

March 1–7, 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 welcome back to the Fourth Church staff David Handley, ► who served this congregation as Associate Pastor from 1973 to 1981 before going on to serve as Pastor and Head of Staff at the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. In his retirement, David has been serving in a variety of interim pastor roles, and we are delighted that in that capacity he will be with us for the next year as our Interim Minister for Pastoral Care. He is assuming the responsibilities held by Judy Watt prior to her retirement while our Personnel Committee reviews that Associate Pastor position description and then recommends the election of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for that role. As you see David around the church, please introduce yourself and extend a warm Fourth Church welcome!



Dave Handley imposes “Ashes on the Way” in front of the Sanctuary on Ash Wednesday.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour as we “spring forward”: we don’t want to start worship without you!

The weekly **“Foundation of Faith” Bible study** led by clergy continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Matt Helms leading an overview of the New Testament. * Discussion of **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others**, led by Lucy Forster-Smith, continues today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E. * Beginning Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. Jeff Doane will lead us in conversation about John Meacham’s book **The Soul of America: The Battle of Our Better Angels**.

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

Throughout Lent our sermons will explore the theme **“Questions Jesus Asked.”**

Today we encounter the “Question of Longing”—“Whom are you looking for?”— in John 18:1–11.

Next Sunday, March 8 we will encounter the “Question about Compassion”—“Do you see this woman?”—in Luke 7:36–50. * Also next Sunday, March 8, we will welcome **Dr. Stephen Ray Jr.**

—President of both Chicago Theological Seminary and the Society for the Study of Black Religion— as our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Among our opportunities for Lenten reflection is a new adult education class that begins at 11:00 a.m. today: **“From St. Paul to C. S. Lewis: Revisiting Repentance through the Lens of Conversion”** with Casie Dodd. * Our **daily Lenten devotions** also invite us into a time of reflection, this year on hymns of our faith. We invite you to use our Lenten devotions as a resource for reflection during the season.

To receive those meditations on hymn texts via email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions

A variety of **well-being opportunities** are available through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, including a **SoulCollage and Poetry** workshop this Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. This workshop invites participants to a greater self-understanding and self-care. See the Sign-Up Page noted at the bottom of page 3 for more information or to register. * 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. * A **Chronic Illness Support Group** will begin in late March; to learn more or to express interest, please call Bill Singerman at 312.787.8425, ext. 2210.

The **Morehouse College Glee Club**, ► whose distinguished and storied 109-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., performing at President Jimmy Carter's inauguration, participating in the 1996 Summer Olympics closing ceremonies, and singing at Super Bowl XXVIII, 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.



We have opportunity to learn about the faith of our neighbors through an **Interfaith Seder** that will be hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at 15 W. Delaware.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 17, but space is limited and fills quickly.

Register for tickets (*required*) at www.bit.ly/interfaithseder20 or by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

The **Gala of Hope** ► is this week on Friday, March 6 at the Radisson Blu Aqua! Tickets are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2020 and during Coffee Hour. The deadline for online ticket purchases is tomorrow, Monday, March 2. 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 (the next session is this Tuesday, March 3) are posted on the Sign-Up Page noted below.



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). * **Remember loved ones at Easter** by contributing to the purchase of ◀ Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 29 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

Invested adults are needed to serve as **youth trip leaders** to travel with our youth to either Detroit, Ferncliff, or Montreat for a week this summer. Please fill out an interest form at www.bit.ly/2020tripleader * You can learn about and sign up for additional **volunteer opportunities** through our volunteer management software, **VOMO** (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).

Please keep in your prayers the thirty-three members of Fourth Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago who are traveling on a **music mission trip to Cuba** this week. * 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** 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

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

Calendar for March 1–7, 2020

Sunday, March 1	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
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	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
	9:30 a.m. “Holy Envy”	Room 5E
	9:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents	The Loft
	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. “St. Paul to C. S. Lewis”	Room 5G
	11:00 a.m. Confirmation	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m. Senior High Youth Group	Bumpus Room
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 2	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center for Life and Learning (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Gratz Fifth Floor
	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, March 3	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 (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall
Wednesday, March 4	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
Thursday, March 5	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 6	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Katie Calcamuggio, voice	Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Gala of Hope	Radisson Blu Aqua
Saturday, March 7	1:00 p.m. SoulCollage and Poetry	Boyle Conference Room

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

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