

TODAY

DECEMBER 17

Worship 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.	Childcare (<i>infants-K</i>)	Room 210
8:15 a.m.	Bells of the Trinity	Room 146
9:30 a.m.	Childcare (<i>infants-K</i>)	Various Rooms
9:30 a.m.	High School Sunday School	Room 001
9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Various Rooms
9:30 a.m.	Special Blessings Seekers Sunday School	Room 218
10:50 a.m.	Covenant Choir Rehearsal	Room 144
11:00 a.m.	Childcare & Cherub Church (<i>infants-PreK</i>)	Various Rooms
11:00 a.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal	Room 001
11:00 a.m.	Special Blessings Explorers & Handbells Class	Room 123
11:30 a.m.	Children's Church (<i>K-grade 3</i>)	Room 212

*For more information, visit our Welcome Center.
If you have children, please visit our Children's Welcome Center also.
Our Greeters will be happy to direct you.*

THIS WEEK

MONDAY | December 18

9:30 a.m.	Body and Soul	Room 201
7:00 p.m.	Rebekah Circle	Offsite

TUESDAY | December 19

6:30 a.m.	Men of Fourth Fellowship Breakfast	Upper Room
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WEDNESDAY | December 20

8:30 a.m.	Body and Soul	Room 201
7:00 p.m.	Longest Night Service	Sanctuary

THURSDAY | December 21

6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 68 Meeting	Room 102
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 68 Meeting	Room 131

FRIDAY | December 22

9:30 a.m.	Body and Soul	Room 201
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*For more details and a complete listing of
Fourth Presbyterian Church activities, please visit our website.*

FAMILY PRAYER PAGE

The Congregational Care Office maintains a list of prayer needs for the entire congregation. Although only members' names appear below, regular attenders and friends of Fourth Presbyterian Church are posted on our e-mail prayer lists; printed copies are available in the Media Center. On the first Sunday of every month, this page includes a complete list of members with prayer needs. Contact Charlotte FitzGerald at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org to subscribe to the weekly prayer e-mails.

RECUPERATING

Vera Bruce	Russ Kuss	Barbara Stadelhofer
Robert Eisemann	Luella LeVee	Jeri Thomas
Joan Friberg	Andrew Margrave	Rich Tucker
Sibyl Kitts	Carolyn Sims	Joy Walker

LONG-TERM HEALTH NEEDS

Dolores Dabney	Beth Gordon
Kelly Elliott	Jim Rowe

FOURTH'S FAMILY ROSTER

Bret & Jenny Bohannon and family	John & Margie Boland Mike & Lila Boland and family
James & Katie Boland and family	Carol Bontempo

UNABLE TO ATTEND REGULARLY

Mrs. Louise Hagedorn

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Swede and Judy Anderson, CO

Praise God for the many years Swede and Judy have served with Cru, reaching a young generation with the gospel. The Andersons oversee 10 staff and 40 student leaders at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. Pray for multiplication of student leaders and many new lives dedicated to knowing God.

CHURCH-WIDE

Longest Night Service—This Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. We will gather in the Sanctuary on an evening when darkness comes early and brightness seems distant. This reality may reflect the dark, painful circumstances many are experiencing, making the traditional expectations of the season all the more difficult. We will gather to be reminded that the Christ whose birth we celebrate offers hope in times of emptiness, peace in times of uncertainty, joy even in sadness, and love in times of loneliness. He is the light of the world that dispels darkness. The light of Christ shines brightest in the darkest, longest night. All are invited to this time of reflective worship.

MISSIONS AND LOCAL OUTREACH

Romanian Christian Enterprises—Make mercy happen and add a little fat pig to your shopping list this Christmas; or a baby lamb; or school supplies for Sunshine School. Stop by Halverson Hall to learn how you can give a gift this year that honors the Lord, encourages your friend or family member, and helps the “least of these” in Romania. Romanian Christian Enterprises is a partnership ministry of Fourth Church. To learn more or order online, go to www.rcenterprises.org.

Serve Day—Please consider cooking dinner on-site or dropping off prepared food for the Clark Home of Samaritan Inns on December 23, 24, or 30. The Clark Home houses women and their children. Other days will be available throughout the coming year. Children 12 and older are welcome to participate in this serve day. Your reservation to serve is required; the Inn must have advance notice of your arrival or you will be denied entry. For additional information please email Pamela Roylance, proylance@4thpres.org.

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Children’s Sunday School Schedule Change, December 24 and 31—There will not be Sunday School for K-5th grade at 9:30 a.m. There will be nursery and classes for Infants-PreK at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. Cherub Church & Children’s Church will be offered at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

FINANCE

Year-end Contributions—Contributions must either be received by—or postmarked by—December 31, 2017 in order to be included in your 2017 giving statement. Statements for 2017 will be mailed in January, 2018. Please be sure the church has your correct address. Any address changes should go to Sandy Long, 301-320-3600, x248 or slong@4thpres.org, as soon as possible.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Divorce Care Support Group—Looking ahead, meetings will begin Wednesday, January 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Emmaus House, led by Cheryl Murrill. Contact cfitzgerald@4thpres.org for more information.

Hope and Help Seminar—Wednesday, January 3, 7:30–8:30 p.m. in Room 102. This seminar on mental illness will provide information on coping strategies, resources, and realistic expectations for all who are impacted by this issue. If you or someone you care about lives with mental illness, please come to this seminar for information and to help break any stigmas in discussing this important topic. Email kschick@4thpres.org with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents Meeting—Sunday, January 7 in Room 007 following the 11 a.m. worship service. Pizza lunch provided with RSVP to Hannah Lyons at hlyons@4thpres.org. We’ll discuss discipling and caring for students. Childcare with pizza provided.

MEN’S MINISTRY

Men of Fourth Breakfast—This Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. Enjoy brotherly fellowship over breakfast, share prayer needs and praises, and hear teaching by Dr. Todd Smedley or Dr. Robert Norris. Cost is \$4. Next Men’s Breakfast is January 9.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

This evening, December 17, 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Meditation by Dr. Todd Smedley

*With choirs and full orchestra, Scripture readings
and Christmas carols.*

*While no childcare is provided, there is a live feed of
Lessons and Carols in Room 210 for parents
who need to care for their children ages three and under.*

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday | December 20, 7:00 p.m.

*A reflective worship service for those who find this season
particularly painful due to hard circumstances, loss, or loneliness.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday Morning Worship Services | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Family Service | 5:00 p.m., Upper Room

Communion Service | 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service | 11:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR’S EVE

Sunday Worship Services | 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.