

November 17–23, 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.



Did you know that you can now **make gifts to Fourth Church using Venmo**? Scan the QR code or open the Venmo app and, after tapping the Pay button, search for Fourth Church (@Fourth-Church). Enter a gift amount, write a quick note, and tap Pay!

Our annual **Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service** will be held Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth Church and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and LaSalle Street Church. * On **Thanksgiving Day**, November 28, our congregation will come together to give thanks in worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. * A traditional **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held in Anderson Hall following the service that day. Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019

Join us in celebrating the diversity of our Fourth Church families! You are invited to **submit a favorite photo of your family** along with a brief caption to be included in a video display during Coffee Hour in January. From the submissions, several images will be selected to be displayed in a Loggia Gallery exhibit from January 6 through February 26. Photos should be submitted by Sunday, December 15 at as high a resolution as possible. See www.fourthchurch.org/familyphotos for more details.

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

Each Advent and Christmas we have opportunity to share the joy of the season with others. Here at Fourth Church those opportunities include decorating and filling **holiday gift bags** for guests of our Sunday and Monday Night Suppers. Bags and instructions are available during Coffee Hour.

* Our annual **Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** on Saturday, December 7 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 9 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) is an occasion to shop for a difference, with purchases helping global artisans earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their family.

* **The Christmas Wishes** project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour as are sign-up sheets for helping with gift wrapping and inventory.

Contributions toward the **Christmas flowers and garlands** that decorate the Sanctuary honor the loved ones in whose names the gift is given. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin. * Families are invited to make their own seasonal decorations at our annual **Family**

► **Advent Wreath Workshop**, which will be held Sunday, December 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.



Please join us for a time of fellowship during **Coffee Hour**, which today is sponsored in honor of Leona Block, who is celebrating her 95th birthday, by her daughter, Pam Block. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **LGBTQIA Brunch** offers another opportunity for fellowship when they go out for brunch next Sunday, November 24 following the 11:00 a.m. service. * The **Cornerstones dinner and Christmas sing-along** for people fifty and over will be Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP (see our online Sign-Up Page highlighted on page 3) by Tuesday, December 4.

Women at Fourth has a variety of activities planned for the next several weeks. At their gathering this Thursday, November 21 they will enjoy a time of refreshments as well as a **chair yoga class**. * Tuesday, November 26 is the monthly gathering, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F, of Knitting and Crocheting. * Then on Sunday evening, December 8, Women at Fourth will again host one of the favorite traditions of the season: the **Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception** that follows our Festival of Advent Lessons and Music (which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary). Volunteers are needed to assist with baking, setup, and serving. For details, see our online 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).

They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

We have many wonderful musical offerings on our upcoming concert schedule. The Civic Orchestra of Chicago returns to the Sanctuary this Monday at 7:00 p.m. for their annual **Bach Marathon Finale**, performing J.S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*. * This Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. organist Nathan Laube will present the **Andrew Pipe Organ Fourth Anniversary Concert**. * A seasonal tradition for many, "**Christmas with Chanticleer**" takes place in the Sanctuary on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available via www.cso.org (312.294.3000). * Another favorite, "**A Tower Brass Christmas**" will be on Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. For even more concerts, see www.fourthchurch.org

"Spiritual Discernment: Listening to the Spirit," led by Vicky Curtiss, begins today at 11:00 a.m. * If you would like to take part in a time of **spiritual reflection while walking the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel, you are invited to join us this Friday, November 22 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Have you seen the green **composting** bins around the church? Please make use of them as part of our commitment to separate materials for composting and recycling. Signage explains which items go in which bins, and "Green Apron" volunteers are on hand to answer any questions. * Are you dreaming of warmer weather? Join us a mission trip to **Guatemala** (July 5–12) or **Colombia** (August 1–8). Details are available in the literature racks and on our church website. Applications are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.

Family Night with animals is this Friday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room! In partnership with Animals for Awareness, there will be games, crafts, dinner, and an animal show! * This Saturday, come sing in the season with us while enjoying the annual Tree-Lighting Parade on Michigan Avenue. We will be **caroling on the Sanctuary steps** beginning at 5:00 p.m. on November 23.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, we have plenty! **Ushers** are needed for the Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. * **Ushers** are also needed to greet and welcome those attending the Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. * For more information about these opportunities, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

You are invited to a public forum sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism, titled "**Criminal Justice Reform: Policing and Prosecution**" in Buchanan Chapel on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Panelists will include Toni Preckwinkle, Kim Foxx, Paula Wolff, and Michelle Day, moderated by NPR correspondent Cheryl Corley. * At the Mission table in Coffee Hour or at Reception you can purchase **Chicago Shares vouchers** for those who are hungry.

**To sign up for opportunities described in this newsletter,
please see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up**

Calendar for November 17–23, 2019

- Sunday, November 17 8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger 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 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. “Spiritual Discernment” 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
- Monday, November 18** 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. Civic Orchestra: *Brandenburg Concertos* Sanctuary
- Tuesday, November 19** 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
- Wednesday, November 20** 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 21** 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group. Randolph Room
 5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth. Bumpus Room
- Friday, November 22** 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: To Be Announced Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. Family Night with Animals. Borwell Dining Room
 7:30 p.m. Organ Concert: Nathan Laube Sanctuary

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

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