

January 12–18, 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.



The **weekly livestream** of the Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. service is available at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) and the Fourth Church website, where it can also be viewed throughout the week. \* If you **give to Fourth Church electronically**—whether via our website or Venmo (@Fourth-Church)—or through automatic withdrawals, we encourage you to place in the offering plate an “I give” card from the pew racks as a way of participating in this worship act of stewardship. \* The **labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel will be available for walking on Friday, January 24 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.; hosts will be on hand for anyone who has never walked a labyrinth before and would like to learn about it. \*

This afternoon we will welcome as our guest preacher at Jazz at Four ◀ **Izett Samá Hernández**, Pastor of Los Palos Church in the Presbytery of Havana.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the **Montreat summer youth conference**; registration for the Detroit and Ferncliff **summer youth trips** are also due later this month. For details or to sign up see the Sign-Up Page noted on the bottom of page 3. \* 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. today, sitting with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when children will leave with their teachers for their Gratz 4 classrooms.



**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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The weekly **“Foundations of Faith” Bible study** led by pastoral staff resumes its weekly schedule today at 9:30 a.m. with Rocky Supinger leading a New Testament overview. If you would like to view past sessions of the study, you can do so at [www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations](http://www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations) \* At 11:00 a.m. today in Room 5G Dr. Barbara Wilson will begin a three-week course cosponsored by the Racial Equity Council on **“Beloved Community: Shaping Our Lives Together,”** exploring biblical and theological foundations for working toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. \* This winter the Academy for Faith and Life invites you to the Fifth Floor Lounge for **Adult Education Coffee Hours** on Sunday mornings. Come share in beverages, treats, and fellowship between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. classes. \* **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. See the Sign-Up Page listed on page 3 for details. \* The **women’s Horizons Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 12:00 p.m.

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There are a variety of ways to support **Chicago Lights**, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church!

Invitations to the Friday, March 6 **Gala of Hope**—benefiting Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be mailed this week, but you can get your tickets early by stopping by Coffee Hour today. \* 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](mailto: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. Permanent tutors



are especially needed as Tutoring currently has thirty unmatched students and fifty students on the wait list. The next **new tutor orientation** is this Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

See [www.bit.ly/clttutor2020](http://www.bit.ly/clttutor2020) for details and a calendar of one-session orientations.

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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. \* The annual **Center for Life and Learning Member and Friends Memorial Service** will be held this Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. \* **Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)).

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

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Fourth Church offers many ways to connect through service, including **Benevolent Guild** on Wednesday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. and **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. \* We are in need of volunteers to **help with the Book Nook** during Coffee Hours following the 9:30 and 11:00 services. \* **To register as a Fourth Church volunteer**, we encourage you to sign up with our new volunteer management software, VOMO, which allows you to easily sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church: [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). When registering, simply click “join” on the right-hand side of the VOMO page and fill out the requested details. Once you receive notification that your registration has been received, you can then proceed to review and sign up for the volunteer opportunities listed. \* **To learn more** about volunteer opportunities with Fourth Church and Chicago Lights or for **assistance signing up** with VOMO, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).

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**Books by Women** will discuss *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls* by Anissa Gray this Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. \* 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 Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m. \* In honor of Black History Month, Robert Crouch will present a program on the civil rights movement tour this past fall when **Cornerstones** gathers for its Friday, February 7 program at 6:00 p.m. To register or for more information, see the Sign-Up Page noted below.

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This Wednesday, January 15 is the last day to sign up for the July 4–12 **mission trip to Guatemala** with Tom and Sue Schemper. Details as well as a link to the online registration form can be found on the Sign-Up Page below where you can also find information about the August **mission trip to Colombia**. \* Fourth Church’s new mission group, **Employment Network**, is working in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase job opportunities for their neighborhood and could use your help: if you become aware of any **entry-level job openings** where you work or live, please email us at [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org) so we can share that information through the Resource Center.

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**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.

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

## Calendar for January 12–18, 2020

<b>Sunday, January 12.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<i>Baptism of Christ Sunday</i>	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 12:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery.	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School.	Gratz Fourth Floor
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. "A Year with the Bible"	Room 5G
	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	10:30 to 11:00 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship.	Allison Hall
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. "Beloved Community"	Room 5G
	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Confirmation	Room 4G
	11:00 to 12:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch.	Meet in Coffee Hour
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Izett Samá Hernández preaching.</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, January 13.</b>	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
<b>Tuesday, January 14.</b>	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
	12:00 p.m. CLL Annual Member Memorial	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m. Books by Women.	Bumpus Room
<b>Wednesday, January 15.</b>	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime.	Room 4A
	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.</b>	<b>Stone Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	6:00 p.m. Tutor Orientation.	Borwell Dining Room
<b>Thursday, January 16.</b>	7:00 a.m. Men's Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
<b>Friday, January 17.</b>	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: David Jonies, organ	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. Youth Ski Retreat ( <i>through Sunday</i> )	Offsite

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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