

September 29–October 5, 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.

**“Called to Be a Church Alive,”** ► our 2020 Annual Appeal, is underway! Pledge cards are in the pew racks, and information has been mailed to members about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge by Sunday, November 3, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!



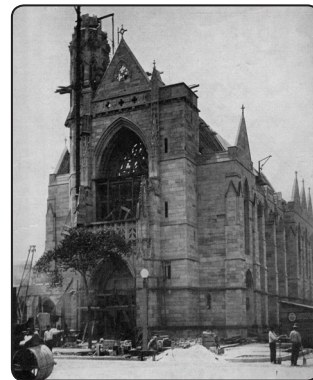
**Today's congregational meeting** following the 11:00 a.m. service has been called by Session for the purpose of electing an **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee** for the newly defined position of Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement. The congregation will also be asked to elect a congregation member to fill an unexpired term on the Officer Nominating Committee. ✨ The Officer Nominating Committee is collecting **additional names of individuals to serve in leadership roles** as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or member of the Officer Nominating Committee or Chicago Lights Board beginning in 2020. Please take a moment before October 18 to make your recommendations, either in Coffee Hour, by using a card in the pew rack, or online: [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating)

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.

To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

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This Sunday we begin a six-week sermon series, ► **“Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future.”** Each week we will explore defining moments in the story of Fourth Presbyterian Church that continue to influence our ongoing commitment to participate in God’s redemptive work. This week’s theme is **“Seek the Welfare of the City.”** \* Next Sunday is **World Communion Sunday**, a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord’s Supper. We will celebrate Communion at all four worship services that day. \* On World Communion Sunday we will receive the annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which supports efforts toward peacemaking in our denomination as well as local efforts to address violence in Chicago through CureViolence.



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The **Racial Equity Survey closes today**, so if you have not had opportunity to do so, please complete this brief survey online at [www.bit.ly/fpcresurvey](http://www.bit.ly/fpcresurvey) or during Coffee Hour today. The results of that survey will help the Racial Equity Council develop recommendations for our moving toward becoming a fully multicultural, antiracist church.

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Tonight and tomorrow morning we are honored to host **Chicago Sinai Congregation** as they again hold Rosh Hashanah services in the Sanctuary. \* This week we are excited to welcome back for a new school year the 400 students of ► **Chicago Lights Tutoring**, which begins its fifty-fifth year this Monday. Additional tutors are still needed one evening a week at the church; for details, see the sign-up page noted at the bottom of page 3 of this insert.



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Today’s **“A Year with the Bible”** class at 9:30 a.m. will focus on Exodus 3. Next Sunday will overview the Old Testament. Each class is self-contained, so join us whenever your schedule allows! \* Starting next Sunday, October 6, popular Academy for Faith and Life instructor **Tom Dozeman** will return to teach a four-week 9:30 a.m. class on **“Job, Suffering, and the Limits of Pastoral Care.”**

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Are you looking for more ways to engage with the Bible? \* **Men’s Bible study** meets this Tuesday, October 1. \* **Horizons Bible study** for women will meet on Wednesday, October 9. \* **A Men’s Faith Discussion Group** ► will meet on Friday mornings beginning on October 18. \* For more information on all of these events, please see the sign-up page noted on page 3.



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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

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**Today's Coffee Hour** today is sponsored by Claudia Winkler in celebration of her twenty-fifth anniversary of ushering. For information on sponsoring Coffee Hour, see the sign-up page noted below.

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Women at Fourth will be **tying ribbons** for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 4. See the sign-up page for more information. \* **Books by Women** will discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber on October 8. \* **"Making Prisons More Humane"** is the October 4 topic for Cornerstones, a group for those over fifty. See the sign-up page below to register and for more information.

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All singers are welcome at the ► **Choral Society's** weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for their November 15 concert commemorating 1969. \* Those interested in the **2020 Music Mission Choir** trip to Cuba are invited to an information session next Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. \* This week's **free Friday Noontday concert** features cellist Sara Sitzer and violinist Isabella Lippi at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.



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The **Interfaith Coalition Against Racism**, of which Fourth Church is a member, invites you to a free public screening of *Stateville Calling* on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be followed by a panel discussion about elderly prisoners who would pose little or no risk if released and who continue to be a great expense to the state while incarcerated. This is part of the sixth annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival.

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We are in need of assistance this autumn. Might you be able to help?  
\* **Ushers** ► are needed to serve at the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and the 4:00 p.m. services. \* 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! \* For more information about these opportunities, please see the sign-up page noted below.



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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.

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Learn greater self-understanding and self-care at the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being's **"SoulCollage and Poetry: Making Space for Your Soul"** workshop on Saturday, October 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For information, see the online sign-up page.

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

## Calendar for September 29–October 5, 2019

Sunday, September 29 . . . . .	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching . . . . . Sanctuary</b> 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. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall / Commons 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. . . . . Nursery / Day School 9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room 9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”. . . . . Room 5G 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School. . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor <b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching. . . . . Sanctuary</b> 10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship. . . . . Allison Library 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 <b>12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting . . . . . Sanctuary</b> 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. . . . Buchanan Chapel</b> 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
Monday, September 30. . . . .	9:00 a.m. Day School ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> ) . . . . . Day School Classrooms 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . <i>Catholic Charities</i> 5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, October 1 . . . . .	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> ) . . . . . Anderson Hall
Wednesday, October 2 . . . . .	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. . . . . Buchanan Chapel</b> 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B
Thursday, October 3 . . . . .	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
Friday, October 4. . . . .	10:00 a.m. Women at Fourth Bow Tying . . . . . Outside the Manse 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Isabella Lippi and Sara Sitzer . . . Buchanan Chapel 6:00 p.m. Cornerstones . . . . . Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, October 5. . . . .	10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open ( <i>until 3:00 p.m.</i> ) . . . 444 W. Chicago Ave.

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)  
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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