



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Andante" from *Four Pieces for Violin and Piano*, op. 78
Joel Fuller, violin; John Hoobler, piano

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 146:1, 2, 6, 7

Beecher

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
He has made the earth and heaven, seas, and all that they contain;
He will keep his truth forever, right of those oppressed maintain.

*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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord and our King, you have commanded us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness, but we have sought our own fleeting kingdoms and rested too often on our own righteousness. We have pursued vanities that leave us empty and unsatisfied. We even forsake your mercies offered to us in Christ, exchanging the flowing fountain of living waters for broken cisterns that hold no water. Were you to keep a record of our sin, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is plentiful redemption. Graciously forgive our sins, for our only hope is in the merit and blood of Jesus. As your Spirit brings us to godly sorrow, be pleased to cover our offenses, cleanse us from our guilt, and free us from sin's power. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

"'Tis So Sweet To Trust"

Trust in Jesus

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

MINISTRY MINUTE—ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Jules Grisham

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 19:1–6

page 1039, pew Bible

8:00 *Linda Sillin*; 11:00 *Jen Shreckhise*

*HYMN NO. 402

"Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

Eventide (Monk)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Clarke Ewart*; 11:00 *Rob Falcone*

OFFERTORY

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?"
Josh Bates, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, piano

arr. Roger Emerson

*Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?
Then why not every man?*

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,
Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace.
Then why not every man?

I set my foot on the gospel ship,
And the ship began to sail.
It landed over on Canaan's shore,
And I'll never come back no more.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 145

page 524, pew Bible

SERMON

"God's Deliverance"
7th in the series, "Summer Psalms"

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN NO. 5

"God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

Stuttgart

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

**Congregation standing as able*

The Sanctuary flowers are from the memorial service for Margaret Cudney.

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.



TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Seek the Lord"

Isaiah 55

Mr. Manuwa Eligwe

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"The Gospel"

Mark 1:1-8

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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will be celebrated.*

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Salvation for the Nations"

Isaiah 56:1-8

Rev. Jules Grisham

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 3,395,380
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 4,646,955

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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