

May 12–18, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! \* **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

Our **"Big Questions"** sermon series continues today by exploring "Are we saved?" Next Sunday, May 19 we will wrestle with "How can we be church with differing political views?" \* We will then take a break in the series on Sunday, May 26 to welcome **Father Elias Chacour** ► to the pulpit at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Father Chacour, author of *Blood Brothers*, is internationally known for his work for reconciliation between Palestinians and Jews.



In addition to our Sunday morning services, we also come together as a **worshiping community** on Sunday afternoons for a 4:00 p.m. jazz Communion service in Buchanan Chapel. (If you are interested in serving as a greeter to welcome Jazz at Four worshippers, please let us know!) \* On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer**, an opportunity to pray for members and those in need.

This Sunday you have a one-time opportunity to **become a shareholder in Fourth Church youth's summer mission trips** ► to Detroit, New Jersey, and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium! Specially designed "stock" certificates are available for purchase during this morning's Coffee Hour. \* Another way to support the faith journey of our youth is to sign up to be an **adult leader for junior and senior high programs** during the 2019–2020 program year. We need chaperones for retreats as well as leaders to assist with Sunday morning youth groups and Confirmation circles.



**This "News and Opportunities" insert is our invitation to you** to join us in taking part in the programs and resources available to you here at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. On our website you will find even more opportunities, as well as the page [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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**Sunday School children** join us in worship today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when children will leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms. \*

Today is also our **last week of Sunday School** until June. **Summer Sunday School**, which will be in session during June and July at 9:30 a.m. only, begins on June 2. \* Also on our calendar of summer activities for children is our annual **Family Night Drive-In Movie** at the church on Friday, June 14 and a fun-filled week of ► **Vacation Bible School**, which this summer takes us to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul, on the mornings of August 5–9. (VBS registration is now open!)



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Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy a time of play and exploration at our **Day School open house** this Saturday morning, May 18 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. \* For those interested in our **weekday preschool**, the Day School is accepting applications for the 2019–2020 school year.



In addition to our daily devotions, we offer several other resources for **meditation and reflection**. Each Tuesday, we begin the day with time set apart for **Sacred Pause** meditation, twenty minutes of silence in Stone Chapel at 7:45 a.m. \* We then end the day with **Tuesday evening meditation**, hosted by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, at 7:00 p.m. \* Another opportunity for meditation, **“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood”** meets this Wednesday, May 15 at 7:15 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. \* On Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m., **Women at Fourth** will hold a program on contemplative prayer, and our monthly candlelit **Taizé service** will take place Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m., with opportunity to take part in a ◀ **labyrinth walk** beforehand (between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.).

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We have several musical treats in store for you! As part of our free **Friday Noonday series**, Fourth Church Choir member **Laura Perkett** will present a soprano and oboe concert. \* That Friday evening, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. ► **Tower Brass and the Fourth Church Choral Society** will present their spring concert, which will feature **John Rutter’s Gloria**. (A freewill offering will be received at the door.) \* Then on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., **Bella Voce** will present works by Handel, Purcell, and Vivaldi in Buchanan Chapel. (Tickets are available online or at the door.)

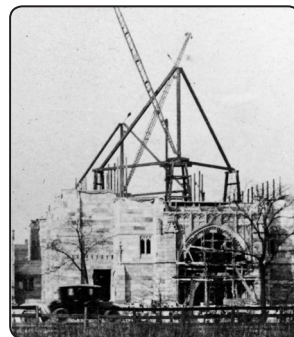


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**Daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available via **email** (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org);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

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We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour this morning for a time of fellowship and to learn more about the many opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church. **Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by** Marion Gerrans in honor of her mother and all mothers on this Mother's Day. \* Each third Sunday of May we mark **Dedication Commemoration Sunday**, remembering the dedication of our newly built Sanctuary in May 1914. ► This year our observance will pair with "**Leave a Legacy Sunday.**" At Coffee Hour this Sunday and next you will find information about how to remember the church in your will or as a beneficiary in your life insurance.



If you are looking for ways to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community, we invite you to find a program or event that matches your interests or has you curious. Perhaps you would like to take part in a book group conversation, sign up for a three-month Bible study, or join us in gardening! This Tuesday evening, May 14, **Books by Women** will discuss Paulette Jiles' *News of the World* at 6:00 p.m. \* Later in May, a three-month **Men's Faith Discussion group** will begin on Friday mornings. (*Advance registration is required; see the sign-up page noted on page 1 or at the bottom of this page.*) \* If you would like to help tend the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, spots have opened up for ◀ **community gardeners**. Register (*required*) on the sign-up page to attend orientation on Saturday, May 18.

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**Our World Mission and Social Justice Committee** invites you to learn about ways in which we can work for a world of compassion, peace, and justice. This Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle), there will be an "On the Table" presentation about "**Better Health through Housing.**" \* On Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room, there will be a program on **inequities plaguing Chicago public schools.**



Are you planning to run the Chicago Marathon this year? If so, we hope you will join the ◀ **Chicago Lights Marathon Team** in support of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights. \* Another running—and walking!—opportunity will take place on Saturday, June 1, when the Racial Equity Council will be raising funds for **antiracism work** through the GospelRun. Walkers and runners are needed as are donations in support of them.

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**For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)**

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## Calendar for May 12–18, 2019

Sunday, May 12 . . . . .	.8:00 a.m. <b>Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching</b> . . . . . Sanctuary 8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. . . . . Buchanan Chapel Loft 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 <b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b> . . . . . Sanctuary 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Children in Worship . . . . . Sanctuary 9:30 to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups . . . . . Bumpus Room 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Psalms . . . . . Room 5E 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel 11:00 a.m. Marilynne Robinson's Essays . . . . . Room 5E 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary 12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary <b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching</b> . . . . Buchanan Chapel 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
Monday, May 13. . . . .	.9:00 a.m. Day School ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> ). . . . . Day School Classrooms 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, May 14. . . . .	.7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel 8:00 a.m. "Better Health through Housing" . . . . . Catholic Charities 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . Anderson Hall 6:00 p.m. Books by Women . . . . . Bumpus Room 7:00 p.m. Meditation. . . . . Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, May 15. . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> . . . . . Buchanan Chapel 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B 7:15 p.m. "Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood" . . . Boyle Conference Room
Thursday, May 16 . . . . .	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
Friday, May 17. . . . .	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Laura Perkett, soprano/oboe . . Buchanan Chapel 7:30 p.m. Fourth Church Choral Society Spring Concert . . . . . Sanctuary
Saturday, May 18 . . . . .	.9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Day School Open House . . . Day School Classroom B / Playground 10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . Parish House Dining Room

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