

November 24–30, 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.

Our annual **Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service** will be held this 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



The season of ◀ **Advent** begins next Sunday, December 1. **Daily Advent devotions** will be available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org * Are you ready for an **Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge**? Posted on www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo is a word for each day of the season. Beginning December 1, we invite you to take a photo that captures what that day's word means to you and post it to Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter. Tag the photo @fourthchurch on Instagram and Facebook and @fourthchicago on Twitter. Then add the hashtags #adventfpc2019 and #[whatever the theme of the day is].

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



Families are invited to our annual ◀ **Family Advent Wreath Workshop**, which will be held next Sunday, December 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room. * 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.

The **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A **cookies-and-cocoa reception** ▶ will follow. To help with the reception, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org). * The **“Longest Night” service**, which will be held Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, recognizes the feelings of loneliness, grief, and alienation that are often present during the holiday season.



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. * **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 to discuss *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan.

Each Advent and Christmas we have opportunity to share the joy of the season with others. 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. * You are also invited to decorate and fill **holiday gift bags** for guests of our Sunday and Monday Night Suppers. Bags and instructions are available during Coffee Hour.



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.

“Christmas with Chanticleer” takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary 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 more seasonal concerts, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

Our LGBTQIA Widening Our Welcome group invites you to join 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.

Coffee Hour today is dedicated to the memory and service of Cecy R. Szuba by Joe Szuba, Francee Harrington, and Vern Broders. To sponsor Coffee Hour, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below or contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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 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 details, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * We are looking for runners to join the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team**.

For details, see the online Sign-Up Page noted below. * You can also support Chicago Lights by becoming a **tutor**. New volunteer orientation for Tutoring will take place on Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.



An Interfaith Coalition Against Racism forum on **“Criminal Justice Reform: Policing and Prosecution”** will take place in Buchanan Chapel on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Panelists will include Toni Preckwinkle, Kim Foxx, Paula Wolff, and Michelle Day. * Applications for mission trips to **Guatemala** (July 5–12) or **Colombia** (August 1–8) are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.



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!

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

Calendar for November 24–30, 2019

- Sunday, November 24 *Reign of Christ Sunday***
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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 • Joseph L. Morrow 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
 - 12:15 p.m. LGBTQIA Brunch Meet in Coffee Hour
 - 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, November 25**
- 9:00 a.m. Day School (*also Tues.–Wed.*) Day School Classrooms
 - 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities
- Tuesday, November 26**
- 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
 - 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (*also Wed.*). Anderson Hall
 - 4:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Room 4F
 - 7:00 p.m. Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** Sanctuary
- Wednesday, November 27**
- 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
 - 12:00 p.m. *Horizon’s Bible Study for Women* Room 5H
- Thursday, November 28 *Church office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving***
- 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship** Sanctuary
 - 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner Anderson Hall
- Friday, November 29 *Church office is closed***
- 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, organ. Sanctuary

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

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