



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
Cynthia Keith, flute; Patricia Matos-Puente, oboe

Nicole Chamberlain

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“The Spacious Firmament”

Creation

The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim.
Th'unwearied sun, from day to day, does his Creator's power display;
And publishes to every land the work of the almighty hand.
Psalm 19:1-5

*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

“Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun”

Tallis Canon

Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.
Lord, I my vows to thee renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will; and with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say,
That all my pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'ny host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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](#)

HYMN OF THANKS

“Alleluia”

Alleluia

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

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SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*; 11:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

*HYMN

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word;
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us;
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4–10

page 627, pew Bible

8:00 *Tim Horst*; 11:00 *Erin Greene*

ANTHEM

“Trust in the Lord”

Rollo Dilworth

Kingdom Choir; Traci Klemm, piano; Wyeth Duncan, director

I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice.
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath dealt bountifully with me.
Trust in the Lord with all thy heart,
And lean not to thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy path.
I will trust in the Lord 'til I die.

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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

Galatians 1:10–24

page 972, pew Bible

SERMON

“Good News Is Not Manmade”
3rd in a series on the Book of Galatians, “All About the Gospel”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN

“My God, I Love Thee Not Because”

Kingsfold

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet for fear that loving not I might forever die;
But for that thou didst all mankind upon the cross embrace;
For us didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;
And griefs and torments numberless and sweat of agony;
E'en death itself, and all for man, who was thine enemy.
Then why, most loving Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heav'n, nor any fear of hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, nor seeking a reward,
But as thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing,
Solely because thou art my God and my eternal King!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH—APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE 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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION RESPONSE

“Behold the Lamb”

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

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*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

**Congregation standing as able*

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.

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.

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), and we will be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.



TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Upper Room

"The Life and Times of Naomi the Ephrathite"

Ruth 1:1-5

Rev. Thomas Myrick

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Upper Room

"Spies Against Freedom"

Galatians 2:1-10

Dr. Scott Redd

The Deacons' Offering will be received at morning services.

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Upper Room

"Loyal Love"

Ruth 1:6-22

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2023 Annual Budget \$ 5,684,990

2023 Year-to-Date Received \$ 1,005,879

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