

This Week

Sunday, November 24

12:15pm	York Nativity Rehearsal	Room 102
12:30pm	Nominating Committee	Room 132B
12:30pm	Middle and High School Turkey Bowl	Room 102

Monday, November 25

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
7:30pm	Fourth Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary


Tuesday, November 26

9:30am	Community Bible Study (CBS)	Sanctuary
7:30pm	College Bible Study	River House
7:45pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 27

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
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Thursday, November 28



Thanksgiving Day

Join us on Thanksgiving morning at 10:30am in the Sanctuary for a family service of worship and thanksgiving. Dr. Norris will preach on “The Thankful Soul” from Psalm 103.

Children may bring gifts of canned goods to help others.

Friday, November 29

Church Offices are closed.

Saturday, November 30

10:00am	York Nativity Rehearsal	Room 102
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Family Prayer Page

For the Week of November 24 - 30

We now maintain the long-term, recuperating, foreign/military service, and missionary health prayer needs of the congregation via the church-wide email system. Prayer needs from the Fourth family will remain printed in the bulletin for up to four weeks but stay on the email list as long as needed. Contact Chelsea Custer, ccuster@4thpres.org, to subscribe to these emails.

Recuperating

Tom Riegert
Mae McNamara

Fourth's Family Roster

Bob & Jenifer Treseler and family
Betty & Eugene Trimble
Gene & Millie Trimble
Dorothy Troxler
Shau-Fai & Gaynell Tse
Nichole Tuchtan

Unable to Attend Regularly

Ed and Elizabeth Davis

Missionary Prayer Request

David and Betsy, Sensitive Area, Antioch Network—Pray for discernment in knowing how to come alongside and minister with the national Christians in their country. Pray for the ongoing formation of a new team in the area. Pray for new avenues in ministering to refugees flooding their country from neighboring countries.

Poinsettia Order Form

Here's one thing you can check off your Christmas list early! Do it now. Beat the rush and order your Christmas poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. Consider ordering a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Complete the following information and return it to the Church Office, by Sunday, December 1.

Make your checks (still only \$12 per plant) payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church with a memo noting the Flower Ministry.

Contact Flower Committee Administrative Chair, Patricia Windsor, at the Church Office, 301-320-3600.

Please print:

Name of donor(s):

Phone Number:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Announcements for November 24 - 30

Congregational Care

Young at Heart (age 55 or above): Please join us for a Luncheon and Christmas Carols on Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30am in the Upper Room. There will be a special Christmas music team and lunch catered by Leonardo. Cost is \$5 payable at the door, defrayed by a generous donor. RSVP by December 2 to Chelsea Custer, 301-320-3434, x216 or ccuster@4thpres.org.

Children's Ministries

First through Fifth Graders— Come make gifts for family and friends at the Christmas Craft Workshop on December 7, 10am-noon. Cost is \$8/child. Friends are welcome to come too! Register online at www.4thpres.org/cm-christmas

Women's Ministry

The Annual Christmas Luncheon is December 4 at 11:30, in the Upper Room. Susan Yates will speak about "Finding Peace in a Season of Uncertainty"—a perfect opportunity to invite unbelieving friends and neighbors! If you can't come during the day, come hear Susan that same evening at a 7:30 dessert, in Room 130. The cost is \$15 for the luncheon and \$5 for the dessert. Register online (www.4thpres.org/wofwinter) or in Halverson Hall TODAY. Childcare during the luncheon is available (with a minimal donation of \$3 per child) but online registration prior to November 25 is a must.

BAKING DAY! Please join us to bake cookies for members of our church in need of extra love this Christmas season. On Saturday, December 7, we will begin baking at 9am, packaging at 11am and will finish by 4pm. Join us for any part of the day or volunteer to deliver. A super fun opportunity to fellowship and to serve! Contact Morgan Wilson

Fourth Presbyterian School

Fourth School Scholarship Opportunities!

Lower School Soliday Scholars Program—provides a new student (K-grade 4) with a \$9,000 scholarship and the opportunity to receive an additional 75% financial aid on the remaining tuition.

Middle School Scholars Program—provides a middle school student (grades 5-8) with a \$9,000 scholarship and the opportunity to receive an additional 75% financial aid on the remaining tuition.

Contact the Admissions Office, 301-765-8133, x280.

Outreach

Our ESOL Ministry is seeking one person or a team to administer the program. Please contact Ron Meyer for more information.

Faith in Action will be in Halverson Hall today having a toy drive and handing out wishes for children from Central Union Mission and Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program. For information or names, email Pamela at [REDACTED]

Missions Offering—This year's Missions Offering is to continue the community development projects in the Moli-Andro community in South Sudan. Along with the two classrooms that have been constructed, there is still a need for wells that will bring fresh water. The offering will also help with the distance education program for pastoral training. To give to the projects, use the envelopes in the pews or write "missions offering" on the memo line of your check.

The offering collected each year at the Thanksgiving Service is earmarked for Disaster Relief. From this offering, Fourth Church has provided assistance in the United States and around the Globe for natural disasters (tsunamis, earthquakes, famines) and such tragedies as the 911 attack and the refugee crisis in Darfur. A special envelope for this offering is included in your quarterly offering envelope packet. If you do not attend the Thanksgiving service, you can still contribute by using the designated envelope or by clearly indicating Disaster Relief on the memo line of your check.

If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes by mail and would like to, please contact Ruth Williams at 301-320-3434, x241 or rwilliams@4thpres.org.

Church-Wide

The Session has called a church-wide congregational meeting for Sunday, December 8, at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is for members of the congregation to consider and vote on two resolutions presented by Session. First, the congregation will consider and vote on a resolution to amend Article VII ("Call of Pastors") of the church's bylaws to add a new Section D to permit an alternative pastor successor process to the current search committee process. Second, if the bylaw amendment is approved, the congregation will consider and vote on a resolution to approve Rev. Dr. Todd Smedley as the next Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Both resolutions will be subject to discussion and debate. Voting will be by secret ballot. The vote on each resolution will be "yea" or "nay" without amendments. Copies of the resolutions are available in the Media Center and the Visitors Center.

Child care will be provided for children through 5th grade for those who have made a reservation. Parents, please bring a bag lunch (including drink) for each child. Elementary-age children are welcome to bring a board game, labeled with the child's name. If you need child care, please email cvanduzer@4thpres.org or call Carol Van Duzer at ext. 218. There will be extended bus service.

The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be Friday, December 13 at 8pm and Sunday, December 15 at 6pm. Invitation cards are available for you in the Media Center, Church Office, and Welcome Center. Use them to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to enjoy Advent Scripture lessons and traditional carols.