



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Delighting in God's Glory | Demonstrating His Grace | Declaring His Gospel

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Prelude on ‘St. Columba’”
Cynthia Keith, flute; Phil Sargeant, oboe; Wyeth Duncan, organ

Robert J. Powell

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Of God’s Love, I’ll Sing Forever”

Ode to Joy

Of God’s love, I’ll sing forever, to each age your faithfulness.
I’ll declare your love’s forever, founded in the word from heav’n:
“With my chosen I’ve made cov’nant, to my servant David sworn:
‘I’ll your line confirm forever, to each age build up your throne.’”

Psalm 89:1–4

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*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. 277

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Aurelia

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have sinned against you in times and ways without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief and neglected to seek your kingdom and your righteousness. We mourn our waywardness and rebellion and are sorry for our sin. The accuser of our souls daily presents us with a humbling list of our sins and shortcomings, but we thank you that they will not stand against us. We praise you that all our sin has been laid on Christ who was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. It was his chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, our sinful wounds are healed. So now, deliver us from every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, and everything that prevents our taking delight in you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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. David Frerichs](#) | [Rev. Corey Gray](#) | [Rev. Ron Meyer](#) | [Rev. Thomas Myrick](#) | [Dr. Robert Norris](#)

HYMN OF THANKS

“Thy Mercy, My God”

Sandra McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

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SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINUTE—GEN2REV

Kim Young & Ken Mizushima

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. David Frerichs*

9:30 *Rev. Corey Gray*

11:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*

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.

*HYMN NO. 94

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

St. Peter

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 10:11–13; 20–21

page 534, pew Bible

ANTHEM

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Moses Hogan

Valerie Kraft Simonsen, soprano; Wyeth Duncan, piano

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

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9:30 AND 11:00 DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children age 2.5–3rd grade may be dismissed to be escorted to their classrooms. If your child does not have a name tag, please accompany them to their classroom. Face masks will be provided for children who do not have them. Parents, please pick up your children from their classrooms immediately after the service.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:59–71

page 892, pew Bible

SERMON

“Words of Life”

Rev. Ron Meyer

18th in a series on the Book of John

*HYMN

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Abbot's Leigh



1. Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race,
2. God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most mar - velous light,
3. Once you were an a - lien peo - ple, strang - ers to God's heart of love,
4. Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple he in - tends,
called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace;
brought his truth to life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
but he brought you home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove.
strong in faith and swift to an - swer each com - mand your Mas - ter sends,
know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all the might - y deed,
Let your light so shine a - round you that God's name is glo - ri - fied
Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel the Fa - ther's care,
roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri - fice and prayer,
tell of love that knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.
and all find fresh hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
that they too may know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.

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*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Wyeth Duncan, organ

Robert Lau

**Congregation standing as able*

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 wiggles 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 need to leave the service with your child, feel free to take them to our Family Room where you can follow the service via livestream. You'll find the Family Room out the back doors of the Sanctuary and to your right.

Nursery Care

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the 9:30 and 11:00 am services. You can register your young children in the classrooms with their caregivers. Ushers will direct you to the appropriate rooms.

Deacon Support

Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those in our congregation facing difficult circumstances. Contact an individual deacon directly, call the deacons' phone line at 301-320-3600, x223, or email deacons@4thpres.org.

Giving

If you would like to leave an offering, please place it in the offering basket at the Sanctuary entrance or exit. You can also give online at 4thpres.org/giving.

Fourth Updates

Subscribe to Fourth Updates to stay informed about ministry opportunities and activities at Fourth. Call the church office, look for the word "Subscribe" in the footer of 4thpres.org, or bookmark 4thpres.org/updates.

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Bold Enough in Christ"

Philemon 1-25

Mr. Sam Eligwe

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

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

MORNING SERVICE

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

"Teaching From God"

John 7:1-24

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

Hymn Sing With

Sandra McCracken

and Tim Nicholson

*Following the hymn sing, you are invited to enjoy
fellowship and a treat from a food truck.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2021 Annual Budget \$ 5,146,626

2021 Year-to-Date Received \$ 2,552,145

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