

February 16–22, 2020

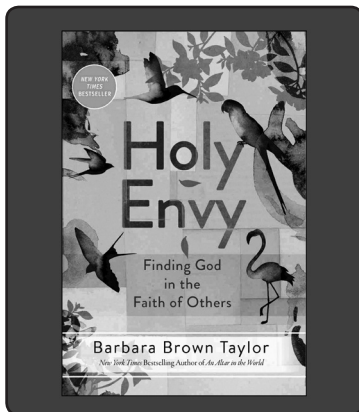
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# 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 **Winter Carnival Family Night** will take place this 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. ✨ The Confirmation and Senior High **youth will lead next Sunday’s services** ▶ at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The **Alma College Choir** will also sing at those services.



“**Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions**” continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. This morning’s session will be “Hush Harbors: The Impact of Race on Competing Christian Narratives,” presented by Reggie Williams. ✨ The weekly “**Foundations of Faith**” Bible study led by pastoral staff continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Vicky Curtiss leading discussion of Matthew 5. ✨ 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 next 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.

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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**As we begin Lent** on February 26, we invite you to use our **Lenten devotions** as a resource for reflection during the season. To receive those meditations daily via email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) \* **“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 details and to register (by February 24), see the online Sign-Up Page noted at the bottom of page 3.

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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 church members will also be present in the Narthex and outside the Sanctuary between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 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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**Coffee Hour** today is sponsored by Patsy Habicht and Bill Conlon in honor of the staff at Fourth Church. 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](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)). \* Lucy Forster-Smith will join **Women at Fourth** on February 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to talk about the importance of community and connection in our lives. \* **LGBTQIA brunch** will be next Sunday, February 23 at 12:15 p.m.

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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. This workshop invites participants to a greater self-understanding and self-care. \* Additionally, a **“Living Your Best Life”** support group for young women will be held on Monday evenings, beginning March 16. This group will feature an emphasis on strengths, resilience, community and connection, personal values, communication, and assertiveness. See the Sign-Up Page noted at the bottom of page 3 for more information or to register. \* A **Chronic Illness Support Group** will begin in late March; to learn more or express interest, please call Bill Singerman at 312.787.8425, ext. 2210.

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The ► **Morehouse College Glee Club**, whose distinguished 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a concert on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A suggested \$20 freewill donation will be received at the door. \* This week the free **Friday Noonday Concert** features the Renoir Trio.



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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**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.5448). (Please note that hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing difficult times are invited to consider meeting with a ► **Stephen Minister**: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✱ Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? 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 (due this Friday, February 21) can be found on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



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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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You can learn about and sign up for additional **volunteer opportunities** through our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**, at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). Opportunities include serving as **greeters** during the 4:00 jazz worship service and as **grocery shoppers** to purchase supplies for Fourth Church Meals Ministry. 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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**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 February 16–22, 2020

- Sunday, February 16 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel  
9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 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  
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Anderson Hall / Commons  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor  
9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching. . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” . . . . . Room 5G  
10:30 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship. . . . . Allison Library  
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group and Confirmation. . . . . Bumpus Room  
11:00 a.m. “Black History and Our Faith Traditions” . . . . . Room 5G  
12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch . . . . . Page Smith Room  
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, February 17. . . . . 9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.) . . . . . Day School Classrooms**  
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (also Tues.–Thurs.). . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities  
5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.). . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor
- Tuesday, February 18. . . . . 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study. . . . . In the Loop**  
7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.). . . . . Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, February 19. . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B
- Thursday, February 20 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group . . . . . Randolph Room**  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary
- Friday, February 21 . . . . . 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Renoir Trio . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Winter Carnival Family Night . . . . . Borwell Dining Room

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

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