

December 23–29, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Advent and Christmas

Advent Jazz worship with Communion is this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Daily Advent and Christmas devotions written by members and staff are available via email (subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and on facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

We will gather for four candlelight Christmas Eve services this Monday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

6:00 p.m. Family Service

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

For those worshipping at 6:00, 8:00, or 10:00, all entry to the Sanctuary will be from Michigan Avenue entrances. Worshipers arriving before the Sanctuary has been emptied following the previous service will be invited to join the queue in the Loggia (*accessible through the glass doors on Michigan Avenue*). After that queue has entered the emptied Sanctuary, access will be allowed via the Michigan Avenue Sanctuary doors.

Discounted parking on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is available only at the 900 N. Michigan garage. Those who enter the garage on Christmas Eve *prior* to 3:00 p.m. will need to purchase a parking validation ticket at the church for \$17. Those who enter *after* 3:00 p.m. will be able to park for \$8 with a different validation ticket that can be picked up for free that day at the church. Those parking on Christmas Day will need to purchase a validation ticket at the church for \$17 discounted parking.

Nursery care on Christmas Eve will be available from 3:00 to 7:15 p.m. It will not be available during the last two services of the evening or on Christmas Day.

We will be live streaming the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service for those who are unable to be with us or who want to share the service with those who are out of town. The live stream at www.bit.ly/FPCworship will also be available after Christmas Eve.

We will worship on Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 25.

A traditional Christmas dinner will be held on Christmas Day at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall as a time to share Christmas with friends new and old. Dinner reservations (*required*) can be made at the reception desk today.

A candlelit New Year's Eve Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Monday, December 31. This service offers space for prayer as well as meditative pause for reflecting on the year past and looking ahead to the year to come.

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News and Resources

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities, and feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church's Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers a supportive environment for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

In order to conclude 2018 with a balanced budget, we are counting on gifts pledged for 2018 to be fully fulfilled by year end and welcome additional generosity where it is possible! If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know at amiller@fourthchurch.org so we might plan accordingly. *(For information about making gifts through stock transfers or required distributions from one's IRA or prepaying one's 2019 pledge, contact Katy Frey Bever at kbever@fourthchurch.org)*

A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers will begin in the spring. Information about this fifty-hour class is posted online at www.bit.ly/fpcstephen

The Deacons' Connection Corner during Coffee Hour offers opportunity to discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

Worship

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

Weekly Morning Prayer will not be held this week but will resume on Wednesday, January 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A New Year's Eve labyrinth walk will be held on Monday, December 31 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, prior to the New Year's Eve Taizé service.

Enrichment

"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 3–23 (*except Monday, January 21*) at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Nicholas Kristof, Jenna Bush Hager, and Craig Detweiler are among the lecturers. For a full list of speakers, see www.calvin.edu/january-series

Books by Women will discuss *A Walk Lillian Boxfish Takes* by Kathleen Rooney on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The Presbyterian Historical Society will present a program on Sunday, January 13 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

A "Connecting to the Heart" workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2CdfF9D

An Enneagram workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2S18OWh

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will take place in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. session. There will be no Sunday School on December 30; parents are encouraged to have their children worship with them that Sunday. Nursery care will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. for those three and younger.

Our Day School will hold an open house on Saturday, January 12 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. as a time for parents and children to learn about our weekday preschool program.

Today is the last day to sign up for the youth ski retreat, which will be the weekend of January 18–20; register at www.bit.ly/fpcski2019

Details about summer 2019 youth trips to New Jersey, Detroit, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium are posted at www.bit.ly/summertrips19; register by January 15.

Mission

January 15 is the application deadline for mission trips to Cuba (May 6–15) and **Guatemala** (August 4–11). Learn more or apply at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2, 2019. Details and a trip application are available at www.bit.ly/crtrip2019

The Gala of Hope—benefiting Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held Friday, March 1 at the Radisson Blu Aqua. Tickets will be available in January.

Fellowship

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Julie Cook in honor of Pete and Caroline Giers, parents of Julie Frances Cook and grandparents of Addie and Tim Cook, on the occasion of their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Take part in our chili cook-off on Sunday, January 13! Enter your chili into the contest by signing up online (at www.bit.ly/chili2019). Or come enjoy chili for lunch that day. Proceeds support the summer youth mission trips.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to unload food trucks on second and fourth Monday mornings

Sunday Night Supper greeters and servers on Sundays from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m.

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)

Music and the Arts

Mezzo-soprano Beena David will perform this week's free Friday Noonday Concert.

Calendar for December 23–30, 2018

Sunday, December 23 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

	8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	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 • Christmas Cantata	Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
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
	12:15 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

3:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant • Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. Family Service • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

11:00 a.m.	Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Christmas Dinner	Anderson Hall

Wednesday, December 26 *Church Office Closed*

Thursday, December 27

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches	Anderson Hall
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Friday, December 28

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Beena David, mezzo-soprano	Buchanan Chapel
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Saturday, December 29 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, December 30 *First Sunday after Christmas*

Worship on December 30 *First Sunday after Christmas*

8:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss | Communion

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Christmastide Lessons and Carols

4:00 p.m. Joseph L. Morrow | 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

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.