

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin Associate Pastor
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Vespers Choir

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

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

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.8425.

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, January 20, 2008
6:30 p.m.

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PRELUDE Two Versets

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

People: **Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.**

Leader: Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

People: **Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.**

Leader: Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

All: **Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 412 "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds" *Tune: FOREST GREEN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 40:1–11 (*responsively*) (page 486, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Save Us, O Lord” *Thomas Matthews*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29–34 (page 86, N.T.)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Joyce Shin
FROM ABOVE AND FROM BELOW

***HYMN 351** “Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart” *Tune: GATESCARTH*

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 “Before the Ending of the Day” *Healey Willan*

***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

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:
People (sung): **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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(*unison*) **Loving God, you graciously feed us,**
who have received these holy mysteries,
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have received this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom,
for you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 507** “I Come with Joy” *Tune: DOVE OF PEACE*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Final *André Fleury*