April 7–13, 2019
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities

**Lent**

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

**Holy Week and Easter**

Today is the last day to make Easter flower gifts in remembrance or honor of loved ones. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by stopping by the Easter Flowers table during Coffee Hour today.

Palm/Passion Sunday’s worship schedule for next Sunday, April 14 will be the same as it is on a typical Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The children’s palm procession will take place at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. As part of the procession, children will be bringing forward their Lenten Fish Banks as their contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 18 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary. There will be opportunity for hand or foot washing at the 12:10 p.m. service.

Good Friday services on April 19 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The latter is a choral service featuring Bob Chilcott’s *St. John’s Passion*. A Good Friday program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 21 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Easter Sunday Brunch for families and individuals of all ages will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on April 21. Tickets are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch19 through April 17.

**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.
Inquirers’ Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will be offered next Sunday, 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 and are invited to worship at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day. 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.

Enrichment

“Bearing Witness: The Trauma of Sexual Violence and Caring for Survivors,” a course led by Elizabeth Pierre, continues today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“Practicing the Presence of God,” a class that is focused on how to be attentive to the presence of God and is led by Vicky Curtiss, concludes today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

“A Time I Changed My Mind” will be the topic of today’s “Conversations with Clergy,” which will be led by Joe Morrow at 5:00 p.m. following Jazz at Four worship.

“How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” a men’s discussion group, will meet on Friday mornings, May–July. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss Tara Westover’s Educated: A Memoir this Tuesday evening, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

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.

Mission

“Crisis in Guatemala,” an eyewitness account from the Chicago Religious Leadership Network, will be shared this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F in a presentation sponsored by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee.

The Care of Creation Committee invites all who are interested to join them today at 12:30 p.m. in 4E.

The film Climate Refugees will be shown by the Care of Creation Committee on Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A bike drive to collect used bicycles and parts—which will be used in repairing bikes to send to Africa and Latin America as well as to neighborhoods of Chicago—will be sponsored by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee and Working Bikes on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
**Fellowship**

Today is the last day to register for the TwentiesThirties’ spring retreat that will take place the weekend of May 3–5; register at www.bit.ly/2030may19

The Men’s Breakfast invites all to join them this Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room for breakfast and a presentation by Kathye Boyle, editor of *Talking to God: Prayers of John H. Boyle*. RSVP to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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).

**Children, Youth, and Family**

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

Youth are worshiping together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. today as they do on the first Sunday of each month. Confirmation youth and parents meet at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G

TED Talks for Parents meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft to watch and discuss Thomas Curran’s “Our Dangerous Obsession with Perfectionism Is Getting Worse.”

Family Camp will take place the weekend of May 17–19 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp19

**Volunteers Needed**

Greeters to serve during the 4:00 p.m. worship service

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

Volunteers to pass out cider on Easter Sunday for one of two shifts, either from 8:00 to 9:10 a.m. prior to the 9:30 a.m. service or from 10:00 to 11:10 a.m. prior to the 11:30 a.m. service

Chicago Lights Urban Farm volunteers, beginning this Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.); details as well as registration for the 12:00 p.m. orientation for first-time Farm volunteers is online at www.bit.ly/urbanfarmvolunteers

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**

This Friday’s free Noonday Concert will be presented by Bloomington High School South.

All interested singers are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society, which will perform John Rutter’s *Gloria* on May 17. Rehearsals begin Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).
Sunday, April 7 8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching  Sanctuary
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 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  Gratz Fourth Floor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth in Worship  Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. “Bearing Witness”  Room 5E
9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents  The Loft
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons  Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Youth and Parents  Room 5G
11:00 a.m. “Presence of God”  Room 5E
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour  Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour  Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Care of Creation  Room 4E
2:30 p.m. Meals Ministry Health Fair  Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching  Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. “Conversations with Clergy”  Allison Library
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper  Anderson Hall

Monday, April 8 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, April 9 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. New Tutor Orientation  Borwell Dining Room
6:00 p.m. “Path of Discipleship”  Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m. Books by Women  Bumpus Room
7:00 p.m. Replogle Meditation  Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, April 10 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild  Room 5B
12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study  Room 5H
6:30 p.m. “Crisis in Guatemala”  Room 4F

Thursday, April 11 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  Sanctuary

Friday, April 12 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Bloomington High School South choir  Sanctuary

Saturday, April 13 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast  (see announcement)

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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