

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

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PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 145

B. Kaufflin, J. Kaufflin, N. Stiff

I'll bless your name, O God, each day that I awake.  
From dawn to setting sun, your greatness I'll proclaim.  
Your glory far exceeds all human thought, so with each breath I'll bless your name, O God.  
Your name will be revered by children yet to come,  
As generations sing of wonders you have done.  
Your strong and mighty deeds are always near, O God Most High, your name will be revered.  
*How great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
How great is the LORD our God!  
How great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!*  
Your gracious hand provides for all who live and breathe.  
Your mercy runs to find the helpless and the weak.  
When we call out to you, you hear our cries, and all our needs your gracious hand provides.  
Forever without end, creation will rejoice,  
When works of wicked men you finally destroy.  
Your power we'll proclaim till Christ descends, and you will reign forever without end.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

page 448, pew Bible

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Jules Grisham | Dr. Isaiah Nengean

## \*HYMN

## “His Mercy Is More”

M. Boswell, M. Papa

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he  
 2. pat - ience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is  
 3. rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us, his blood was the pay - ment; his  
 counts not their sum. Thrown in - to - a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; his  
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; his  
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our sins, they are man - y; his  
 mer - cy is more. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more.  
 mer - cy is more. What mer - cy is more. What  
 Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.

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## \*HYMN

## “Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

K. Getty, M. Boswell, J. Kauflin,  
M. Merker, M. Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
 Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
 And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
 Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forever more.

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SERMON

“Living Life Before God”  
*38th in a series on the Book of Acts*

Mr. Jake Willeman

\*HYMN NO. 163

“At the Name of Jesus”

King’s Weston

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

\*AFFIRMATION 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN

“Nothing but the Blood”

Plainfield

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing as able*

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## SUNDAY SUMMER NIGHTS

Following tonight's service, you are invited to enjoy fellowship and a sweet treat outside at the bottom of the Sanctuary steps.

## 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

Gifts are received during the offering and online at [4thpres.org/giving](https://4thpres.org/giving).

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## 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.



## NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27

### MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Integrity"

Proverbs 11

Dr. Isaiah Nengean

*Offering for Summer Staff will be received.*

### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"I Cheerfully Make My Defense"

Acts 23:25-24:27

Rev. Jules Grisham

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

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 6,323,190
2025 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 2,185,616
2025 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 3,518,376

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*Fourth Presbyterian Church is committed to glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ through Christ-centered worship, gospel-shaped community, neighbor-loving service, and kingdom-advancing multiplication. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.*

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