



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541
Wyeth Duncan, organ

J.S. Bach

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 34:1, 2

St. Anne

I will at all times bless the LORD and praise him with my voice.
I make my boast in God, the LORD; let humble souls rejoice.

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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. 345

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Austrian Hymn

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

HYMN OF THANKS

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Lenox

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

MISSIONS MINUTE—ALL-CHURCH SERVE DAYS

Rob Falcone

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. David Frerichs*; 11:00 *Dr. Isaiah Nengean*

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

Isaiah 52:7–10

page 613, pew Bible

8:00 *Don Robinson*; 11:00 *Bob Li*

*HYMN NO. 591

“Jesus Calls Us”

Galilee

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *John Kimbrough*; 11:00 *Doug Noll*

8:00 OFFERTORY

“Behold the Lamb of God”

Andrew Peterson, Laura Story

Jen Biddison, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, piano

We who walk in darkness deep now see the light of morning.
The Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, a Child to us is born.

*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Behold the Lamb of God, the Life and Light of men.
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again.
Behold the Lamb of God, who comes to take away our sin.*

Wanderers in the wilderness, O hear! A voice is crying,
“Prepare the way! Make straight the path! Your King has come to die.”

Son of God, Son of Man.
Behold the Lamb, the Hope of man. Behold the Lamb!

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11:00 OFFERTORY

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

J.S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir; Ted Bickish, director; Wyeth Duncan, organ

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

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 1:14–20

page 836, pew Bible

SERMON

“The Kingdom Is at Hand”
3rd in the series on the Book of Mark

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN NO. 585

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”
verses 1–4

Hendon

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541
Wyeth Duncan, organ

J.S. Bach

**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

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.

"Desire Satisfied"

Isaiah 58

Dr. Isaiah Nengean

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

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Authoritative Teaching"

Mark 1:21-28

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Oppression and Redemption"

Isaiah 59

Rev. David Frerichs

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will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 3,697,853
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 5,119,748

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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