



FOURTH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Ring Forth!; Mary Clark, director

traditional French carol
arr. Mary Clark

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads”

St. George’s Edinburgh

Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for ay— be lift-ed up, that
so the King of glo-ry en-ter may! But who of glo-ry is the King? The mighty Lord is this, Ev'n
that same Lord, that great in— might and strong in bat-tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that
great in— might and strong in— bat-tle is. Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia!
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! A - men, A - men, A - men.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Triune God calls his church to worship him

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

*HYMN NO. 123

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God our Creator, all things were made through the eternal Word who became incarnate in our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, for we have regularly worshiped the creation while forsaking our Creator. In him was life and that life was the light of men. Save us from our sins, the wages of which have been death. Light has come into the world, but too often we have loved the darkness rather than the light. In humble repentance we come into the light to receive Christ and believe in his name afresh. May we know that we are children of God, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Meet us now, O Word Incarnate, as you come to us full of grace and truth, that from your fullness we may receive grace upon grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's Law

*HYMN OF THANKS

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Divinum Mysterium

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

8:00 *Mr. David Frerichs*

9:30 *Rev. Corey Gray*

11:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

8:00 *The Kimbrough Family*

Revelation 5:1–5
9:30 *The Schick Family*

page 1030, pew Bible
11:00 *The Lindstrom Family*

*HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth, from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

8:00 *Steve Liston*

9:30 *Bob Reiter*

11:00 *Ted Smith*

OFFERTORY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Chapel and Sanctuary Choirs;
Jim Steele, saxophone; Traci Klemm, piano;
Fred Markey, organ

anonymous
arr. Shawn Kirchner
and Douglas Mears

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender, with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor, the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
And lightens every load.

Friedrich Layritz (vs. 3); adapted Shawn Kirchner

*11:00 HYMN NO. 624

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

11:00 PRAYER FOR CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children K–3rd grade may come forward. If your child is not wearing a registration name tag, please accompany your child.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 49:1–2, 8–12, 28

pages 42-43, pew Bible

SERMON

“The Lion of Judah”
1st in the series, “The Ancestry of the Messiah”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN NO. 124

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*COMMUNION RESPONSE

“O Holy Child of Bethlehem”

St. Louis

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

“Festival March”
Fred Markey, organ

Arthur Foote

**Congregation standing as able*

If you are gluten-sensitive, you can ask an usher for a gluten-free wafer before the service or during one of the hymns.

Roses on the organ celebrate births and adoptions within our family of faith.
Max & Liliana were born on November 4 to Laszlo & Maria Korossy.
We pray God will strengthen and guide this family.

An Elder and Women's Ministry representative are available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary after each service.

Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those in our congregation facing difficult circumstances.
Contact an individual deacon directly or call the deacons phone line at 301-320-3600, x223.

The morning worship service can be heard Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on WAVA 105.1 FM or streamed at wava.com;
you can also contact radio@4thpres.org to receive by email.

Hearing enhancement units are available in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

6:00 p.m.

"The Reason for Our Singing"

Psalm 145

Rev. Ron Meyer

A program of instrumental music and carols with Fourth Orchestra.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Jesus' Family Tree"

Matthew 1:1-17

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 9 and 16 | 6:00 p.m.

Meditation by Dr. Todd M. Smedley, with choirs and full orchestra,

Scripture readings, and Christmas carols.

No childcare provided.

Please, no saving seats.

*The Upper Room, with a live feed, will be available for overflow seating and
for parents who need to care for their children.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget \$ 4,864,876

Year-to-Date Received \$ 3,681,468

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