## WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek 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 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 Monday, April 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 27 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.

#### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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

# vespers

**PRELUDE** O Sons and Daughters of the King

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*Hymn 111 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Tune: Gelobt Sei Gott

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

**PSALTER** Psalm 16 (responsively) (page 469, O.T.)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again" Eric H. Thiman

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19–31 (page 108, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

<sup>\*</sup>Stand as you are able.

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Adam Fronczek

SUPPOSING HIM TO BE THE GARDENER

\*Hymn 503

"Come, Risen Lord"

Tune: Sursum Corda

#### \*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** "Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past"

Walter L. Pelz

\*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,

People (sung): Holy, noly, noly 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) God of grace,

you renew us at your table

with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us

as we seek to walk according to your will.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

\*HYMN 122 "Thine Is the Glory"

Tune: Judas Maccabeus

#### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing Healey Willan