

Advent at Fourth 2015

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES:

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, November 29, 6pm in the Sanctuary

A program of instrumental music and Christmas carols.

Children's Christmas Celebration

A Performance of The York Nativity Play

Saturday, December 5, 3pm in the Upper Room

(open dress rehearsal)

Sunday, December 6, 6pm in the Upper Room

A worship service with music and a play presented by the children of Fourth.

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 11, 8pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 13, 6pm in the Sanctuary

With choirs and full orchestra, Scripture readings and Christmas carols

Advent Communion Service

Sunday December 20, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this season of waiting.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

Family Service

December 24, 5pm in the Upper Room

Christmas Eve Communion Service

December 24, 8pm in the Sanctuary

Candlelight Service

December 24, 11pm in the Sanctuary

This Week

Sunday, November 22

12:30am All Congregation Vision Meeting

Upper Room

12:30pm Nominating Committee

Room 130

Monday, November 23

9:30am Body and Soul

Upper Room

1:00pm Women's Prayer Gathering

Parlor

7:30pm Fourth Orchestra Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 24

7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 25

9:30am Body and Soul

Upper Room

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Join us on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30am in the Sanctuary for a family service of worship and thanksgiving. Dr. Smedley will preach on "Only 10 Percent" from Luke 17:11-19.

There will be a time for the children, and their gifts of food for the homeless will be received.



Friday, November 27

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, November 28

Family Prayer Page

For the Week of November 22- November 28

We maintain the complete list of prayer needs of the congregation via the Churchwide email system. Printed copies are available in the Media Center. Prayer needs from the Fourth family remain printed in the bulletin for up to four weeks but stay on the email list as long as needed. A complete list of those with long term health needs is printed in the bulletin monthly. Contact Charlotte FitzGerald, cfitzgerald@4thpres.org, to subscribe to these emails.

Recuperating

Lillian Acker

Chris Istrati

Marion Johnson

Seth Kreider

Susie Robinson

Long Term Health Needs

Paisley Billigmeier

Ruth Burley

Cliff Cummins

Melodie Sackett

Fourth's Family Roster

Kai Johnston

Paul & Betsy Johnston and family

Drew & Diane Jones

Erin Jones

Mark Jones

Nancy Jones

Unable to Attend Regularly

Mr. Harry Balukjian: 333 Russell Avenue Apt. 618 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Missionary Prayer Requests

Robert and Joyce Hamd, EPC-WO, Lebanon

Pray for the preschool in Beirut, Philemon Project, that the Hamds direct. The preschool is making a profound impact on the lives of at-risk children and their parents. The project remained open despite the recent ISIS suicide attacks. The staff reported they had an opportunity to share about the Prince of Peace with many Muslim Shiites who send their children to the preschool. Please pray for more staff to join the preschool. Also pray for peace and safety.

Announcements for Nov 22 - Nov 28

TODAY is Vision Sunday. Please join us in the Upper Room following the 11am service, 12:30-1:00pm.

Dr. Todd Smedley will share four key pillars upon which we will build our church's vision for the future. This is the conclusion to his sermon series on the church. Please join us as we reflect on who we are as a church, and glimpse what we pray is the Lord's vision for Fourth Church in this new season.

Women's Ministry

Stop in Halverson Hall today to pick up your copy of *The Taste of Fourth* (a perfect Christmas gift for family, teachers, friends). And while you're there, register for the **Women's Luncheon or Dessert on December 9** featuring Kristie Anyabwile. Pray and consider who you might bring to hear about "Our Good Gift-Giving God!" (You can also register for the luncheon/dessert online at 4thpres.org/registration.)

Cookie ministry—Our church has a long tradition of baking cookies (under the supervision of Morgan Wilson) on a Saturday in early December, delivering them the following day to members of our congregation who can't get to church. This year, "Cookie Days" will be December 5 and 6. If you can help, please email cookies@4thpres.org or call Jean Bronson, 301-320-3434 x275.

The Women's Reformed Theology Reading Group will meet this Friday, November 20 at 10:30am in Room 132. We will discuss John Calvin's Institutes, Book III, chapters 15,16,17. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Esther Steele, 703-893-7376 or rtreading@4thpres.org

The Rockville Pregnancy Clinic needs mentor volunteers for the Effective Parenting Program. Come get involved in this great program which helps and supports new parents. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Mestas at patricia.mestas@rcpc.org or 301-770-4444 x16. Mentoring will begin in 2016, but we hope to set a schedule before the holidays.

Children's Ministry

It is time to register for the Children's Christmas Craft Workshop for all children grades 1-5 to be held on December 5 from 10am to noon. Make gifts for family and friends. Invite a friend to share in the fun. Bring a flat box to take crafts home. Cost is \$10 per child. Adult help welcome! Register online at 4thpres.org/registration.

Congregational Care

Hope and Help in Mental Illness—Wednesday, December 2 at Emmaus House, 6:30-8pm. This support group helps family, friends, and those impacted by mental illness. Dinner will be provided.

Outreach Ministry

Special Thanksgiving Offering: The offering collected each year during 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).

A special envelope for this offering is included in your quarterly offering envelope packet. If you are not able to 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.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Course will be offered Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm, January 7 through May 5. Fourth Church will offer a class about God's calling to live a Christian life, His heart for the nations, and our purpose to further His kingdom. Perspectives is a 15-week course designed around four vantage points or "perspectives"—Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. The Perspectives class may be taken for Key Reading, Certificate, and/or College Credit. Prices start at \$285. Scholarships are available through our Missions Office at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org or mistrati@4thpres.org. Contact Jaelyn Rosenberg for more information or to register.

Celebrate Christmas with our ESOL students—On Wednesday, December 9, 7-9pm, please join our ESOL students, teachers and their families for an International Potluck Dinner in the Upper Room. Enjoy Christmas music, international cuisine, special activities for children, and warm fellowship with students from around the world. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a main dish; N-Z - a salad or vegetable. Dessert and drinks will be provided. RSVP by December 5 to esol@4thpres.org.

Urban Ministries

Faith in Action will be in Halverson Hall handing out wishes for children from Central Union Mission and from Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program. For information or names, contact Pamela at faithinaction@4thpres.org

Church-wide

Welcome to Our New Members. At the 11am morning worship service today we are welcoming those who were accepted into Fourth Church membership by the Session on Wednesday, November 18.

Libraries

The Media Center is a calendar clearing house! Bring us your unneeded 2016 calendars, and next month we'll make them available to anyone who wants one for the new year.

Share Thanksgiving with your child—The Children's Library has Thanksgiving books and movies to check out.

Poinsettia Order Form

Here's one thing you can check off your Christmas list! Do it now. 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, November 30. Make your checks (\$12 per plant) payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church with a memo noting the Flower Ministry.

Contact Flower Committee Administrative Chair, Linda Rhodes at 301-320-3600 with any questions. Flowers can be ordered online at 4thpres.org/registration

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