



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Clair de Lune
Fourth's Flutes

Claude Debussy
arr. Mark Thomas

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 5:1–3, 7, 12

Jerusalem

As morning dawns, LORD, hear our cry. O sovereign God, now hear our sigh.
As first light brings the sun's warm rays, accept our sacrifice of praise.
Your steadfast love shall welcome all who seek your house and on you call.
And you shall bless the righteous, O LORD, forever by your name adored.

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*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. 53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe den Herren

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. 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

“Jesus Paid It All”

All to Christ

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

SENIOR PASTOR [Dr. Todd M. Smedley](#)
PASTORS [Rev. David Frerichs](#) | [Rev. Corey Gray](#) | [Rev. Jules Grisham](#) | [Dr. Isaiah Nengean](#)

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

8:00 *Rev. David Frerichs*; 11:00 *Rev. Jules Grisham*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:26–31

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8:00 *Flavia Herringa*; 11:00 *Todd Elliott*

*HYMN NO. 600

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

He Leadeth Me

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Mark De Ravin*; 11:00 *Jeremy Williams*

OFFERTORY

“Revelation 19:1”

A. Jeffrey LaValley

Kingdom Choir; Wyeth Duncan, director, piano

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory,
Honor and power unto the Lord our God.

For the Lord our God is mighty;
Yes, the Lord our God is omnipotent.
The Lord our God, he is wonderful!

All praises be to the King of kings
And the Lord of lords; he is wonderful!

Hallelujah! He is wonderful!

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DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children age 3 through 3rd grade may go to the front when the pastor calls them for prayer and then will be escorted to their classrooms. If you are visiting today or your child does not have a name tag, please follow the group to register with a Children’s Ministry volunteer. Please pick up your children in the Children’s classrooms after the service.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:1–8

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SERMON

“From Prison With Love”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

1st in a series on Paul’s letter to the Colossians

*HYMN NO. 644

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

St. Leonards

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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”

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us—and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

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*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

“Doxology”

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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

Gifts are received during the offering and 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.



EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Comfort My People"

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. David Frerichs

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

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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