

October 6–12, 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 is **World Communion Sunday**, a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn “Come, Risen Lord”: “One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break.” \* This Sunday reminds us that God's love can heal our deepest divisions, and so each World Communion Sunday we receive a **Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering**. This offering supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the local efforts of CureViolence to reduce violence in Chicago. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing “Peacemaking” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. \* This Sunday we also continue our sermon series **“Remembering the Past, Inspiring Our Future,”** as we 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 “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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There are just two more weeks to submit names to the Officer Nominating Committee for **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)

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This week we are honored to be **hosting Chicago Sinai Congregation** as they hold their community Yom Kippur services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years. \* Next Sunday, October 13 is the day of the Chicago Marathon. Directions on the **easiest routes to get to Fourth Church** that morning can be found online ([www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf](http://www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf)). \* **The next candlelit Taizé service** ► will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 25.



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Today's "**A Year with the Bible**" class at 9:30 a.m. will focus on the Old Testament. Each class is self-contained, so join us whenever your schedule allows! \* Starting today popular Academy for Faith and Life instructor **Tom Dozeman** returns to teach a four-week 9:30 a.m. class on "**Job, Suffering, and the Limits of Pastoral Care**" in Borwell Dining Room. \* "**The Cosmic Significance of Christ in Our Everyday Lives: Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ***" begins next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

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Several Fourth Church members are in Europe this week with Judy Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith, who are leading a **Reformation trip** to Prague, Germany, and Geneva. Please keep these travelers in your prayers. \* **Are you interested in traveling with Fourth Church?** Join us for an information session today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G and learn more about our upcoming **music mission trip to Cuba** ► in March 2020. \* You can also pick up information about 2020 trips to **Guatemala** (in July) and **Colombia** (in August) during Coffee Hour; details are also available on our website.



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**Books by Women** will discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber this Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. \* **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on October 22.

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

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**Are you interested in exploring membership at Fourth Church?** Next Sunday, October 13 we will begin a two-week Inquirers' Class during which we will explore faith stories and backgrounds as well as learn more about Fourth Church and how to connect with the community in ways that match your interests and gifts. The class will meet from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. each Sunday and will include a light lunch. To register, see the sign-up page noted at the bottom of this page.

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During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the ◀ **purple bows** on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness to this issue and all those affected by it. \* Also this month is the annual **(In)Justice for All Film Festival**, one documentary from which will be screened here at Fourth Church this Monday, October 7. Immediately after the viewing of *Stateville Calling*, the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, of which Fourth Church is a member, will host a panel discussion about the incarceration of elderly prisoners.

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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. \* We are also in need of volunteers to serve at the **Book Nook** during Coffee Hour following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. \* 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. \* **Chicago Lights Tutoring**, began its fifty-fifth year this past 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 this insert.

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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 October 6–12, 2019

- Sunday, October 6 . . . . . World Communion Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. **Worship • Matt Helms 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. 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 in Worship. . . . . Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible”. . . . . Room 5G  
9:30 a.m. “Job, Suffering, and Pastoral Care”. . . . . Borwell Dining Room  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School. . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor  
9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents . . . . . The Loft  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.** . . . . . Sanctuary  
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. Senior High Youth in Worship . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. Cuba Music Mission Trip Information Session . . . . . Room 4G  
**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, October 7. . . . .** 9:00 a.m. Day School (*also Tues.–Fri.*) . . . . . Day School Classrooms  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities  
5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (*also Tues.–Thurs.*) . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
7:00 p.m. (In)Justice Film Festival . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
- Tuesday, October 8 . . . . .** 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
- Wednesday, October 9 . . . . .** **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, October 10. . . . .** 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, October 11 . . . . .** 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Jonathan Zeng, tenor . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
- Saturday, October 12 . . . . .** 10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (*until 3:00 p.m.*) . . . . . 444 W. Chicago Ave.  
1:00 p.m. SoulCollage and Poetry . . . . . Boyle Conference Room

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for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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