

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

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PRELUDE

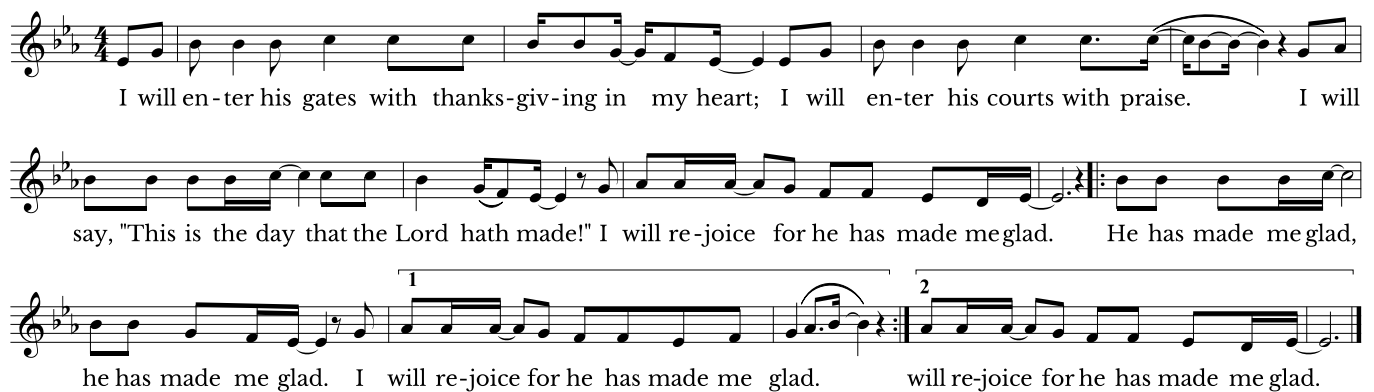
\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 100:4; 118:24

Leona Von Brethorst



I will en-ter his gates with thanks-giv-ing in my heart; I will en-ter his courts with praise. I will  
say, "This is the day that the Lord hath made!" I will re-joice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad,  
he has made me glad. I will re-joice for he has made me glad. will re-joice for he has made me glad.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:14–22

page 859, 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

“You Are God Alone (Not a God)”

Billy and Cindy Foote

You are not a god created by human hands.  
You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.  
You are not a god in need of anything we can give.  
By your plan, that’s just the way it is.

*You are God alone. From before time began  
You were on your throne, you were God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on your throne, you are God alone.*

You’re the only God whose power none can contend.  
You’re the only God whose name and praise will never end.  
You’re the only God who’s worthy of ev’rything we can give.  
You are God, that’s just the way it is.

Unchangeable, unshakeable, unstoppable—that’s what you are.

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\*HYMN

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice;  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me!  
How great is our God, and all will see how great,  
How great is our God!*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 41:21–42:9

page 601, pew Bible

SERMON

“A Messenger of Good News”  
*5th in the series, “Comfort My People”*

Dr. Isaiah Nengean

\*HYMN

“All Praise to Him”

Bob Kauflin, Matthew Merker

All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the mountains by his might.  
All praise to him who names the stars that sing his fame in skies afar.  
All praise to him who reigns in love, who guides the galaxies above,  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow’r and tender care.  
All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the Servant King,  
Who left behind his glorious throne to pay the ransom for his own.  
All praise to him who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,  
Who lived to die, who died to rise, the all-sufficient sacrifice.

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All praise to him whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts,  
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.  
To you, the Triune God, we raise, with loving hearts, our song of praise!

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## 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

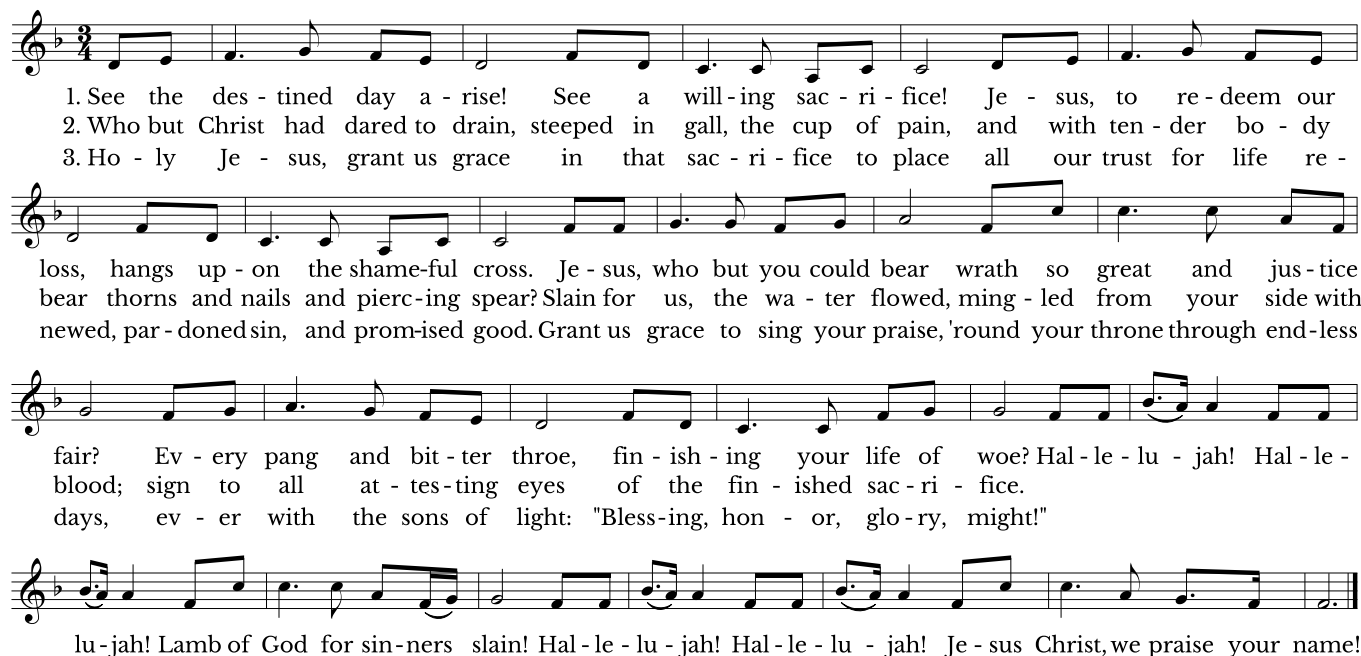
### SHARING OF THE SUPPER

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN

### “See the Destined Day Arise”

Matthew Merker



1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri - fice! Je - sus, to re - deem our  
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain, and with ten - der bo - dy  
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place all our trust for life re -  
loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross. Je - sus, who but you could bear wrath so great and jus - tice  
bear thorns and nails and pierc - ing spear? Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from your side with  
newed, par - doned sin, and prom - ised good. Grant us grace to sing your praise, 'round your throne through end - less  
fair? Ev - ery pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing your life of woe? Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -  
blood; sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.  
days, ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"  
lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise your name!

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, MAY 17

### MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"The Knowledge of God's Mystery, Which Is Christ"  
Colossians 2:1-10  
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Give Glory to God"  
Isaiah 42:10-25  
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	\$ 1,905,399
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 2,482,637

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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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