

March 3–9, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



Lent

Ash Wednesday services with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held this Wednesday, March 6 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

“Ashes on the Way”—the imposition of ashes for those who are unable to worship with us on Wednesday—will be available throughout the day on Ash Wednesday between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary.

Lenten devotions will be available daily beginning Ash Wednesday at facebook.com/fourthchurch, [@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago), and fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

“Path of Discipleship” registration closes this Tuesday, March 5. This six-week Lenten series, hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. Space is limited; register at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019

A candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Interfaith Seder will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware Place. Space is limited and fills quickly. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth meets next Sunday, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Bumpus; and Confirmation (Room 4G) and Senior High (Bumpus) at 11:00 a.m.

TED Talks for Parents has its monthly gathering today at 9:30 a.m. in the fourth-floor Loft to watch and discuss the TED Talk “How to Teach Kids to Talk about Taboo Topics.”

“A Very Magical Family Night,” showcasing the magician Great Scott, will be Friday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with dinner in Borwell Dining Room, followed by the magic show.

The spring Confirmation retreat will be the weekend of March 29. Register online at www.bit.ly/19springretreat

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The Fourth Church 2018 Impact Report—an online snapshot of our life together in 2018 and the ways in which your generosity enabled us to live out this congregation's call to be a light in the city—can be viewed at www.bit.ly/2018fpcimpactreport

A new book of prayers by John Boyle, founder of the Replogle Center and a member of the pastoral staff for more than thirty years, is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour or can be ordered by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Set clocks ahead an hour next Saturday night!

Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) to see photos of church life as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) for favorite quotes and news from Fourth Church.

A one-session Inquirers' Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held next Sunday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Donations of individually packaged snacks, especially chips and fruit cups, for our Bag Lunch program; donations can be dropped off at the reception desk to the attention of Meals Ministry

Fifty tutors to pair with Chicago Lights Tutoring students who do not have a tutor; one evening a week at the church; sign up for a volunteer orientation at www.bit.ly/2S314SC

Leaders for the summer youth trips to Detroit, New Jersey, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; sign up online (www.bit.ly/summeryouthleader) by March 15

Individuals to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments for worship (*once a month*)

Individual to assist blind woman with errands (*once every two weeks*) and to assist with summer walks

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).

Worship and Prayer

Today is the last day to submit "Big Questions" suggestions—be they topics or Bible texts you would like to see addressed in a sermon. Please share those suggestions with us by email (sermons@fourthchurch.org) or by writing them on a slip of paper and putting them in the "Big Questions" box during Coffee Hour. The pastors will then use these suggestions to shape their "Big Questions" sermon series in May and June.

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Fellowship

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E with a program on Openlands.

Coffee Hour is sponsored today in loving memory of Hildur Satre-Brees by her children and grandchildren. To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

"Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today," a four-week class led by G. Walter Hansen, begins today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

"A Time of Letting Go" will be the topic of today's "Conversations with Clergy," led by Shawn Fiedler, Ministerial Associate for Worship, at 5:00 p.m., following Jazz at Four worship.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood" is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

Books by Women will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi next Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 p.m. in 5H.

Those who are considering taking part in the October Reformation trip to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva are asked to contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org) this week and to mark Thursday, March 14 on their calendar for a 6:30 p.m. information meeting in Room 4G.

Men are invited to join a group from Fourth Church participating in Lumunos's annual Chicago Area Men's Retreat on March 15–17. To learn more or to register, see www.conta.cc/2Gk06jz

"Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers' Class Series" begins Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. This three week series is a chance to explore foundations of Christian faith in the Reformed tradition and life at Fourth Church. It is open to visitors, those seeking church membership, and current members seeking to refresh their understanding of our faith and their calling. If interested, email member@fourthchurch.org.

"Relationships 101," a workshop offered by the Replogle Center, will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register online at www.bit.ly/101relationships

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. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

"How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels," a men's discussion group meeting Friday mornings, April–June, will combine autobiography with active listening to Jesus' life and teachings. No knowledge of the Bible, theology, or experience in such a group is necessary. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for March 3–9, 2019

Sunday, March 3	<p>8:00 a.m. Worship • Judith L. Watt preaching Sanctuary</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Choir Loft</p> <p>9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals Room 4F</p> <p>9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall/Commons</p> <p>9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. Nursery/Day School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. “Galatians: New Testament Social Ethics for Today” Room 5E</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth-Led Worship Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Gratz Fourth Floor</p> <p>10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>5:00 p.m. “A Time of Letting Go” Allison Library</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall</p>
Monday, March 4	<p>9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) Day School Classrooms</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper <i>Catholic Charities</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>) Gratz Fifth Floor</p>
Tuesday, March 5	<p>7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible study (<i>see announcement</i>)</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) Anderson Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Meditation with the Replogle Center Boyle Conference Room</p>
Wednesday, March 6	<p>7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. “Ashes on the Way” Narthex</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B</p> <p>12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary</p> <p>7:15 p.m. “Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” Boyle Conference Room</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary</p>
Thursday, March 7	<p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (<i>also Fri.</i>) Randolph Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>
Friday, March 8	<p>12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Jeff Brown, piano Buchanan Chapel</p>
Saturday, March 9	<p>8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Room 4E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10</p>

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

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