



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Aria"

J.S. Bach

James Steele, alto saxophone; Esther Steele, piano

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"God's Holy Promise He Recalled"

Vox Dilecti

God's holy promise he recalled, how Abrah'm served him long.
He led his people forth with joy, his chosen ones with song.
Now thank the Lord; on his name call. Tell of his deeds to all,
O sing to him, sing psalms to him, his wonders to recall.

Psalm 105 1-2, 42-43

*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. 228

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Darwall

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. 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. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

HYMN OF THANKS

“Alleluia”

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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ANTHEM

“O Thou Who Camest From Above”

Philip Stopford

Sanctuary Choir; Ted Bickish, director; Wyeth Duncan, organ

O thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle the flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat;
Till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

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SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

MISSIONS MINUTE—MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Janie Randell, Director of Missions

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

*HYMN NO. 259

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Trentham

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:28–32

page 762, pew Bible

8:00 *Lauren Perrin*

9:30 *Diane Bruce*

11:00 *George Ward*

ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Cathie Stanton, soprano; Jack Stanton, tenor and guitar; Wyeth Duncan, organ

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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11:00 PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children K–3rd grade may come forward to be escorted to their classrooms. If your child does not have a name tag, please accompany them to their classroom. Face masks are optional. Parents, please pick up your children from their classrooms immediately after the service.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 16:4b–33

pages 902–903, pew Bible

SERMON

“An Advantageous Departure”
40th in a series on the Gospel of John

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Abbot's Leigh



1. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light, Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er
2. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the Church-'s very-y life, Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er
3. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the Church-'s min-is-try, teach-ing, strength-'ning, and ab-
brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of
striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife, Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the
solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free, Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to
earth to thrones on high, liv-ing, life-in-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
Church the mind of Christ, you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gra-cious gifts un-priced.
age and soul to soul in com-mun-ion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Gordon Young

**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 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 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.

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 give online at 4thpres.org/giving.

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Christ Our Mediator"

1 Timothy 2:5-6

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6

MORNING SERVICE

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

"The High Priestly Prayer"

John 17:1-26

Dr. Robert Norris

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

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Saving Faith"

Romans 4:16-18

Rev. Thomas Myrick

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2022 Annual Budget \$ 5,346,077

2022 Year-to-Date Received \$ 449,215

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