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

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

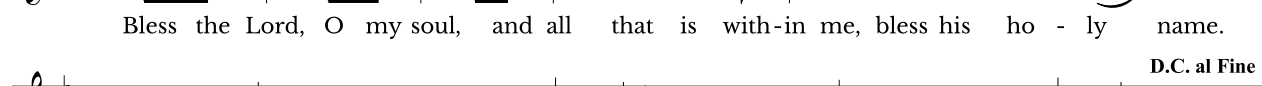
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 103:1

Andraé Crouch

 **Fine**
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with-in me, bless his ho - ly name.

 **D.C. al Fine**
He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things, bless his ho-ly name.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 6:10–18

page 979, pew Bible

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our sin in the words of Isaiah 59. Thank you that in Jesus Christ we come to you from a position of adoption, rather than alienation. And yet, sin remains: For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. Therefore, justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Lord God, forgive us for the sins of our hands and fingers and lips and tongues and feet. We have sinned from head to toe, using bodies intended to glorify you to instead sin against you and hurt others. And yet, because of your gracious covenant with us in Jesus Christ, we ask for your forgiveness, confident that our sins have been fully paid and his righteousness fully credited to our account. According to your promise, may your Spirit rest upon us and your words in our mouths not depart from us, but create the fruit of the lips for the glory of your Name from this time forth and forevermore! Amen.

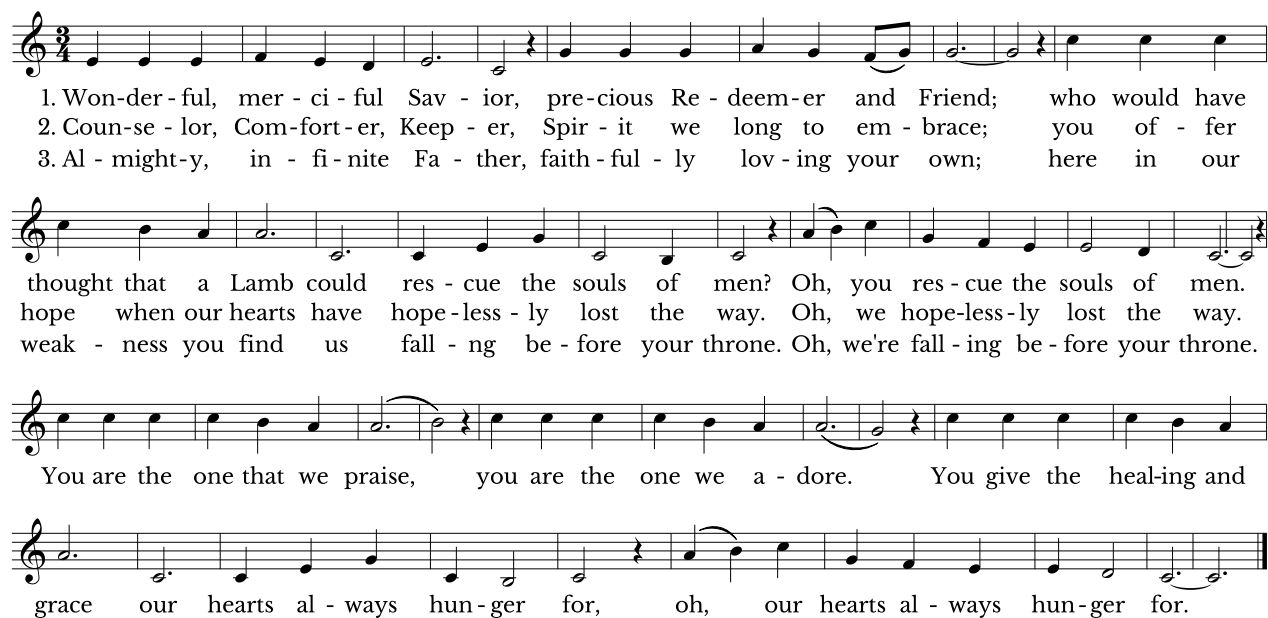
SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse



1. Won-der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend; who would have
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace; you of - fer
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing your own; here in our
thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way. Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
weak - ness you find us fall - ing be - fore your throne. Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.
You are the one that we praise, you are the one we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and
grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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*HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 59

page 618, pew Bible

SERMON

“Oppression and Redemption”
25th in the series, “Comfort My People”

Rev. David Frerichs

*HYMN

“Heal Us, Emmanuel”

Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton



Heal us, Em-man-uel, here we are. We long to feel thy touch. Deep
wound - ed souls to thee we fly; O, Sav - ior, hear our cry.
1. Our faith is fee - ble, we con - fess; we faint - ly trust thy word.
2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied with trem - bling for re - lief.
3. She, too, who touched you in the press, and heal - ing vir - tue stole,
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch you if we may.
But will you pi - ty us the less? Be that far from you, Lord!
"Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried. "O help my un - be - lief!"
was an - swered, "Daugh - ter, go in peace; thy faith has made thee whole!"
O send us not des - pair - ing home; send none un - healed a - way.

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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.

*HYMN

“At the Cross”

Hudson

Alas! And did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?
Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
*At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!*
Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away—'tis all that I can do!

*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, OCTOBER 4

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
"Ministry of Healing"
Mark 1:29-45
Dr. Todd M. Smedley
*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.
"Your Light Has Come"
Isaiah 60
Rev. David Frerichs

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 3,794,479
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 5,141,850

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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