



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 100:4; 118:24

Les Garrett, Leona Von Brethorst

This is the day, this is the day that the LORD has made, that the LORD has made.

I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the LORD has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the LORD has made.

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart;

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the LORD has made!"

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:16–21

page 888, pew Bible

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by his blood. Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart or serve you as we ought. Pardon our offenses, we pray, and make us clean that we may fully live as members of Christ, in whom alone is salvation. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

*HYMN

“I Will Sing”

Matt Boswell, Michael Farren

I will sing of the mercy of Jesus, the name by which all men are saved.
He laid down his life for our ransom, the debt of redemption to pay.

*I will sing of the wonder of Jesus and the cross that he bore for our sin.
I will sing of a love that has conquered the grave and the day he's returning again.*

I will sing of the power of Jesus, through whom all of creation was made,
Whose glorious light shines eternal and chases the darkness away.

I will sing of the beauty of Jesus, I will join in the angels' refrain,
Lavishing our adoration on him with the loveliest name.

I will sing, I will sing, I will sing, sing of the day he's returning again.

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*HYMN

“His Forever”

Pat Sczebel

Jesus, friend of sinners, loved me ere I knew him.
Drew me with his cords of love, tightly bound me to him.
'Round my heart still closely twined, the ties that none can sever.
For I am his and he is mine, forever and forever.

Jesus, friend of sinners, a crown of thorns you wore for me.
Bruised for my transgressions, pierced for my iniquities.
The wrath of God that I deserved was poured out on the Innocent.
He took my place, my soul to save. Now I am his forever.

Jesus, friend of sinners, I love to tell the story.
Redeeming love has been my theme and will be when in glory.
Not death, nor life, nor anything can ever separate me.
O love that will not let me go, yes, I am his forever.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 54:1–17

page 614, pew Bible

SERMON

“Everlasting Love”
20th in the series, “Comfort My People”

Mr. Alex Kiess

*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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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

“The Power of the Cross”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your blood-stained brow.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.
Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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, AUGUST 30

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
"God's Deliverance"
Psalm 145
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.
"Seek the Lord"
Isaiah 55:1-13
Mr. Manuwa Eligwe
*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 3,147,516
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 4,394,612

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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