

WORSHIP LEADERS

Patrick Daymond Pastoral Resident
Elizabeth Andrews Associate Pastor
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Vespers Choir

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

Prayers, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the prayer book and can be ordered by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org

For more information about **Sunday's worship**, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter at FourthChurch@fourthchurch.org by sending e-mail addresses to FourthChurch@fourthchurch.org.

The **style of Taizé** is held the fourth Friday of the month at Stone Chapel. The next service is Friday, December 23.

Notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; to request a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to request Holy Communion, contact Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Pastoral Care at 312.274.9818 (eandrews@fourthchurch.org).

Worship on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush) at 11:00 a.m. The rate of \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

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Fourth Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 11, 2005
6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE Savior of the Nations, Come *John*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: **He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint and strengthens the weary.
People: **Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted.**

Leader: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.
People: **They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

***HYMN 11** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"
Tune: VALET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) Lord, you know that the time we've spent has been filled with turmoil, disappointment, heartache, and despair. We have forgotten all about being blameless and turning to you. We gave in to urges to be petty, spiteful, and while "telling it like it is" sure felt good, we now find ourselves empty, confused, and alone. Today, we come here for Sabbath, for rest and renewal. Lord, we want to be sanctified. We want to be kind, to hold on to the good, and greet one another in love. Fill our minds with praise and laughter, our hearts with joy, and our souls with quiet satisfaction. This is our prayer.

**Stand as you are able.*

PARDON

ends, believe the good news.
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE CHURCH

Psalm 126 (*responsively*) (page 572, O.T.)

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" *David H. Williams*

THE KING

Isaiah 61:1-4 (page 691, O.T.)

the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE INVITATION

BETWEEN THE CALL
AND THE CONSUMMATION

Patrick Daymond

"Guide My Feet"

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET

THE FAITH

**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,
who reconciles and makes new, who works in us and
empowers us 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,
who is 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)

THE GOSPEL

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" *Eric H. Thiman*

*** DOXOLOGY**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed
be 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 276**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come