

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

PRELUDE

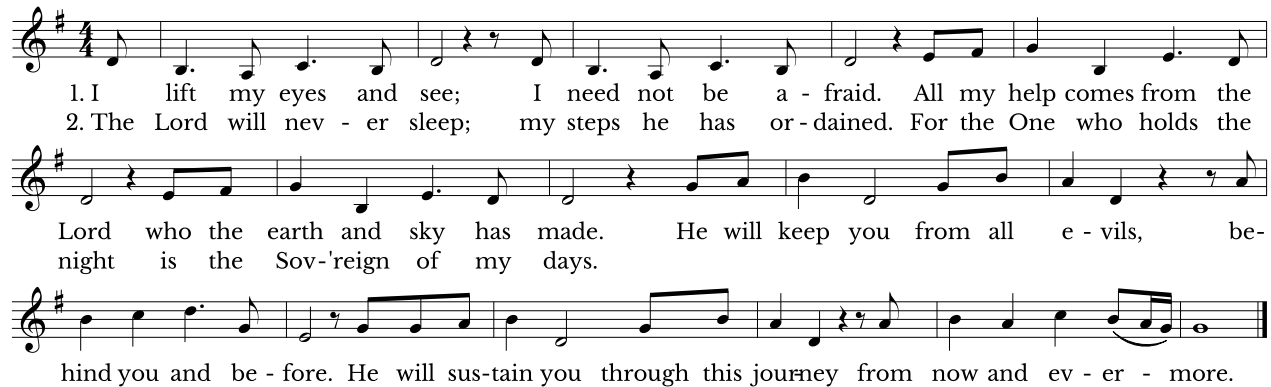
*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 121

Bob Kauflin, David Zimmer



1. I lift my eyes and see; I need not be a - fraid. All my help comes from the
2. The Lord will nev - er sleep; my steps he has or - dained. For the One who holds the
Lord who the earth and sky has made. He will keep you from all e - vils, be-
night is the Sov-'reign of my days.
hind you and be - fore. He will sus-tain you through this journey from now and ev - er - more.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, we all share a deep need, for we are lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance, and forgive all our wrongdoing. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, loving and serving one another through the abundant grace poured out for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN

“Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)”

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

Lord, from sorrows deep I call when my hope is shaken,
Torn and ruined from the fall; hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, “God, come to my rescue!”
Even so, the thorn remains; still my heart will praise you.
Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers;
On my faith these billows roll; God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise you.
Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief, God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge;
Till my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise you.
*And, oh, my soul, put your hope in God: my help, my Rock, I will praise him.
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm: you're still my God, my salvation.*

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*HYMN

“Glorious and Mighty”

Joel Sczebel, Todd Twining, Bob Kauflin

Majesty, your glory is shining brighter than the moon and the stars.
Marveling, we honor and fear you above all gods.
*Glorious and mighty, you're awesome in beauty. Joyful songs we raise.
Glorious and mighty, you're awesome in beauty, greatly to be praised.*
Majesty, you fashioned the heavens, your decrees can never be changed.
Over all the plans of the nations, your judgments reign.
Majesty, we'll sing with creation when you come again in the clouds.
Ev'ry knee will bow down and worship the one true God.
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:19–23

page 886, pew Bible

*HYMN NO. 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1–11

page 599, pew Bible

SERMON

“Comfort My People”
1st in the series, “Comfort My People”

Rev. David Frerichs

*HYMN

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**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. To help your little one get acquainted with worship, 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.

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 by the exits.
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.



NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Unceasing Prayer for Growth"
Colossians 1:9-14
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Greatness of His Might"
Isaiah 40:12-26
Dr. Isaiah Nengean
*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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| 2026 Annual Budget | \$ 7,503,526 |
| 2026 Year-to-Date Received | \$ 1,454,134 |
| 2026 Year-to-Date Expenses | \$ 1,957,829 |

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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