## **News and Opportunities**

January 8-14, 2023

We are glad to be worshiping with you 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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a mask-welcoming campus, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.

\*\* In the Sanctuary, the front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. **\*\* Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast). \*\* You can also receive the previous Sunday's **sermon text by email** by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons \*\* Available by podcast as well is an invitation to join Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger in biblical exploration as they discuss the **"Bible Top Ten"** in their **podcast** by that title (fourthchurch.org/podcast), with new episodes released every other Tuesday.

**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** 

If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service (with Communion) in Buchanan Chapel. \*\* On Sundays the doors open for worship a half hour prior to the service. For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. \*\*

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. \*\* During the morning service nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. \*\* Worship can be heard in the Sanctuary through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. \*\* Please silence electronic devices during worship.



Following worship, a pipe organ tour begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary \*\* Also following worship, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) to pray with individuals who would like to offer prayers of praise or concern. \*\* We gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer via Zoom and also at 10:00 a.m. for in-person Morning Prayer in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). \*\* To submit a prayer request to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org \*\* The Chapel is open for opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). \*\* A Sacred Pause time of meditation is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



We ask that those of you worshiping with us in person please take a moment to sign the pew information pads so that we might know you are here. Then please pass the pad down your pew so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service. \*\* Those worshiping in person this morning are also invited to greet one another during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. \*\* For additional ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various resources, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) \*\* Events are posted on our church calendar, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

Are you interested in taking part in **Deep Listening Dinners** early this year? Groups of six to ten people each will dine together twice in home settings, gathering for a time of discovering and better understanding our differences while honoring our shared humanity and telling our life experiences to one another. **To express interest** in this opportunity to get to know each other more deeply, please fill out the form at www.bit.ly/deeplistening123, or for more information, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).



A new three-week class, "Using the Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Growth," begins this morning at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. The class provides opportunity to learn about the enneagram and how to apply it as a tool for enhanced self-awareness; heart, head, and body intelligence; and the spiritual dimensions of all nine enneagram types, their virtues and vices, and the holy ideas that reconnect us to our true nature and oneness with God. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/enneagramjan23



For those who are sixty and over, membership in Fourth Church's **Center for Life and Learning (CLL)** is a ticket to a grand adventure filled with new insights, experiences, and friendships. CLL members enjoy Special Topics, Events, and Member-Led Groups; receive a discount for special classes; and may select from more than twenty different classes each week of the twelve-week session. Registration for the **CLL Winter Session Membership** is now underway and can be completed online at www.bit.ly/cll2023 or by calling the CLL office (312.981.3389 or 312.981.3391). This new session will begin this Monday, January 9. \* The CLL, along with Skyline Village Chicago, has invited all of the Chicago mayoral candidates to participate in a **Mayoral Forum on Aging** on Wednesday, January 18 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Candidates Kam Buckner, Frederick Collins, Ja'Mal Green, Brandon Johnson, Sophia King, Roderick Sawyer, and Paul Vallas will be participating. The format will be one of questions prepared in advance by the moderator, with no questions from the audience. Although the event is free (and will also be available to watch via Zoom), for planning purposes registration is required at www.bit.ly/agingforum1823



Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study—which offers two Zoom gathering times (12:00 and 6:30 p.m.) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—meets this Wednesday, January 11. For Zoom details for Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Are you incorporating a time of personal meditation and prayer into your daily routine this year?

Daily devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a resource for personal meditation and prayer. You can receive them in your inbox by subscribing online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (twitter.com/fourthchicago). \*\* Also available as a resource for your prayer and reflection is our new Winter "Rhythm and Word" video series. These brief worship experiences are led by Lucy Forster-Smith and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. Weaving together scripture, prayer, and music, these fifteen-minute videos are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (and are available there for viewing afterwards). To receive them by email, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail



**New Zoom Small Groups** are starting again this month. Some groups will use Nanette Sawyer's *Hospitality* as a resource and others will use *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. If you would like to connect with five to seven other people via Zoom for a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation or would like more information about small group opportunities, please email Simon Crow (*scrow@fourthchurch.org*).



Books by Women will discuss Walking on Pins and Needles: A Memoir of Chronic Resilience in theFace of Multiple Sclerosis by Arlene Faulk in person and via Zoom this Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For Zoom details, contact Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). \*\*

Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, will meet for dinner and a program on Friday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The program will be presented by Debbie Frisch, founder of HelloBaby, a no-cost drop-in play space for children from birth to three years old and their caregivers. Come learn more about HelloBaby's mission to support, empower, and inspire families raising young children in underserved neighborhoods in Chicago. Registration for the evening is required by Tuesday, January 31 and can be completed online at www.bit.ly/cornerstones223



Those who would like to **learn more about this congregation or become a member** of Fourth Church are invited to the Inquirers' Class on Sunday, January 15 from 11:15 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 5F. Lunch will be served. Registration is required for planning purposes and can be completed at www.bit.ly/inquirers123; for more information, email member@fourthchurch.org

Those interested in taking part in the **Fourth Church Choir tour to India in February 2024** are invited to an information session on Sunday, February 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Come learn more about this trip that will include visiting Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Mumbai, and the Taj Mahal as well as enjoying a safari. For more information, email Emily Cox (ecox@fourthchurch.org). **\*\* CSO violist Beatrice Chen** will perform an all-Bach program for this week's free **Friday Noonday Concert** at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary and also livestreamed.



Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in helping our neighbors who are hungry and experiencing food insecurity. To explore these volunteer needs, see our Volunteer Ministry platform, VOMO (www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) or contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). \*\* Chicago Lights Tutoring is in need of in-person (at Fourth Church) and online mentors to connect one-to-one with a student (grades 1–12) one evening a week. They are recruiting Permanent Tutors, who meet with the same student weekly, building relationships, trust, and self-esteem through academics, advising, and social and communication skills, as well as Substitute Tutors, who volunteer on a more flexible schedule. For details, contact Mark Dennison (mdennison@chicagolights.org).



Our **Chicago Lights Social Service Center program participants** need a means to transport their food, clothing, housewares, blankets, and other items that they receive from the Share Shop and Food Pantry. **Particularly needed** are paper grocery bags, sturdy plastic bags, cloth bags, shopping bags, backpacks, suitcases, grocery carts, and push or pull carts. Donations of these items can be dropped off at the 126 E. Chestnut reception desk on weekdays and Sundays between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. **\*\*** To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. **\*\*** To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@ fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.