this Tuesday. It will resume on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer will not be held this Wednesday. It will resume its weekly schedule next Wednesday, January 4.

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

On New Year’s Day, January 1, there will be just one worship service—at 11:00 a.m. Nanette Sawyer will preach that day. The regular Sunday worship schedule will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be our guest preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, January 8.

News and Resources

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

Take part in our chili cook-off on Sunday, January 8 at 12:00 noon in Borwell Dining Room! Enter your chili into the contest by signing up at www.bit.ly/chili2017. Or come enjoy chili for lunch that day for \$10 per person. Proceeds support the summer youth mission trips.



It’s easy to fulfill your 2016 pledge online:

Just go to www.fourthchurch.org (or scan this QR code) and click on “To Make a Gift.” There you will find an option to make a gift toward your Annual Appeal pledge for 2016. You can also make Light Up a Life gifts at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts to thank friends, family, and colleagues with gifts that offer important year-end support to programs that serve others.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Be sure to “like” **Fourth Church** on Facebook to see photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources.

Year-end giving notes: For those wanting to make a year-end gift or fulfill their 2016 Annual Appeal pledge by credit card, charges must be made to the card by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 in order for those gifts to be listed on 2016 giving statements. For those wanting to make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check and have the gift listed on 2016 giving statements, please be sure the envelope is postmarked December 31.

Fellowship

Young Adults will not gather today or January 1 but will resume gathering on January 8 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones will not meet in January. The group will next gather on Friday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for “On the Elder’s Trail: The Later Life of Charles M. Charnley.”

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Men’s Breakfast will meet on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss “An Informed Evangelical Witness: Preaching at Fourth Church.” The group will meet on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women’s Bible study, will next meet on Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Men’s Bible Study will next meet Tuesday, January 3 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“**Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education**” describes the January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For details, visit www.calvin.edu/january

New adult education classes begin Sunday, January 8 in Room 5G: “Suffering and Hope in Second Isaiah,” led by Tom Dozeman and John Buchanan, at 9:30 a.m. and “Bonhoeffer’s *The Cost of Discipleship*,” led by Reggie Williams, at 11:00 a.m.

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc or call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

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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Books by Women will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Girl Next Door* by Ruth Rendell.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible Study will meet Wednesday, January 11 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

Save the date for a women's retreat on discipleship: Saturday, February 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fourth Church.

Mission and Outreach

Reservations for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm 2017 CSA (Community-supported Agriculture) program are now available. For details, contact Deja Stout at dstout@chicagolights.org

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be held on Friday, February 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For more information, contact Andrea Miller at amiller@fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

Mezzo-soprano Beena David will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir will not rehearse on Thursday, December 29. Rehearsals for this volunteer choir will resume on Thursday, January 5.

Holiday panels made by the Center for Life and Learning; the Fourth Church Sunday School; and artists from Esperanza Community Services, an organization providing services to adults with developmental disabilities, are on display in the Commons until next Friday, January 6.

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org

The Gold Coast Encore Chorale, a choir for older adults, begins rehearsals on Mondays, starting January 16, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Clare (55 E. Pearson). For more information, contact Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

Children, Youth, and Family

No Nursery, Sunday School, or youth gatherings will be held today or next Sunday, January 1. Families are encouraged to worship together, using the family version of the worship bulletin, which is available from the ushers each week.

The all-youth ski retreat to Cascade Mountain will be held January 13–15. Youth can sign up online at www.bit.ly/FPCski2017

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs
Sunday School teacher for 9:30 a.m. classes
Communion-bread cutters; starting 2017
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Shower Ministry Greeters to check in and provide supplies to showering guests of the Meals Ministry program
Nursery caregivers on Sundays
Greeters and ushers

Current Donation Needs
Travel-size toiletry items
Sturdy winter clothing, especially men's coats, gloves, hats, pants, and boots

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

Calendar for December 25–31, 2016

Sunday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Christmas Day Dinner		Anderson Hall
3:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
Monday, December 26	<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
Tuesday, December 27	<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
Wednesday, December 28			
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall
Thursday, December 29			
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall
Friday, December 30			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Beena David		Sanctuary
Saturday, December 31	<i>New Year's Eve</i>		
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Hosted Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service		Buchanan Chapel

Worship on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

11:00 a.m. Nanette Sawyer 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 from the Chestnut Street reception desk.