Holy Week and Easter

The fish banks presented during the palm processions have been used at home by the children during Lent to collect gifts for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Gifts to this offering—which supports Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and Hunger Programs—can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks; by writing “Lenten Offering” on a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service as well as a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The 12:10 p.m. service will include opportunity for those who are interested to participate in foot or hand washing. The evening Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

On Good Friday, April 19, Lucy Forster-Smith will preach at the 12:10 p.m. service. The 7:30 p.m. choral service will feature Bob Chilcott’s St. John’s Passion sung by the Morning Choir.

A Good Friday Walk in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood with fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance will take place April 19, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., starting at Division and Orleans.

A Good Friday program for children will be held on April 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Holy Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 20 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. As Easter draws near, the Sanctuary light increases and we will reaffirm our baptismal vows and celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

Easter Sunday services on April 21 include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in Buchanan Chapel. (Note the last service of the morning begins at 11:30 a.m., and seating for all services fills quickly.)

We will be live streaming the Easter 11:30 a.m. 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 will be online at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (and fourthchurch.org), where it can also be viewed in the days afterwards.

An Easter program for children will take place Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4. Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be available during the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services.

Our Easter Brunch—with a menu of ham, bacon, waffles, scrambled eggs, hash browns, Danish, and fresh fruit—will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on April 21. Tickets are available at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch19 through April 17 and, beginning April 18, at the reception desk.
**Worship and Prayer**

**Devotions for Holy Week and Easter** are available daily at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

**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.

**A candlelit Taizé service**—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Volunteers Needed**

**Servers to offer cider** to worshipers waiting in line Easter Sunday, from 8:00 to 9:10 a.m. prior to the 9:30 a.m. service (*most needed*) or 10:00 to 11:10 a.m. prior to the 11:30 a.m. service

**Volunteers to take down the Blue Bows:** Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

**Greeters** to welcome and assist worshipers during the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

*To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382).*

**Children, Youth, and Family**

**Sunday School** meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. following the palm processional. Next Sunday the children meet at 9:30 a.m. for an Easter program on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Youth** meet today following the palm processional, with Junior High at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Allison Library; Confirmation (4G) and Senior High (Bumpus) at 11:00 a.m.

**Family Camp** will take place the weekend of May 17–19 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online for this time of family fun and fellowship at www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp19

**Fellowship**

**TwentiesThirties Brunch** is today at 12:15 p.m., with young adults meeting in Coffee Hour to walk to a nearby restaurant for a time of fellowship.

**LGBTQIA Brunch** will be held on Sunday, April 28 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.

**The Women at Fourth Jewelry Swap**—a time to exchange accessories you no longer wear—will be Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Proceeds benefit Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

**Cornerstones**, a group for adults fifty and over, will meet on Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on the Great Lakes. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cfpc0519 by May 1.
All interested singers are invited to join the Fourth Church Choral Society, which will perform John Rutter’s *Gloria* with Tower Brass on Friday, May 17. Rehearsals begin Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more details, contact John Sherer (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

An exhibit of artwork and memoir pieces by members of the Center for Life and Learning, a program for adults sixty and over, is on display in the Loggia Gallery.

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

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A time for meditation is offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” is offered by the Replogle Center twice a month, including this Wednesday, April 17 at 7:15 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

“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).

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

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness as part of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month.

Knitting and Crocheting will meet on Tuesday, April 23 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

The film *Climate Refugees* will be shown on Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A bike drive to collect used bicycles—which will be repaired to send to those in need around the world—will take place at the church on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Claire Mukundente, a refugee from Rwanda, will talk about her story and her ministry with other refugees and asylum seekers in Chicago on Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The Racial Equity Council is raising funds—for antiracism work—through the GospelRun on Saturday, June 1. To walk or run a 5K or 10K, sign up with the Fourth Church Team at www.gospelrun.com; to make a donation, visit www.bit.ly/gospelrun19.

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. Sign up at www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 by May 1.
Calendar for April 14–20, 2019

**Sunday, April 14**
8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching ........... Sanctuary

*Palm/Passion Sunday*
9:00 a.m. Inquirers’ Class .................................. Page Smith Room
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 Groups ............................. *(see announcement)*
9:30 a.m. “Bearing Witness” .................................. Room 5E
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. Twenties/Thirties Brunch ........................... Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m. One-on-One Training ............................... Bumpus Room
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching .......... Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper ........................ Anderson Hall

**Monday, April 15**
9:00 a.m. Day School *(also Tues.–Fri.)* ......................... Day School Classrooms
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper ......................... *Catholic Charities*

**Tuesday, April 16**
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
7:00 p.m. Replogle Meditation ................................. Boyle Conference Room

**Wednesday, April 17**
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer .................................... Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild ................................... Room 5B
7:15 p.m. “Yoga for Stress and Mood” .......................... Boyle Conference Room

**Thursday, April 18**
12:10 p.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching ............ Sanctuary

*Maundy Thursday*
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service ................................. Sanctuary

**Friday, April 19**
12:10 p.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching ........ Sanctuary

*Good Friday*
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Walk in Cabrini-Green ................... *(see announcement)*
5:30 p.m. Good Friday Children’s Program ........................ Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m. Choral Service • Chilcott’s St. John’s Passion ........... Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 20**
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil ....................................... Sanctuary

_Holy Saturday_

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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)

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