



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Preamble” from *24 Pieces in Free Style*
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Louis Vierne

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 89:1–4

Winchester New

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the LORD;
Your faithfulness will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.

*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. 94

“How Firm a Foundation”
verses 1–4, 6

Foundation

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and you alone and done what is evil in your sight. You have set the standard we are to reach in your holy law but we all have fallen short of the glory of God. We have honored you with our lips, but we have failed to honor you in our lives. Out of the evil treasury of our hearts we have brought forth sinful habits, words, and attitudes. If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is plentiful forgiveness. Because of this, we confidently draw near to your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Refresh, renew, and revive us in this grace in which we stand, that we may delight in your love and love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Germany

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
‘Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Doug Gilbert

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*; 11:00 *Rev. Jules Grisham*

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 92

page 498, pew Bible

8:00 *Matt Bettridge*; 11:00 *John Green*

*HYMN NO. 343

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
verses 1–4

Westminster Abbey

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Scott Kim*; 11:00 *Bob Flores*

8:00 OFFERTORY

“Antiphon” from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Amanda Densmoor, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, organ

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:

The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

The church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:

But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

11:00 OFFERTORY

“Chorus” from *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*, BWV 137

J.S. Bach

(Praise to the Lord Almighty, the King of Creation)

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

Lobe, lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren,

Meine geliebete Seele, das ist mein Begehren.

Kommet zu Hauf, Psalter und Harfen, wach auf!

Lasset die Musicam hören.

Praise ye, praise to the Lord Almighty, the King of Creation,

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.

Join the full throng; wake, harp and psalter and song!

Sound forth in glad adoration.

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children age 3 through 3rd grade may go to the front when the pastor calls them for prayer and will then 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 2:1–10

page 983, pew Bible

SERMON

“The Knowledge of God’s Mystery, Which Is Christ”
6th in a series on Paul’s letter to the Colossians

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Michael

1. All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2. Hu - man pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3. God's great good - ness aye en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 4. Dai - ly doth th'Al might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 tray his - trust; what with care and toil he
 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 us be - stow; - his de - sire our soul de -
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

guid - eth on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 build - eth tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er -
 light - eth, pleas - ure leads us where we go. Love doth
 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Théodore Dubois

**Congregation standing as able*

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.



TONIGHT'S 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.*

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"The Circumcision of Christ"

Colossians 2:11-15

Rev. Jules Grisham

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"You Are Mine"

Isaiah 43:1-13

Mr. Manuwa Eligwe

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STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 2,022,569
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 2,587,842

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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