



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Bread of Heaven"

Wyeth Duncan, organ

William B. Cooper

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 25:8, 9

Trentham

The LORD is good and just; the way he'll sinners show;
The meek in judgment he will guide and make his path to know.

*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

"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.
Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have sinned against you in times and ways without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief and neglected to seek your kingdom and your righteousness. We mourn our waywardness and rebellion and are sorry for our sin. The accuser of our souls daily presents us with a humbling list of our sins and shortcomings, but we thank you that they will not stand against us. We praise you that all our sin has been laid on Christ who was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. It was his chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, our sinful wounds are healed. So now, deliver us from every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, and everything that prevents our taking delight in you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's law

HYMN OF THANKS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

8:00 *Dr. Isaiah Nengean*; 11:00 *Rev. Jules Grisham*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1–11

page 599, pew Bible

8:00 *Annabelle Song*; 11:00 *Elaine Sledgister*

*HYMN NO. 131

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
verses 1–5

Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Tim Horst*; 11:00 *Mike Looney*

OFFERTORY

"The Lord Is My Light"
Lowell Fry, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, organ

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation; whom, then, shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle,
Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me upon a rock of stone.

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Psalm 27:1, 3, 5

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

Mark 1:1–8

page 836, pew Bible

SERMON

"The Gospel"
1st in a series on the Gospel of Mark

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN NO. 444

"O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling"

Tidings

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

“The Power of the Cross”

Keith Getty, S. Townend

O, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through your suffering 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

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*

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 SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"A House of Prayer for All Peoples"

Isaiah 56:1-8

Rev. Jules Grisham

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Heavens Torn Open"

Mark 1:9-13

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Blind Watchmen"

Isaiah 56:9-57:21

Rev. David Frerichs

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 3,571,659
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 4,853,635

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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