March 17–23, 2019
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

**Daily Lenten devotions** written by members and staff are available at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter(@FourthChicago), and fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

**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. The registration deadline is this Tuesday, March 19. Register for tickets *(required)* at www.bit.ly/interfaithseder19 or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Remember loved ones at Easter** by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, April 7 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

**One hundred ushers** are needed for Holy Week and Easter; to learn more about this opportunity to welcome and assist worshipers, visit the Ushers table at Coffee Hour.

Worship and Prayer

**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.

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

**Sacred Pause meditation**, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

**A Blue Bows Prayer Service** will be held Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows outside the church as part of our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness efforts. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369, aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

**This Friday’s free Noonday Concert** is presented by organist Thomas Heidenreich.
**News and Resources**

If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please visit the Stephen Ministry table at Coffee Hour or leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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

**Inquirers’ Class** provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on April 14 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those interested in attending this or a future session may register at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)

**Mission**

**Fourth Church will observe Earth Hour** on Saturday, March 30 by shutting off all external lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to remind us of our need to be good stewards of the earth’s resources.

Those interested in **signing a letter to send to both mayoral candidates** to urge them to work for equitable funding of Chicago’s public schools are invited to stop by the Mission table at Coffee Hour. This letter is sponsored by Fourth Church’s new Education Funding Team.

**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 today** 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 5G) and Senior High (Bumpus) at 11:00 a.m.

**The spring Confirmation retreat** will be the weekend of March 29. Register online at [www.bit.ly/19springretreat](http://www.bit.ly/19springretreat)

**Fellowship**

**LGBTQIA Brunch** will be held next Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets Tuesday, March 26 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

**Cornerstones**, a group of couples and singles over the age of fifty, meets on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for a time of a program on literacy in Chicago. Register *(required)* at [www.bit.ly/cfpc0419](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc0419) by Wednesday, April 3.

**TwentiesThirties’ spring retreat** will be the weekend of May 3–5; register at [www.bit.ly/2030may19](http://www.bit.ly/2030may19)

**To sponsor Coffee Hour**, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).
Volunteers Needed

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

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

Individual to assist blind woman with errands (every other week) 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).

Enrichment

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

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 19 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

“Discovering Faith at Fourth: An Inquirers’ Class Series” begins next 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. Register at www.bit.ly/discovering0319

“Practicing the Presence of God,” a three-week class led by Vicky Curtiss, begins next Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E. This class will explore how to be attentive to the presence of God by reading texts from poets and mystics.

“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

The “Dying to Know” series, cohosted by the Replogle Center and the Center for Life and Learning, begins on Wednesday, April 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room with a screening and discussion of the film Being Mortal. To register (required), visit www.journeycare.org/dyingtoknow

“How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” a men’s discussion group, will meet on Friday mornings, April–June. 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).

To sign up for or to receive more information about the October Reformation trip to Europe, contact Allison Santos (asantos@fourthchurch.org).

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.
Sunday, March 17  8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching  Sanctuary
  8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  Buchanan 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 a.m. “Galatians”  Room 5G

  9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching  Sanctuary
  9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  Gratz Fourth Floor
  9:30 a.m. to 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. New Member Brunch  Page Smith Room
  4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching  Buchanan Chapel
  5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper  Anderson Hall

Monday, March 18
  9:00 a.m. Day School (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.)  Gratz Fifth Floor

Tuesday, March 19
  7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study  (see announcement)
  7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause  Stone Chapel
  12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.)  Anderson Hall
  6:00 p.m. “Path of Discipleship”  Anderson Hall

Wednesday, March 20
  9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  Buchanan Chapel
  9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild  Room 5B
  7:15 p.m. “Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood”  Room 5H

Thursday, March 21
  7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (also Fri.)  Randolph Room
  6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  Sanctuary

Friday, March 22
  12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Thomas Heidenreich, organ  Sanctuary

Saturday, March 23
  10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy  Parish House Dining Room

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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