

December 1–7, 2019

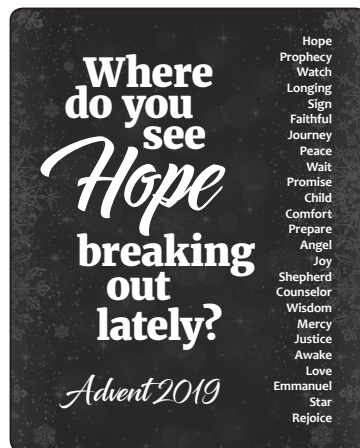
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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.

“Where do you see hope breaking out lately?” In this Advent season we invite you to stop by one of the tree-topped tables in the Narthex, Commons, or Allison Library. Write on a ribbon strip there where it is you see hope breaking out, and tie the strip to the tree. These ribbons will then be used to line the manger on Christmas Eve. * 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. (Today's continues our theme of #Hope.) We invite you to take a photo that captures what that word means to you this season 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].



Daily Advent devotions are available via Twitter (@FourthChicago), email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, and www.fourthchurch.org as well as in the literature racks. * Families are invited to our annual ◀ **Family Advent Wreath Workshop** today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

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

Our 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. Filled bags are due next Sunday, December 8. * Our annual **Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** next Saturday, December 7 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 8 (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.



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 next Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin. * We will gather for four **candlelight Christmas Eve services** on Tuesday, December 24: 4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant; 6:00 p.m. Family Service; 8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols (which will be live streamed at www.bit.ly/FPCworship); and 10:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols. * On **Christmas Day** we will gather for worship at 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, December 8, we will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for a favorite tradition of the season: the ▶ **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music**. A **cookies-and-cocoa reception** will follow. To help with the reception, contact Anne Ellis ([312.573.3369](tel: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 this Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. RSVP (*see our online Sign-Up Page highlighted on page 3*) by this Tuesday, December 4. * **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 to discuss *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan.

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.

A **congregational meeting** will take place on Sunday, December 15 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service. Session has called the meeting for the purpose of our acting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with ► Judy Watt, who is retiring on December 15. A reception for Judy will take place in Anderson Hall following the meeting.



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! * We are counting on **gifts pledged for 2019** to be fully fulfilled by year end to ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met. If you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (amiller@fourthchurch.org) so we might plan accordingly. Thank you!

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. * Today's **Coffee Hour** is sponsored by Widening Our Welcome in recognition of World AIDS Day.

Ushers are 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 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, also see the online Sign-Up Page.

A two-week class on “Jehovah’s Favorite Choir: **The Biblical Story in the Songs and Shows of the Grateful Dead**,” taught by Andy McGaan, begins next Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 a.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) and **Colombia** (August 1–8) are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.



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

Calendar for December 1–7, 2019

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| Sunday, December 1 | 8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching Sanctuary |
| <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> | 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. 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 • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. Sanctuary |
| | 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel |
| | 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Family Advent Wreath Workshop Parish House Dining Room |
| | 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 • Joseph L. Morrow preaching. Buchanan Chapel |
| | 5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall |
| Monday, December 2 | 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 |
| | 6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation. Borwell Dining Room |
| Tuesday, December 3 | 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 |
| | 7:30 p.m. Christmas with Chanticleer (<i>also Wed.</i>) Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, December 4 | 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, December 5 | 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group. Randolph Room |
| | 6:30 p.m. “Criminal Justice Reform” Forum Buchanan Chapel |
| Friday, December 6 | 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Natasha Stojanovska, piano Sanctuary |
| | 6:00 p.m. Cornerstones Room 4G |
| Saturday, December 7 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Fair Trade Bazaar Anderson Hall |
| | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Discover Fourth Open House. Sanctuary |
| | 7:30 p.m. “Candelight Carols” by St. Charles Singers. Sanctuary |

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

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News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. The reception desk of Fourth Presbyterian Church is at 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014. Phone: 312.787.4570 | www.fourthchurch.org | www.facebook.com/fourthchurch