



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

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

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Coventry Carol"

Phil Sargeant, oboe; Eric Sabatino, harp

traditional English Carol

arr. Susann McDonald

Linda Wood Rollo

*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. 132

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

*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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

Ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King."

ANTHEM

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

Special Blessings Handchimes; Shari Fast, director

The congregation is invited to remain seated and join in singing following the organ introduction:

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Dr. Robert Norris*

9:30 *Rev. Corey Gray*

11:00 *Mr. David Frerichs*

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Isaiah 7:10-14

page 572, pew Bible

8:00 *The Perrin Family*

9:30 *The Ishibashi Family*

11:00 *The Hammond Family*

*HYMN NO. 141

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

8:00 *Dirk Rankin*

9:30 *Zack Koutsandreas*

11:00 *John Ritterpusch*

OFFERTORY

“What Child Is This?”

traditional English Carol

Chapel and Sanctuary Choirs

arr. Grant Cochran

Phil Sargeant, oboe; Eric Sabatino, harp; Fred Markey, organ

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear: for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings: let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise your song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! Joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary!

William Chatterton Dix

*11:00 HYMN NO. 624

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:18–25

page 807, pew Bible

SERMON

“Immanuel”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

3rd in the series, “The Ancestry of the Messiah”

*HYMN NO. 136

“The First Noel”
(stanzas 1-3, 6)

The First Noel

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”
Fred Markey, organ

Keith Chapman

**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 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning radio broadcast on WAVA 105.1 FM will be ending on 12/30/2018;
to receive the service by email contact radio@4thpres.org.

WORSHIPING 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."

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tonight | 6:00 p.m.

*With choirs and full orchestra, Scripture readings,
and Christmas carols.
No childcare provided.*

Please, no saving seats.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

MORNING SERVICE

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

"Tribute Comes to Judah's Greatest Son"

Matthew 2:1-12

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

ADVENT COMMUNION

6:00 p.m.

"I Am the Bread of Life"

John 6:35-40

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget \$ 4,864,876

Year-to-Date Received \$ 3,931,761