

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

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WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people*

\*HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Coronation  
arr. Adam Kunsberg

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

\*DECLARATION OF FAITH—NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we come humbly to confess our sins. Forgive us for not loving our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we are more prone to harsh judgment toward others than to patient forbearance. We are slow to forgive others while we are quick to justify our sins. Forgive the pains we have inflicted on others, while we have sought to indulge ourselves. Have mercy on us in Christ. While our failures and shortcomings present to us a list of accusations, we thank you that they will not stand against us for all have been laid on Jesus. Remind us again of the one whose punishment brought us peace that we might be delivered from all our sins. This we pray in the great name of 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*

## \*HYMNS OF PREPARATION

"I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)"

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson,  
Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill

Out of the depths I cry to you;  
In darkest places I will call;  
Incline your ear to me anew,  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were you to count my sinful ways,  
How could I come before your throne?  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze—  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for you, I will wait for you,  
On your word I will rely.  
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,  
Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone.  
Take courage in his power to save,  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave.

His steadfast love has made a way,  
And God himself has paid the price,  
That all who trust in him today  
Find healing in his sacrifice.

*I will wait for you, I will wait for you,  
Through the storm and through the night.  
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,  
For your love is my delight.*

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Ville du Havre

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*It is well with my soul, it is well,  
It is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded  
My helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 1–3

pages 417–418, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Asking God’s spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his word*

SERMON

“Surprised by Suffering”  
*1st in a series on the Book of Job*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Abide with Me”

Eventide  
arr. Erin Jones

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.  
  
I need thy presence ev’ry passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.  
  
I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

\*BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Benediction”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May the peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

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## POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing as able*

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

Hearing enhancement units are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

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.

To listen to a recording of the morning worship service, contact [sundayservice@4thpres.org](mailto:sundayservice@4thpres.org).

*We warmly welcome children of all ages in our worship service this evening.  
Childcare is available for young children, infant through Pre-K, in Room 110.*

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

### MORNING SERVICE

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

"Dying and Denying"

Luke 9:21-27

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Suffering and Our Sovereign God"

Job 1:6-2:10

Rev. Tommy Myrick

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

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