

November 25–December 1, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Advent and Christmas

Daily Advent devotions will be available beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2 via email (if you don't already receive our daily devotions, subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in the literature racks.

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

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

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 Dining Room. Proceeds will help artisans around the world earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their families.

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 Lakeside Singers holiday concert will be Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com.

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. To help with the reception, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.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.

Bella Voce’s presentation of A Ceremony of Carols will take place Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.bellavoce.org

Chicago a capella’s holiday concert will be Friday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoacappella.org

Ushers are needed for 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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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. Decorated bags filled with the items are to be returned to the cart by Sunday, December 9.

The “Longest Night” service, which will be held Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.

Worship

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

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A New Year’s Eve Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Monday, December 31.

Enrichment

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

“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, this Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

“Longing for God: Faith Development over a Lifetime,” a class with Lucy Forster-Smith, will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G next Sunday, December 2.

A Men’s Faith Discussion Group beginning in January will combine autobiography and listening to Jesus’ life and teachings. (*No knowledge of the Bible required*). Learn more on Sunday, December 2 or 9 at 10:35 a.m. or Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

News and Resources

A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers will begin in the spring. Those interested in this fifty-hour class—and making a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring—can find information at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

Fellowship

Brunch for LGBTQIA individuals and friends will be 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

Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

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

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, which creates items for those in need, meets this Tuesday, November 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F to drop off completed projects, pick up materials, and share in a time of fellowship.

The 2019 Chicago Lights Marathon Team is recruiting runners. Contact Lauren Suppes (lsuppes@chicagolights.org) by Friday, November 30 for early-registration details.

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)

Tutors to work one-to-one with Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; sign up for the December 3 orientation at www.bit.ly/2MvhnJy

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 25–December 1, 2018

Sunday, November 25 <i>Reign of Christ Sunday</i>		
8:00 a.m.	Worship • Matt Helms 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 • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youth Groups	(see announcement)
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, November 26		
9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool (also Tues.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
5:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.)	Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
7:00 p.m.	Grief Group	Boyle Conference Room
Tuesday, November 27		
7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause Silent Meditation	Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed., Thurs.)	Anderson Hall
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, November 28		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, November 29		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	"The Impact of the Election"	Anderson Hall
Friday, November 30		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Roosevelt University Choirs	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, December 1		
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Borwell Dining Room
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Discover Fourth Open House	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	St. Charles Singers	Sanctuary

Worship on December 2 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner Communion	
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4:00 p.m.	Joseph L. Morrow 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