

September 8–14, 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.

Looking to meet new people at Fourth Church? Engage in learning and conversation? Share your gifts with others? Grow in faith? Stop by our "Get Connected" Coffee Hour this morning to fill out an interests profile, take your picture at one of our fun photo booths, and share fellowship with others in this community.

Among the ways to get connected at Fourth Church are various small groups, including **Books by Women**, which will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee this Tuesday, September 10. * On Wednesdays, the **Benevolent Guild** gathers to make handmade stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters and taggies for infants in the NICU at Lurie Children's Hospital (*no sewing experience necessary*). * A new **Men's Faith Discussion Group**, which will begin on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 a.m., will bring together seven to ten men for conversation about the ways in which scripture intersects with their lives. Since space is limited, preregistration (*see the sign-up page*) is required.



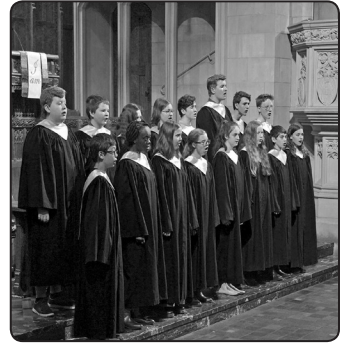
Are you looking for Bible study opportunities? **Horizons Bible study** for women will meet this Wednesday at noon. * **"Foundation of Faith: A Year with the Bible"** is an engaging new weekly Bible study that will begin next Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Each class will be self-contained, so you can attend as your schedule allows, and a reading list is posted online if you want to read along. * **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, September 17.

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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Our children and youth are kicking off their fall programming today.

Their choirs resume rehearsals in Room 4F, with **Cherub Choir** (age three through first-graders) at 9:00 a.m., **Youth Choir** ▶ (sixth-graders through twelfth-graders) at 10:00 a.m., and **Children's Choir** (second-graders through fifth-graders) at 10:30 a.m. * **Sunday School** starts up again today, with classes at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and a time for treats and **family fellowship** at 10:30 a.m.* **Eighth-grade Confirmation** begins at 11:00 a.m., and the **Junior High** (9:30 a.m.) and **Senior High** (11:00 a.m.) groups will also gather, with a joint time for weekly **youth fellowship** at 10:30 a.m.



Two new adult education classes begin today: **“The Economics of Discipleship: From Scarcity to Sufficiency”** with Stuart Barnes Jamieson at 9:30 a.m. and **“Christian Meditation: Creating Space for Connection”** with Holly Hamilton at 11:00 a.m. Visit our website or pick up the new Academy for Faith and Life catalog from the literature racks to see all the adult ed classes on the calendar for this autumn. * New weekday classes and opportunities for adults sixty and over begin tomorrow, Monday, September 9. Be sure to check out all of the upcoming **Center for Life and Learning** opportunities, which are also posted online and in the literature racks.

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to **Chancel Choir** rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. * **The Handbell Choir** also welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. * The **Choral Society's** ▶ next concert, which will be on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., will feature music highlighting events of 1969. Interested in singing? Rehearsals will be held in Buchanan Chapel on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning on September 26. * The **Music Mission Choir** will be returning to Cuba March 2–9, 2020. See the sign-up page if you would like to join us!



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.

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.



◀ **If you submitted an online recommendation** for members to serve as church officers, we ask that you please take a moment to resubmit it by going to www.bit.ly/fpcnominating. Because of some problems we had over the summer with the inbox for nominations@fourthchurch.org (that have since been resolved), we want to make sure we received your submission! And if you have not yet had opportunity to submit your recommendations for individuals—including yourself!—to serve as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Chicago Lights Board, please do so, either online or by completing the card in the pew rack. The Nominating Committee appreciates your help!

We are in need of assistance this autumn. Might you be able to help? **Ushers** are needed to serve at the 11:00 a.m. service and the 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service.

* Fourth Church is hosting the **Chicago Presbytery Assembly** meeting on Tuesday, September 17, and volunteers are needed to help between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. * Chicago Lights is also offering a one-session ► **tutor orientation** several times in September for those interested in tutoring. * For more information on all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.



Throughout September, Fourth Church Meals Ministry is holding a **snack drive** to collect individually packaged, single-serving snacks to put in the sacks distributed in Anderson Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as part of our Bag Lunch program. Learn more at the Meals Ministry cart during Coffee Hour!

Our Spiritual Formation Council invites you to take part in a weekend ► **contemplative retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey** in Benet Lake, Wisconsin, from Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13. Guests are offered a place to rest, pray, contemplate, and revitalize their relationships with God.

For details, see the sign-up page.



This week's free Friday Noonday Concert features the talents of organist Elisa Bickers at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert schedule can be found on the Fourth Church website.

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

Calendar for September 8–14, 2019

- Sunday, September 8 “Get Connected” Sunday**
8:00 a.m. **Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.** Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. Buchanan Chapel 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. “Get Connected” Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. Nursery / Day School
9:00 a.m. Inquirers’ Class Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m. “Economics of Discipleship” Room 5E
9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group Bumpus Room
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School. Gratz Fourth Floor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching. Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship Allison Library
10:30 a.m. Family Fellowship Gratz Fourth Floor
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m. “Christian Meditation”. Room 5E
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Room 4G
11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group Bumpus Room
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
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, September 9 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities**
- Tuesday, September 10 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel**
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed.–Thurs.*) Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m. Books by Women Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation. Borwell Dining Room
- Wednesday, September 11. . . 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
- Thursday, September 12 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary**
6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation. Borwell Dining Room
- Friday, September 13 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Elisa Bickers, organ Sanctuary**
- Saturday, September 14. 10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (*until 3:00 p.m.*) 444 W. Chicago Ave.**

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

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