



SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023  
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

"Adagio" for Glass Harmonica  
*Ted Bickish, organ*

W.A. Mozart

11:00 PRELUDE

"I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light"  
*Special Blessings Chimes Choir; Shari Fast, director*

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"Give Thanks to God"

Mit Freuden Zart

Give thanks to God, for good is he: his love abides forever.  
To him all praise and glory be: his mercy lasts forever.  
The only God, the sovereign Lord, his wondrous works with praise record:  
His love abides forever.  
*Psalm 136:1-4*

\*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. 556

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Nun Danket

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and all-knowing God, we acknowledge you are not the center of all our thoughts as you should be. We are doing well if you have a place in any of them. You are our Creator and Sustainer yet we have neglected your rule and broken your law with our many sins. Our minds have focused on things utterly hollow and useless. Our hearts have been consumed with idols beyond number. In your mercy, forgive us for our self-seeking, self-sufficiency, and self-centeredness. Deliver us from our spiritual sloth and transform us by the renewing of our minds through your tender mercies to us in Christ Jesus, 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*

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SENIOR PASTOR [Dr. Todd M. Smedley](#)  
PASTORS [Rev. David Frerichs](#) | [Rev. Corey Gray](#) | [Rev. Thomas Myrick](#)

HYMN OF THANKS

“Jesus Paid It All”

All to Christ

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain—he washed it white as snow.

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

DEACONS MINISTRY MINUTE

Debbie Roberts

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*; 11:00 *Mr. Manuwa Eligwe*

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. 448

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

Boylston

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

page 155, pew Bible

8:00 *David Kester*; 11:00 *Jason Lemons*

8:00 ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

arr. Mark Schweizer

*Analiese Pappas, soprano*

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?  
What though the tempest ‘round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.  
Since love is lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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11:00 ANTHEM

“Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might”

John Gardner

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

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.  
Run the straight race through God’s good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: his boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove, Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

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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 2:1–10

page 972, pew Bible

SERMON

“Spies Against Freedom”

Dr. Scott Redd

*4th in a series on the Book of Galatians, “All About the Gospel”*

\*HYMN

“I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”

Old 113th



1. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise  
2. Hap - py the man whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God! He made the sky, and  
3. The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing mind; he  
4. I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise



shall em - ploy my no - bler pow'rs. My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
earth, and seas, with all their train: his truth for - ev - er stands se - cure;  
sends the la - b'ring con-science peace; he helps the strang - er in dis - tress,  
shall em - ploy my no - bler pow'rs. My days of praise shall ne'er be past,



while life, and tho't, and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
he saves th'op - pressed, he feeds the poor, and none shall find his prom - ise vain.  
the wid - ow and the fa - ther - less, and grants the pris - 'ner sweet re - lease.  
while life, and tho't, and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

\*BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

POSTLUDE

A Festive Intrada

Walter Pelz

*Wyeth Duncan, organ*

*\*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, Room 210, where you can follow the service via livestream.

## 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).

## NEW TO FOURTH?

Let us know you're here! Scan and tap to fill out a simple form ([4thpres.org/connect](https://4thpres.org/connect)), and we'll be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We also invite you to visit the Information Center off of Halverson Hall to learn more about Fourth.



## TONIGHT'S 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.*

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30

### MORNING SERVICE

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

"In Step With the Gospel"

Galatians 2:11-16

Rev. David Frerichs

### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Upper Room

"Surprising Mercy"

Ruth 2:1-16

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   \$ 1,061,574

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