



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

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

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”
Wyeth Duncan, organ

J. S. Bach

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “Hallelujah, Hallelujah! All You Peoples Praise Proclaim”

Hyfrydol

Hallelujah, hallelujah; all you peoples, praise proclaim.
For God’s grace and loving kindness, O sing praises to his name.
For the greatness of his mercy constant praise to him accord.
For his faithfulness eternal, hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Psalm 117

*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. 125

“Joy to the World!”

Antioch

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have set our affections on things below, when they should have been on things above. We are called to store up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Instead, we have concentrated on collecting and cherishing earthly treasures that inevitably prove worthless and fleeting, losing sight of you and your grace. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Blot out our transgressions according to your abundant mercies. Wash us thoroughly from every sin and make us clean. Grant us the grace and help of your Holy Spirit to set our affections on things eternal and our pursuits on heavenly treasures, for this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord’s declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God’s law

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

*HYMN OF THANKS

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Divinum Mysterium

O ye heights of heav’n adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev’ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Ron Meyer*

9:30 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

11:00 *Dr. Robert Norris*

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:68–79

pages 856–857, pew Bible

8:00 *Tom Kiess*

9:30 *Mary Johannes*

11:00 *Bruce Lawson*

*HYMN NO. 138

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go Tell It

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

8:00 *Steve Liston*

9:30 *John Sillin*

11:00 *Ted Smith*

OFFERTORY

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Wyeth Duncan, organ

Georg Neumark
arr. Gerald Peterson

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 50:15–26

page 44, pew Bible

SERMON

“God’s Good Purposes”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

45th in the series on the book of Genesis

*HYMN

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Dundee

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs
And works his sovereign will.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour.
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

“March in D Major” Op. 56, No 2
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

**Congregation standing as able*

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.

Our final 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning radio broadcast on WAVA 105.1 FM is today;
to receive a recording of the service by email contact sundayservice@4thpres.org or
subscribe to our podcast on iTunes (search “Fourth Presbyterian Church”).

If you want help signing up for our podcast, come to The Commons, Room 231 off Halverson Hall, today.

WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder of God's covenant faithfulness. Parents, God put the wiggle in your children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, ushers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn to worship by watching and following you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

TONIGHT'S SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Heart of the Matter Is a Matter of Your Heart"

Mark 7:14–23

Mr. Stefan Wiltz

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

MORNING SERVICE

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

"A Song for the New Year"

Psalm 115

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"An Extraordinary Woman Meets
the Most Extraordinary Man"

Mark 7:24–30

Dr. Robert Norris

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget \$ 4,864,876

Year-to-Date Received \$ 4,376,657

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