

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle Parish Associate
Erica Schemper Pastoral Resident
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Vespers Choir

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, November 25.

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care at 312.274.9818 (eandrews@fourthchurch.org).

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

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Fourth Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 13, 2005
6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness *Johann Crüger*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from scattered lives into this place to seek the God who gathers that which is scattered.

People: **We give thanks that God's love excludes no one.**

Leader: Let us as a gathered people worship God together.

INVOCATION

***HYMN 345** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" *Tune: REPTON*
(*tune from Hymn 419*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(*unison*) **God of love and mercy, in humility and tenderness you have visited us, and we have wrapped ourselves in pride. With patience and compassion you have sought us, but patience and compassion we have despised. Through pain, through joy, through life, through death, you come to us. Yet we have turned away from you, until our joy is sorrowful, our life is lifeless, and our humanity inhuman. You have forgiven us in the past. Forgive us yet again and mercifully lead us into ways of righteousness and peace. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER READING

Psalm 34:1–10 (responsively) (page 508, O.T.)

ANTHEM “An Evening Collect”

Robert B. Miller

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:1–20 (page 39, N.T.)

Romans 7:19, 24–25 (page 157, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God .**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

John H. Boyle

THE CROWD WITHIN

***HYMN 370** “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Tune: WOODWORTH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(unison)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death,

in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(United Church of Canada)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“What Shall I Render to My God?” *American folk melody*
arr. Austin C. Lovelace

*** DOXOLOGY**

(The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God, of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, you never fail to give us what we need
to be nourished in your love. Help us gratefully
to make use of all your blessings to serve you
in ways that will nourish in your love everyone
we meet. So may we always live in communion
with our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 539** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” *Tune: ELLERS*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE March

Louis Lefebure-Wély