

WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble

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. Daily Lenten devotions will be available, in a printed booklet, in the church literature racks beginning Ash Wednesday, February 6.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, February 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, February 24 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 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, February 3, 2008
6:30 p.m.

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PRELUDE Amazing Grace

Virginia Harmony
arr. Andy Tecson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come up to the mountain of God's presence.
Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

People: **We are witnesses to God's majesty.
We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.**

Leader: Look up, and do not be afraid.
Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

People: **We will serve our God with fear and trembling.
We will extol God's name, for the Lord our God is holy.**

*HYMN 138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" Tune: NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) **God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal
the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted
by our own plans. We confess that we speak
when we should listen, and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom
to live in your light and to follow in the way of
your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

KYRIE *(sung)* *(please see insert)*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

GLORIA *(sung)* *(please see insert)*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 99 *(responsively)* (page 522, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON

2 Peter 1:16–21 (page 222, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” *George Henry Day*
arr. Andy Tecson

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1–9 (page 17, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Martha Langford

MOMENTS ON A MOUNTAIN

“You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” 2 Peter 1:19 (NRSV)

***HYMN 513** “Let Us Break Bread Together” *Tune: LET US BREAK BREAD*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair” *Agincourt Hymn*
arr. Andy Tecson

*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:

SANCTUS *(sung)*

(please see insert)

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

(The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

(please see insert)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

**God of mountaintops and valleys
whose rule embraces the unfathomed
reaches of time and space,
grant to us a vision of your intention for our lives
and equip us to fulfill the destiny you entrust to us
as followers of Jesus Christ.
As people who have shared Christ’s body
and received his cup,
let us go forth into our daily lives
to be part of the life of your kingdom
reaching out into the life of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 420** “God of Grace and God of Glory” *Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation