

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, March 28.

Daily Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and 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, March 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 19 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.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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Fourth Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 9, 2008
6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE O Darkest Woe! Ye Tears That Flow! *Johannes Brahms*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Tune: ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

PSALTER Psalm 130 *(responsively)* (page 542, O.T.)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "When In the Hour of Deepest Need" *Louis Bourgeois*

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (page 759, O.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Stand as you are able.*

SECOND LESSON

John 11:28–44

(page 99, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Joyce Shin

***HYMN 319** “Spirit”

***APOSTLES CREED**

(unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Wondrous Love”

*American folk hymn
arr. Alice Parker*

***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 with the bread of life
and the cup of 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 515** “Now to Your Table Spread”

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel