

January 5–11, 2020

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.



We are now **live streaming weekly** the Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship and the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org * If you missed Christmas Eve worship with us or want to enjoy it again, **it can also be viewed at** www.bit.ly/FPCworship * An opportunity for meditation—the weekly **Sacred Pause meditative silence**, which is hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and our Spiritual Formation Council—will resume this Tuesday, January 7 at 7:45 a.m. in ◀ Stone Chapel.

On the Sign-Up Page (see the bottom of page 3) you will find details for registering for the summer **2020 youth trips** to Ferncliff, Arkansas (January 31 registration deadline); Detroit (January 31 registration deadline); and Montreat, North Carolina (January 12 deadline). * There is **no Sunday School** this morning; parents are encouraged to have their children worship with them today. Nursery care will be available during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services for those five and younger. **Sunday School resumes** next Sunday, January 12. * As they do each second Sunday of the month, **Sunday School children will join us in worship** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, January 12, sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when children will leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms.

The 900 N. Michigan garage has increased its **parking rates for 2020**. With a validation ticket picked up at the church reception desk, discounted Fourth Church parking at the 900 garage is now \$7 on weeknights after 5:00 p.m. and \$9 on Sundays.

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.

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Our Replogle Center will be offering several new groups and workshops in this new year, including a **Chronic Illness Support Group**, **Grief Groups**, a monthly **Men's Group**, and a **"Strengthening Communication through the Enneagram"** workshop. For details see www.fourthchurchorg/rc/events.html or call the Center at 312.787.8425.

The weekly **"Foundations of Faith" Bible study** led by pastoral staff resumes its weekly schedule next Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to view past sessions of the study, you can do so at www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations * Also on January 12, at 11:00 a.m., Dr. Barbara Wilson will begin a three-week course on **"Beloved Community: Shaping Our Lives Together,"** exploring biblical and theological foundations for working toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. * **Men's Bible Study** ► next meets on Tuesday morning, January 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. See the Sign-Up Page noted on page 3 for details. * The semimonthly women's **Horizons Bible Study** resumes at noon on Wednesday, January 8.



We are in need of volunteers to **help with the Book Nook** during Coffee Hours following the 9:30 and 11:00 services and * **to create and manage spreadsheets** one day a week for a church program. * For details, please see the Sign-Up Page noted on page 3, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * If you have volunteered with Fourth Church previously, you will have received an email **invitation to register with our new volunteer management software, VOMO**, to make it possible for you to easily sign up for and manage your volunteer opportunities in this new year. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to register soon.

Books by Women will discuss *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls* by Anissa Gray on January 14. * This Wednesday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. the **Benevolent Guild** will resume their weekly Wednesday morning gatherings to craft items for hospitalized infants and children. * **Summer 2020 mission trips** offer opportunity to travel to ► **Guatemala** (July 5–12) and **Colombia** (August 1–8); applications are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.



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.

Cozy winter fun is on the calendar for the January **Women at Fourth** gathering on Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Come join in celebrating the season with hot chocolate, stories, and good cheer! * The monthly **LGBTQIA Brunch** will take place on January 26 at 12:30 p.m.



The Gala of Hope—benefiting Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church, and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua. Tickets will be available in January. * Those interested in supporting the work of Chicago Lights are invited to join **the Chicago Lights Marathon Team**, which will be running the Chicago Marathon in October. For details, contact Devon Stewart (dstewart@chicagolights.org, 312.981.3390). * Chicago Lights is also in need of **tutors** to mentor children and youth one evening a week at the church. See www.bit.ly/cltutor2020 for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.

Whether you give through Venmo (@Fourth-Church), online via our website, electronically via automatic debits to your bank or credit card, or through gifts of stock or make your contributions monthly, quarterly, or annually, we want you to take part in our communal offering of our gifts. If you give in one of these ways, we encourage you to use the **new “I give” cards**, which you will find in the pew racks. At the time of the offering, as others place envelopes, checks, or cash into the offering plate, we invite you to acknowledge your giving in other forms by placing one of the “I give” cards into the offering plate.

Individuals can lift up **prayer concerns** with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today. * **Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Believing that as people of God we are called to lovingly care for the world with which we’ve been entrusted, we have implemented a permanent **churchwide composting program**. ► You can learn more about this composting program during Coffee Hour by reading the signage near the compost bins when you deposit your compostable utensils, cups, napkins, and plates into the green receptacles.



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

Calendar for January 5–11, 2020

Sunday, January 5	8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching.	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
	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 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
	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, January 6	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, January 7	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study	Offsite
	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
Wednesday, January 8	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.	Stone Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	12:00 p.m. <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study	Room 5H
Thursday, January 9.	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 10.	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Chen Family	Buchanan Chapel

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

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