

February 9–15, 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.



*Our congregation first met on February 12, 1871, in this church at Wabash and Grand.*

Today we gather for the ◀ **150th Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Fourth Presbyterian Church at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The meeting includes the election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend. ✨ You can honor our past by investing in our future through remembering Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in your will. For information about how to do that, contact Stuart Barnes Jamieson ([sjamieson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sjamieson@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ The **weekly livestream** of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday 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 Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or our website—we encourage you to place in the offering plate an **“I give” card** from the pew racks. ✨

**Sunday School children are joining us** in worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. today. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their classrooms. ✨ Our **Winter Carnival Family Night** will take place on Friday, February 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The evening will include dinner, a bounce house, ▶ and carnival games.



**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. To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

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**“Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions”** continues today at 11:00 a.m. This morning’s session will be “Chicago Segregation and the Church: Exploring Trends of Segregation and Re-segregation in the City and the Role of Churches,” presented by Jack Macnamara and Nedra Sims Fears. \* The weekly **“Foundations of Faith” Bible study** led by pastoral staff continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Jeff Doane leading discussion of Luke 2. \* **Horizons Bible Study** for women will meet this Wednesday, February 12 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H. \* Lucy Forster-Smith will lead a new Academy for Faith and Life three-week class covering Barbara Brown Taylor’s **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** beginning Sunday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. Those who are interested in attending are encouraged to read the book prior to the class. A copy can be purchased at the Book Nook in Coffee Hour. \* **“Entering the Passion of Jesus”** is the theme of this year’s Lenten series, the Path of Discipleship, which will take place on Tuesday evenings, March 3 to April 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with supper. For more information and to register by February 24, please see the online Sign-Up Page noted on the bottom of page 3.

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To **sponsor Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org). \* **Books by Women** will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens this Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. \* Lucy Forster-Smith will join **Women at Fourth** on February 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to talk about how important it is to have community and connection in our lives. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m. See the Sign-Up Page noted on page 3 for more information.

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This year **Ash Wednesday** is on February 26. That day Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. As part of **“Ashes on the Way,”** ► pastors and Fourth Church members will also be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. that day. They will be available to impose ashes for those in our community who are unable to be with us for worship but who find the ashes a meaningful way to mark the beginning of this season of repentance and reflection.



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A variety of **well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **SoulCollage and Poetry** workshop on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. and a **Living Your Best Life** support group for young women on Monday evenings, beginning March 16. See the Sign-Up Page noted at the bottom of page 3 for more information or to register.

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

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Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? Do you feel called to be present with and pray for individuals experiencing challenging times? If so, we encourage you to consider **becoming a Stephen Minister**. Our next fifty-hour Stephen Ministry training class begins in March and will be offered on Saturdays. Details and links to the application are on the Sign-Up Page noted on below.

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**Grocery shoppers** are needed to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. Shoppers are scheduled on a once-a-month cycle. Email access and a car are essential to fulfilling this volunteer role. \* **Greeters** are needed to serve during the 4:00 jazz worship service. \* You can learn about these opportunities and more through our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**: you can sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church by going to [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).

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Our Global Mission and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a peacemaking insight trip to Colombia this August 1–8. Details and an online application form (due May 1) can be found on the Sign-Up Page noted below. \* Our **Employment Network mission group** is looking for information about day jobs, such as painting and auto repair, to pass along to one of the refugee families we support. The group also continues to compile lists of **entry-level job openings** to share with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center. Please email information about such opportunities or openings to [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org)

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Tickets for the ◀ **Gala of Hope**, which will be Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, are available online at [bidpal.net/clgala2020](http://bidpal.net/clgala2020) and during Coffee Hour. All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. \* Chicago Lights is also in need of **tutors** to mentor children and youth one evening a week at the church. Details and a calendar of one-session orientations are posted on the Sign-Up Page noted below.

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**Year-end giving statements for 2019** are available upon request. Contact Ron Porras ([rporras@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rporras@fourthchurch.org); 312.252.3598) to receive a copy of your statement by mail or email. \* **If you have not yet fulfilled your 2019 pledge** to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! And if you have not yet **made a 2020 pledge**, please take a moment to submit it, either by using the card in the pew racks or by filling out the online form at [www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal](http://www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal)

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**To sign up for opportunities described in this newsletter,  
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## Calendar for February 9–15, 2020

Sunday, February 9. . . . .	<p>8:00 a.m. <b>Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching.</b> . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal. . . . . Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Room 4F</p> <p>9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall / Commons</p> <p>9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery / Day School</p> <p>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Inquirers’ Class . . . . . Page Smith Room</p> <p>9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall / Commons</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room</p> <p><b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” . . . . . Room 5G</p> <p>10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship. . . . . Allison Library</p> <p>10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group and Confirmation. . . . . Bumpus Room</p> <p>11:00 a.m. “Black History and Our Faith Traditions” . . . . . Room 5G</p> <p><b>12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation.</b> . . . . . Sanctuary</p> <p>12:30 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch . . . . . Meet in Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching.</b> . . . . Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall</p>
Monday, February 10. . . . .	<p>9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>) . . . . . Day School Classrooms</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>). . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor</p>
Tuesday, February 11 . . . . .	<p>7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>) . . . . Anderson Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Books by Women. . . . . Bumpus Room</p>
Wednesday, February 12. . . . .	<p><b>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.</b> . . . . . Buchanan Chapel</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B</p> <p>12:00 p.m. <i>Horizons</i> Bible Study. . . . . Room 5H</p>
Thursday, February 13 . . . . .	<p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group . . . . . Randolph Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary</p>
Friday, February 14 . . . . .	<p>12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Cole Seaton, tenor . . . . . Buchanan Chapel</p>

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

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