

• A Michigan Avenue Forum sponsored by Fourth Presbyterian Church •

Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the 21st Century

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

In the Sanctuary of Fourth Church (Delaware Place and North Michigan Avenue)
and also livestreamed

How is the church a productive citizen?
What is the church's responsibility to the community?
What are the challenges that lie before us in 2021 and beyond?



This Michigan Avenue Forum will explore these questions, as notable church and community speakers join in looking at Fourth Church's history as a citizen of Chicago.

Shannon Kershner first served as pastor at churches in Texas and North Carolina before becoming in 2014 only the fifth pastor of Fourth Church in the past century. She serves on the Princeton Seminary board and was a member of the strategy team of the NEXT Church movement in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for nine years. Shannon's sermons have been published in the *Journal for Preachers* and *Lectionary Homiletics*, and she has been a preacher and worship leader at numerous worship and preaching conferences.

John Buchanan served as pastor of Fourth Church from 1985 until his retirement in 2012, having earlier been pastor of Broad Street Church in Columbus, Ohio. He also served as moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), was publisher of *The Christian Century* magazine, was one of the founders of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and authored several books.

Felicia Davis-Blakley is president and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women. As a member of the Chicago Police Department, she served with distinction for a decade first as a police officer and then as a violent crimes detective. She was Interim President of Olive-Harvey College and served as Mayor Rahm Emanuel's first Deputy Chief of Staff, working to implement community-focused strategies to increase public safety across Chicago. A Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and a founding member of the Chicago Foundation for Women's South Side Giving Circle, she has also served on numerous boards and committees, from the Board of Regents for Mercy Home to the Illinois Senate Sexual Discrimination and Harassment Awareness and Prevention Task Force.

William Schweiker is the Edward L. Ryerson Distinguished Professor of Theological Ethics at The University of Chicago, particularly known for his work on Christian theological humanism and responsibility ethics. A frequent lecturer and visiting professor at universities around the world, he has published several books on theology and comparative and religious ethics as well as numerous articles and award-winning essays. He has served as the president of the Society of Christian Ethics, was a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar lecturing at six universities in the U.S., and is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and theologian in residence at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple in Chicago.

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