

November 3–9, 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.



Today is ◀ **All Saints' Sunday**, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of our observance, this evening Herbert Howells' *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. * All Saints' Sunday is also a day when we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us and in their planned giving remembered those who would follow them in ministry here at Fourth Church. It is **an invitation to consider our own legacy**. Making a gift to Fourth Church in your will can sustain this church's ministries for generations to come. For information about the Fourth Church Legacy Society, stop by Coffee Hour today.

Today is also **Commitment Sunday**, a day when we place our 2020 pledges in the offering plate and dedicate them to the work of God's kingdom, celebrating all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. If you have already submitted your pledge or made it online, please take a **brightly colored "I Pledged!" card** from the pew information pad at the end of each pew, fill in your name, and place the card in the offering plate. **If you are making your pledge today**, you will find pledge cards in the pew racks.

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. To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

A diverse offering of concerts is on our calendar for the next month! The **events and music of 1969** will be commemorated by the Fourth Church Choral Society as they take a look back fifty years ago in their autumn concert Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *(A freewill donation will be received at the door.)* * The Civic Orchestra of Chicago returns to Fourth Church on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. for their annual ► **Bach Marathon Finale**, performing Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*. * The **Andrew Pipe Organ Fourth Anniversary Concert** will be presented by organist Nathan Laube on Friday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. * **"Christmas with Chanticleer"** concerts will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *(Tickets are available from the CSO: 312.294.3000; www.cso.org).* * For more concerts in November and December, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



We also invite you to join us in making music! Come **carol with us on the steps** of the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival. * That festival is held annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving and so our caroling reminds us that our season of giving thanks is just around the corner! Our **Thanksgiving Day worship** will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 28. * A **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held following worship on Thursday, November 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019

An important interfaith conversation ► will take place in the Sanctuary this Tuesday evening, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Cardinal Blase Cupich, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, and Eboo Patel will speak at this interfaith dialogue. * In addition to hosting this Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, our Adult Education Committee is also beginning a new Sunday morning class today at 9:30 a.m.: **"Philippians: Addressing a Divided Church in a Hostile Culture,"** taught by Walter Hansen.



The Fourth Church Day School is currently accepting applications to our **January Twos Program**, a gentle separation program for children who will be two years old on or before January 1, 2020. For more information or to apply, please see our online Sign-Up Page highlighted 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). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

The holiday season is right around the corner, and for many that means times of stress and anxiety. The Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being is here to help. In the coming weeks they will be offering **PhotoYoga** on November 12 for those who wish to strengthen their mindfulness skills. Please see the Sign-Up Page below for more information.

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 **TED Talks for Parents** today at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft. * **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. * For those interested in traveling with Fourth Church, **mission trips to Cuba, Guatemala, and Colombia** will be happening in 2020.

Learn more or apply (*deadline for the Cuba trip: November 15*) via the Sign-Up Page below. * If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, you can also use that page to register for a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.



Believing that as people of God we are called to lovingly care for the world with which we've been entrusted, today we are implementing a permanent ◀ **churchwide composting program**. Volunteers are needed to help with this during Coffee Hours and Sunday Night Supper * Another expression of our commitment to care for God's creation and all of God's children is our annual **Holiday Fair Trade Bazaar**, which this year will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 7-8. Mark your calendar and plan to come shop for a difference!

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, we have plenty! In addition to volunteers to assist with ▶ **Sunday Night Supper**, we also need assistance with both the Elam Davies Social Service Center **food pantry** (on Tuesdays) and the **share shop**. * We are also in need of **Book Nook volunteers**. * For more information about these opportunities, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



Run the Bank of America **Chicago Marathon** with Team Chicago Lights in 2020 and support our community outreach along the way. See the Sign-Up Page for details. * You can also support Chicago Lights by volunteering as a **tutor** to match with students who are eager to take part in Chicago Lights Tutoring here at the church, or by purchasing produce from the **Urban Farm** today during Coffee Hour.

For details about events, see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for November 3–9, 2019

- Sunday, November 3 All Saints' 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. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery. Nursery / Day School
9:30 a.m. "A Year with the Bible" Room 5G
9:30 a.m. Junior High Fellowship Bumpus Room
9:30 a.m. "Philippians" Room 5E
9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents The Loft
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. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship Allison Library
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Room 4G
11:00 a.m. "The Universal Christ" Room 5E
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. **Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.** Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m. **All Saints' Requiem • Judith L. Watt presiding** Sanctuary
- Monday, November 4.** 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. Grief Support Group Boyle Conference Room
- Tuesday, November 5.** 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
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Michigan Avenue Forum. Sanctuary
- Wednesday, November 6.** 9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime. Room 4A
9:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer.** Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild Room 5B
- Thursday, November 7** 7:00 a.m. Men's Faith Discussion Group. Randolph Room
7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
- Friday, November 8.** 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Marianne Kim, organ. Sanctuary
- Saturday, November 2** 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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