

March 22–28, 2020



News and Resources

In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast: www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast**; we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email: www.bit.ly/fpcsermons**

On Wednesday mornings we gather online at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. If you would like to join staff in this time of praying for Fourth Church members and those in need, please email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the Zoom information.

If you are looking for a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**, we invite you to use our Lenten devotions. You can receive the devotions in your inbox daily (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

During this season we remain committed to caring for the most vulnerable. ✨ Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing “to go” packaged meals for Sunday Night Supper and “to go” bag lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. These are being served outside in the Cloister, so as to limit lines and in-person gatherings. ✨ The Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** is also providing essential services on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm. by offering “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene, incontinence, and menstruation items; inclement weather gear; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. ✨ To assist in providing these services, **donations of the following items are particularly needed and can be ordered and shipped directly to the church** (Fourth Presbyterian Church, Attn. Social Service Center, 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611). *We are unable to accept individual drop-off donations from households at this time.*

- Men’s jeans (sizes 34+)
- Sweatshirts/hoodies (L–3X)
- Women’s jeans (sizes 8+)
- Sweatpants (M–XXL)
- Men’s underwear (sizes M–3X)
- Women’s underwear (M and up)
- Socks
- T-shirts (L–3X)
- Hats
- Gloves
- Travel-size sanitizer and hand wipes
- Canned and dry goods of all kinds (fruit, vegetables, soup) with pop tops
- Individually wrapped snacks and juice
- Packs of mini-sized bottled water

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Our commitment to caring for those in need and remaining connected while apart depends on all of us. How can you help? **If you are available to reach out via phone or email** to those in our community who might be feeling isolated or lonely, please let our Pastoral Care Office know by contacting Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). She is collecting names of those willing to help in this way.

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office (callerton@fourthchurch.org)—

- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—in self-quarantine or feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**, as we want to reach out and care for you as well in what we know are difficult days for you and your colleagues
- ▶ **if you have a prayer request**; Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org), our Interim Minister for Pastoral Care, is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
- ▶ **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff. If you would like to be **in phone contact with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org).

In this time while we are not in the same place, we continue to explore new opportunities for all of us to be community and church. * Instructors in our **Center for Life and Learning** program for adults sixty and over are sending out links to exercise and music, emailing assignments and offers for conversation, and even taught yoga via Zoom! * **Chicago Lights Tutoring** staff are facilitating virtual relationships between mentors and students, supplying educational and engagement tools, and creating content for e-learning. * **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool. * Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at www.fourthchurch.org/youth.

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch).

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