

November 18–24, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service will be held this Tuesday evening, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (*State and Superior*) and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral. RSVP for the evening's reception at www.bit.ly/2qLVwri

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary this Thursday, November 22. Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ will preach that morning.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held this Thursday, November 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2018 or by contacting Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Friday after Thanksgiving, organist Andrew Fredel will perform a free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Advent and Christmas

Daily Advent devotions will be available beginning Sunday, December 2 via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in the literature racks.

Advent Jazz worship will take place each Sunday of Advent in Buchanan Chapel beginning on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Our Annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be Saturday, December 1 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 2 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) in Anderson Hall and Borwell.

A “Candlelight Carols” concert by the St. Charles Singers will take place Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See www.stcharlessingers.com for tickets.

The annual “Christmas with Chanticleer” concerts will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available from the CSO (312.294.3000; www.cso.org).

The Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a freewill donation will be received at the door. For more holiday concerts taking place at Fourth Church, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

Ushers are needed on Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant; 6:00 p.m. Family Service; 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols) and Christmas Day (11:00 a.m.). Contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org) for details.

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Advent and Christmas *(continued)*

A family Advent wreath workshop will be held Sunday, December 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be celebrated on Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and also 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 online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.

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

Holiday Gift 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 cart by December 9.

Enrichment

“The Impact of the 2018 Election” will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum hosted by the Adult Education Committee and presented by Robert Boatright, Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse and Chair of Political Science at Clark University, on Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

“Death, Dying, and Human Dignity” concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Bible,” led by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, meets today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

“Longing for God: Faith Development over a Lifetime,” a four-week class with Lucy Forster-Smith, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G and continues on December 2.

Men’s Bible Study meets Tuesday, November 20 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Telling Your Story: Storytelling for Wellness,” a three-session series hosted by the Replogle Center, will begin Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register (*required*) at www.bit.ly/rccwstorytelling

News and Resources

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. The reception desk of Fourth Presbyterian Church is at 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014. Phone: 312.787.4570 | www.fourthchurch.org | www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

News and Resources *(continued)*

Today's Coffee Hour celebrates the fifth anniversary of Stephen Ministry at Fourth Church. In the past five years we have trained twenty-nine Stephen Ministers and served more than seventy care receivers. To learn about this one-to-one ministry of listening for those experiencing life's challenges, stop by Coffee Hour today.

Because of the generosity of many we are 77 percent of the way to our 2019 Annual Appeal goal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Member households who have not yet pledged will be contacted in the coming weeks. To forego that call, call Andrea Miller (312.640.2576) or pledge at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Fellowship

Brunch for LGBTQIA folks and friends will be held Sunday, December 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Cornerstones Christmas Sing-Along and dinner for adults fifty and over will be held Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. Registration is required by Wednesday, December 5 and can be completed online: www.bit.ly/cfpc1218

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth meet today, with Junior High at 9:30 a.m. (Bumpus); 10:30 a.m. youth fellowship (Allison Library); and 11:00 a.m. Senior High (Bumpus) and Confirmation (4G).

Mission

Learn about Fourth Church Prison Ministry today at 12:20 p.m. in Room 5F.

See travel photos and hear experiences from the South Africa music trip and the "History of Oppression and Resistance" tour today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

Mission trips to Cuba (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11) are being planned for 2019. Learn more or apply (*by January 15*) at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, November 27 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in 4F.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to help set up and take down our Fair Trade Bazaar, Friday evening, November 30 and Sunday afternoon, December 2

Volunteers to unload food trucks at the church on second and fourth Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; must be able to lift 50 pounds

Sunday Night Supper volunteers to greet and serve guests on Sundays, December 23 and 30 from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. (sign up: www.bit.ly/2QSrgR5) and to cook and help in the kitchen (sign up: www.bit.ly/2RSfeX6).

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Calendar for November 18–24, 2018

Sunday, November 18 *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F
9:00, 10:30 a.m.;	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. "Death, Dying, and Human Dignity"	Room 5E
	9:30 a.m. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Bible"	Room 5G
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Groups	<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. "Longing for God"	Room 5G
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch	Randolph Room
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:20 p.m. Prison Ministry	Room 5F
	12:30 p.m. South Africa / D.C. Trip Reports	Room 4G
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 19

	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool <i>(also Tues.)</i>	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	7:00 p.m. Grief Group	Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, November 20

	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches <i>(also Wed.)</i>	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	Holy Name Cathedral
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, November 21

	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
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Thursday, November 22 *Thanksgiving Day*

	11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, November 23 *Church Office Closed*

	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Andrew Fredel, Organ	Sanctuary
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Saturday, November 24 *Church Office Closed*

Worship on November 25 *Reign of Christ Sunday*

	8:00 a.m. Matt Helms Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Nanette Sawyer	
	4:00 p.m. Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching Jazz Communion	

For a complete Fourth Church calendar that includes links to register for programs and to add events to your own electronic calendar, see www.fourthchurch.org/calendar