News and Resources

January 24–January 30, 2021



For the forseeable future we are gathering online for livestream-only worship. In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (where the service is available throughout the week), the service is available via
Facebook Live (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166 (toll-free) at the time of the service (the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.).
* During the week we make the service and sermon available via podcast on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons by email (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

- **If you would like to connect with others** for a time of fellowship today, join us following the congregational meeting for **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship** (Zoom details are posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can also take part in Coffee Hour **by phone:** dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#. * To express interest in connecting with others in a **small group**, which will meet via Zoom once a week for four to six weeks, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).
- On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** Email Carol Allerton (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*) for the details. *** If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*) 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). *** To explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ***** If you would like to have **a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.
- We are looking for Fourth Church members with **gifts for compassionate listening** to become Stephen Ministers and walk alongside individuals experiencing life challenges. The next fiftyhour **training course for new Stephen Ministers** will be offered in March 2021; for information about applying for the training, see www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministers.html
- **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. to share in fellowship while working on projects for the agencies we support. The **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. For Zoom details for either of these opportunities, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).

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- Today we begin a new adult education class led by Carol Allen, **"On Restoring God's Beloved Community: Looking for Guidance in Scripture."** The class, which will meet via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays through February 28, begins by looking at the struggle of Jews and Gentiles to create a uniquely inclusive community following the resurrection of Jesus, as they sought to live not by rules of empire but by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/restoring21 * Again this year the Spiritual Formation Council will host a **Lenten "Path of Discipleship"** series, which will meet for six Tuesday evenings via Zoom. Led by the associate pastors, this time of discernment and discussion will be grounded in the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy Jill-Levine.* Space is limited, so please register by Monday, February 15 at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2021
- **"Varying Voices of the Prophets: Cries for Justice, Lamentation, and Consolation,"** a three-week theme within the "Foundations of Faith: An Hour a Week with the Bible" class, concludes this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. Jeff Doane is leading this exploration of texts in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Hosea; for Zoom details, register at www bit ly/fpcff20 *** Men's Bible Study** meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the *Horizons Bible Study for women* next meets this Wednesday, January 27 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@ fourthchurch.org*).
- Sunday School and family activities meet online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * For details about youth groups and Confirmation, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * TwentiesThirties offers online opportunities for young adults. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org). * Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the winter term of the Center for Life and Learning, which offers online lectures and exercise classes; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll
- The First Tuesday Book Club, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation by Kristin Kobes De Mez. For Zoom details for this conversation led by Jim Garner, register online at www bit ly/firsttuesdaybooks ** Books by Women will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Madame Fourcade's Secret War by Lynne Olson. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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- The artist Gerald Griffin will present the program at the February 5 Zoom gathering of Cornerstones, a fellowship group for adults fifty and over. For Zoom details, register by Thursday, February 4 at www.bit.ly/cornerstones0121 * Our Friday Noonday Concerts take place at 12:10 p.m. each week at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms as well as via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). This week the online concert will be presented by our organist, John Sherer.
- Hanging above our Sanctuary entrance is a banner with an image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the words **"Moving the Dream Forward."** It is a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas. We remain steadfast in our theological conviction that the lives of our Black siblings matter to both God and to us and that their lives are sacred. We are committed to putting that theological conviction into practice and continuing to express it in a variety of ways
- The **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** will be on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. This gala annually benefits the life-changing youth development and social service programs of Chicago Lights— the community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the community support efforts of our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For more information, email Laura Woods *(lwoods@chicagolights.org).*
- **If you are looking to add devotional meditations into your daily routine this year,** we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are are available by email (you can sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar**; we also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/ fourthchurch) for updates, sermon quotes, images from Fourth Church, and more.

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