

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle Parish Associate
Allyson Rich Lorene Replogle Counseling Center Staff

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. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, October 27.

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

For **pastoral care**, to notify the church of illnesses, death, hospitalizations; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Elizabeth Andrews, Minister for Congregational Care, at 312.274.3818 (eandrews@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.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, October 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, November 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

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, October 8, 2006
6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE Lord, Jesus Christ, Abide with Us *Johann Sebastian Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget
all God's benefits.**

Leader: God's steadfast love and mercy endure forever.

People: **Let us sing praise to God.**

***HYMN 483** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**Gracious God, in the company of your people,
we confess our sins to you.**

**We have been angry and impatient about
the faults of others, and failing to see our own.**

**We have been lazy and selfish, pursuing our own interests,
and unconcerned about the needs of others.**

**We have presumed upon your grace and
taken for granted your blessings.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and create in us a new spirit
that will change the way we live so as to be more faithful
to your truth and justice and peace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: God has promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be.
God has mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Friends, believe the good news.

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

**Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER READING

Psalm 26 (*responsively*) (page 476, O.T.)

ANTHEM "In All Our Grief and Fear" *Charles R. Anders*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 1:1; 2:1–10 (page 429, O.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by John H. Boyle

GOD'S AWFUL GRACE

"Shall we receive the good at the hand
of God, and not receive the bad?"

Job 2:10 (NRSV)

***HYMN 280** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Tune: AMAZING GRACE

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 "Save Us, O Lord" *Andrew J. Walker*

***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: **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, in the waste places of our lives you have
given us in Christ spiritual food and drink to nourish
our souls. Accept our broken sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and bestow upon us the desire to do your will, that we may
serve you in love and joy by serving those in need. Amen.**

***HYMN 387** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *Tune: BRADBURY*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Let All Together Praise Our God *J. S. Bach*