



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 107:1

Judith Christie McAllister

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good, yes, he is good!

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good, yes, he is good!

For he is worthy, worthy, for he is good, yes, he is good!

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 9:35–38

page 814, pew Bible

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most great, most just, and gracious God, you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed your love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness:
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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*HYMN

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Billy J. Foote

I’m forgiven because you were forsaken.
I’m accepted; you were condemned.
I’m alive and well, your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true;
It’s my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you.*

You are my King, you are my King.
Jesus, you are my King. Jesus, you are my King.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:9–57:21

page 616, pew Bible

SERMON

“Blind Watchmen”

Rev. David Frerichs

23rd in the series, “Comfort My People”

*HYMN NO. 688

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

Holy Desire

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

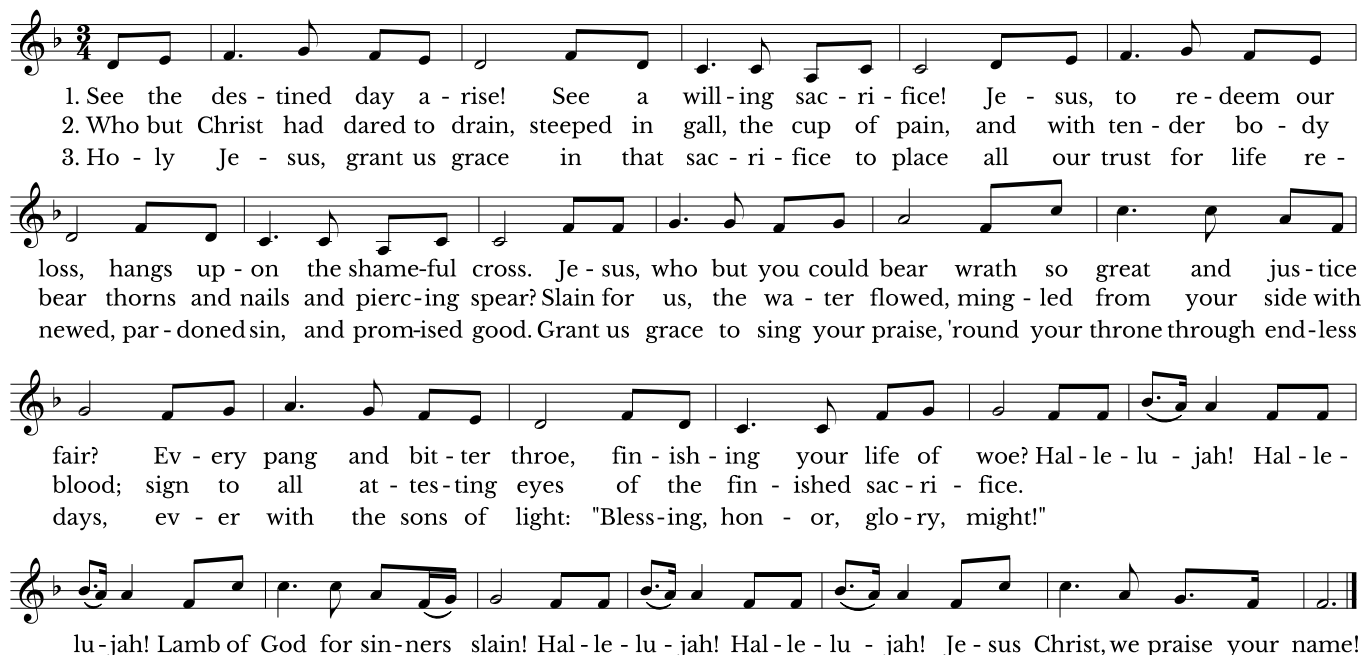
SHARING OF THE SUPPER

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*

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, SEPTEMBER 20

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
"The Kingdom Is at Hand"
Mark 1:14–20
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.
"Desire Satisfied"
Isaiah 58
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	\$ 3,634,188
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 4,916,799

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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