

July 28–August 3, 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.

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—twenty minutes of contemplative silence—is held Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

We're taking our weekly **Jazz at Four** ► Communion service outdoors to the Michigan Avenue courtyard on the first Sundays of August and September: next Sunday, August 4, and September 1. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. on those Sundays for a time of worship, the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.



If you haven't done so already, **sign up** for our email newsletter (www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews), bookmark our website (www.fourthchurch.org), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest news, quotes, and photos from Fourth Church!

Our summer **Urban Youth Mission** program concludes this week as we welcome youth from Harbor View Presbyterian Church of Charleston, South Carolina, and First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, New York. They are joining us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving as well as a time of reflecting on God, faith, and the Christian call to justice.

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 with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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This is the last Sunday of Summer Sunday School. **Sunday School** will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 8. In the weeks ahead, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them; special children's bulletins are available from the ushers. * Next week, our ◀ **Vacation Bible School** will travel to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9 for a week of learning, crafts, games, and songs! The registration deadline is Thursday, August 1. * To assist with the journey we also need middle school and high school **youth volunteers**. See our sign-up page for more information.

Today fresh produce from the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase during Coffee Hour; proceeds benefit the community outreach work of the Farm. Produce is also available at the Urban Farm's Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. * Another invitation to support the work of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, is through the annual **Gala of Hope** ▶ benefit. Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Gala—Friday, March 6, at the Radisson Blu Aqua—and plan to join us for a fun evening for a good cause!



Over the summer, a **Strategic Directions task force** is meeting to help discern priorities for the next three to five years of Fourth Church's life together. From all who call this church home they are interested in hearing what areas of our mission or ministry you would want to prioritize and into which of them you would want to invest new energy and imagination. Please join the task force in conversation next Sunday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room or Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. If you are unable to be with us for one of those conversations, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them (priorities@fourthchurch.org) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.

The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include **LGBTQIA brunch** today at 12:15 p.m. and **Men's Bible study**, which will meet on Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20. **Horizons Bible study** for women will meet on Wednesday, August 14. See our sign-up page for more information.

Our free outdoor concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, continues this Friday noon in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Come enjoy the beauty of summer and the music of Arlene Doyle!

Did you know that more than 4,000 people around the world receive **devotions** from Fourth Church in their inbox every morning? To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. * **Docents** ► are needed to give church tours on a rotating basis following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. * If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating; when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church. The Nominating Committee appreciates your input!

We're just over halfway through the year. Have you made your **2019 pledge to the Annual Appeal**? The church is \$117,000 away from its \$3,274,000 goal, and we need your help. You can make your commitment online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal or by contacting Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org)

Learn about the **art of Colombian basketry** of the Wounaan on Sunday, August 4, from curator Karen Torres during a presentation in Borwell Dining Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. An exhibit of Wounaan baskets is on display in the Loggia through September 2.

Grief Support Groups for those experiencing significant loss are offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. The next group will meet on Mondays, from August 12 through September 23. Preregistration is required; for more details or to register, please call the Center at 312.787.8425. * If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

Tuesday Evening Meditation with the Replogle Center is taking a break: there will be no meditation group meeting this week or throughout the month of August. Watch for details about the fall schedule. * For those who would like to practice meditation this summer, the **Center for Life and Learning's Mindful Meditation** group invites the wider church community to join them on Monday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for July 28–August 3, 2019

- Sunday, July 28 8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching Sanctuary**
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Michigan Avenue Courtyard
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 a.m. Summer Sunday School Borwell Dining Room
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. LGBTQIA Brunch Meet in Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, July 29 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day. Gratz Fifth Floor**
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CLL: Mindful Meditation Randolph Room
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, July 30 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day. Gratz Fifth Floor
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, July 31 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day. Gratz Fifth Floor**
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Thursday, August 1 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day. Gratz Fifth Floor**
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
- Friday, August 2 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day. Gratz Fifth Floor**
12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain: Arlene Doyle Michigan Ave. Courtyard
- Saturday, August 3 . . 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open 444 W. Chicago**

See www.fourthchurch.org/calendar
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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