



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Allegro con spirito" from Trio No. 3, op. 83

James Hook

Fourth's Flutes

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 24:3–5, 7

St. Denio

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend?
And who in the place of his holiness stand?
The man of pure heart and of hands without stain,
Who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.

Yes, he from the LORD shall a blessing receive;
The God of salvation shall righteousness give.
O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!

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*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. 310

"Rejoice the Lord Is King"

Darwall

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

HYMN OF THANKS

“To God Be the Glory”

To God Be the Glory

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

INTRODUCTION OF FOURTH FELLOWS

Rev. David Frerichs
Tanya Klitsch

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Dr. Isaiah Nengean*; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 2

page 448, pew Bible

8:00 *Jeff Roberts*; 11:00 *Carolyn Sims*

*HYMN NO. 165

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Lyons

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Joel Rogers*; 11:00 *Phil Greendyk*

8:00 OFFERTORY

“At the River” from *Old American Songs*, Set II
Amanda Densmoor, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, piano

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels’ feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

11:00 OFFERTORY

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”
*Sanctuary Choir; Joe Connell, snare drum; Joanna Huling, tambourine;
Ted Bickish, director; Wyeth Duncan, organ*

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:

Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man’s nature, to call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance:
Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance:

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

Mark 1:9–13

page 836, pew Bible

SERMON

“Heavens Torn Open”
2nd in the series on the Book of Mark

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN NO. 311

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Flourishes
Brass ensemble; Ted Bickish, director; Wyeth Duncan, organ

Carlyle Sharpe

**Congregation standing as able*

WELCOME FOURTH FELLOWS CLASS OF 2027

Abena Afriyie	Jack Herman
Aryana Amin-Tehrani	Jean Leong
Reagan Fillinger	Ashlyn Smith
Anna Forrest	Marisa Vazquez
Medb Glatt	

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.

"Blind Watchmen"

Isaiah 56:9–57:21

Rev. David Frerichs

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

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

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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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