



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

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## WELCOME

8:00 PRELUDE

"Coventry Carol"  
*Jubilate Quartet*

arr. Marshall Ocker

11:00 PRELUDE

"One Small Child"  
*Special Blessings Chimes Choir; Shari Fast, director*

David Meece

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"Lift Up Your Heads"

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here!

*Psalm 24:7*

\*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. 151

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

In Dulci Jubilo

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God our Creator, all things were made through the eternal word who became incarnate in our Lord Jesus Christ. In him was life and that life was the light of men. 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, 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.

## 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*

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SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

HYMN OF THANKS

“The First Noel”

The First Noel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav’nly Lord,  
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Dr. Robert Norris*; 11:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

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. 118

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Divinum Mysterium

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Psalm 66:8–12

pages 481, pew Bible

8:00 *Erin Jones*; 11:00 *The Cooper/Admassu Family*

8:00 ANTHEM

“Pretty Little Baby”

James Cleveland

*High School Choir; Traci Klemm, piano; Wyeth Duncan, director*

arr. Rollo Dilworth

Oh, what a pretty little baby, born in a manger.  
Oh, what a pretty little baby, Jesus is his name.  
For unto us a Holy Son is given,  
And his name shall be, “Wonderful.”  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
And his name shall be “Counselor.”  
O come, let us adore him Christ, the Lord!  
Wonderful Counselor. Prince of Peace.  
His name is Jesus.

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ANTHEM

“Thou Who Wast Rich”

arr. Molly Ijames

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

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love’s sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger did surrender  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love’s sake becamest poor.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love’s sake becamest man.  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising;  
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love’s sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou would have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.

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DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Children K–3rd grade may go to the front when the pastor calls them forward for prayer and then be escorted to their classrooms. If your child does not have a name tag, please go to the back to be assisted by a Children's Ministry volunteer as your child goes forward. Please pick up your children in Room 212.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3–9

page 1014, pew Bible

SERMON

“A Living Hope”  
*4th in the series, “Hope Is on the Way”*

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

\*HYMN NO. 133

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn

\*BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557  
*Wyeth Duncan, organ*

att. J.S. Bach

*\*Congregation standing as able*

*The white poinsettias in the Upper Room are in memory of Mae McNamara from her daughter Ann Brady,  
and the flowers are from the memorial service for Lew Deardorff from his family.*

## DEACON SUPPORT

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

## GIVING

If you would like to leave an offering, please place it in the offering baskets in the alcoves or in the back. You can give online at [4thpres.org/giving](https://4thpres.org/giving).

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## NEW TO FOURTH?

Thank you for joining us in worship. To get to know the church better, scan and tap to fill out a simple form ([4thpres.org/connect](https://4thpres.org/connect)) and we will be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.



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## TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Ancient of Days"

Daniel 7:9-10

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 24 | Upper Room

Family Service | 5:00 p.m.

Communion Service | 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service | 11:00 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 25 | Upper Room | 11:00 a.m.

*No childcare is provided for this service.*

*Room 210 will be open with live feed of the service for parents  
who need to care for their children, 3 & under.*

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2022 Annual Budget                      \$ 5,346,077

2022 Year-to-Date Received        \$ 3,950,260

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