



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

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

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Psalm 19

Brass Quartet; Wyeth Duncan, organ; Ted Bickish, director

Benedetto Marcello
arr. Robert King

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Enter His Gates With Thanks”

Diademata

Enter his gates with thanks and fill his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name; to God your voices raise.
Because the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures;
From age to age, forevermore, his faithfulness is sure.

Psalm 100:4–5

*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

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

Mit Freuden Zart

Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in his law demand and none to him can render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand for man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires the spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.

Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed and thus his Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

SENIOR PASTOR [Dr. Todd M. Smedley](#)

PASTORS [Rev. David Frerichs](#) | [Rev. Corey Gray](#) | [Rev. Thomas Myrick](#)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord and our King, you have commanded us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness, but we have sought our own fleeting kingdoms and rested too often on our own righteousness. We have pursued vanities that leave us empty and unsatisfied. We even forsake your mercies offered to us in Christ, exchanging the flowing fountain of living waters for broken cisterns that hold no water. Were you to keep a record of our sin, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is plentiful redemption. Graciously forgive our sins, for our only hope is in the merit and blood of Jesus. As your Spirit brings us to godly sorrow, be pleased to cover our offenses, cleanse us from our guilt, and free us from sin's power. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

HYMN OF THANKS

“To God Be the Glory”

To God Be the Glory

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory—great things he hath done!

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

MINISTRY MINUTE — CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Smedley

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*; 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. 499

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Toplady

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:24–29

page 724, pew Bible

8:00 *Amajion Eligwe*; 11:00 *Emily King*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Tim Horst*; 11:00 *Ted Smith*

8:00 ANTHEM

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus”

Louisa Stead

David Klemm, tenor; Traci Klemm, piano

arr. Bernie Herms and Billy Gains

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus and to take him at his word.
Just to rest upon his promise and to know, “thus says the Lord.”

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, oh, for grace to trust him more.*

I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you, how I've proved you o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, oh, for grace to trust you more.*

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11:00 ANTHEM

“I Was Glad”

*Covenant, Kingdom, and Sanctuary Choirs;
Wyeth Duncan, organ; Ted Bickish, director*

C.H.H. Perry
arr. Richard Barnes

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

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 you are visiting today or your child does not have a name tag, please go to the back to be assisted by a Children's Ministry volunteer. Please pick up your children in Room 212 after the service.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 3:1–5

page 973, pew Bible

SERMON

“Bewitched Believers”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

7th in a series on the Book of Galatians, “All About the Gospel”

*HYMN NO. 521

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Solid Rock

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

March in D Major, Op. 36, No. 3
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

**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 225, 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.

GIVING

If you would like to leave an offering, please place it in the offering plates located by each entrance. You can give online at 4thpres.org/giving.

NEW TO FOURTH?

Let us know you're here! Scan and tap to fill out a simple form (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. | Sanctuary

"The Redeemer Nearer Than I"

Ruth 3:1-18

Dr. Scott Redd

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

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

"Counted Righteous"

Galatians 3:6-14

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

"Peace I Leave With You; My Peace I Give to You"

John 14

Mr. Rob Henneberg

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2023 Annual Budget \$ 5,684,990

2023 Year-to-Date Received \$ 1,331,111

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