



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rêverie
John Hoobler, piano

Claude Debussy

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 138:7, 8

Tallis' Canon

I cried to you when troubles rose; you heard me and subdued my foes;
My fears dispersed through your control, and strength diffused through all my soul.

Grace will complete what grace begins, to save from sorrows and from sins;
Work that your wisdom undertakes eternal mercy ne'er forsakes.

*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

"O Worship the King"

Hanover

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great. Countless evils have surrounded us and our sins have taken us captive so that we are unable to see you, others, or ourselves clearly. Our sins are more than the hairs on our head. Our sin-sick souls feel this weight and we long for you to lift the burden of our guilt. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are in desperate need of your forgiveness. Deliver us from all our sins and give us clean hearts that we may live with lightness of soul and freedom of spirit, for your glory alone. For this we pray in the merciful name of Jesus Christ our Deliverer and Redeemer. 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

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Sagina

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

11:00 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

MISSIONS MINUTE—ROMANIAN CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES

Erin Frerichs
Director of Development

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Jules Grisham*; 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

Deuteronomy 18:15–22

page 161, pew Bible

8:00 *Steve Roylance*; 11:00 *Rachel Ross*

*HYMN NO. 647

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

St. Peter

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Mark De Ravin*; 11:00 *John Oliver*

8:00 OFFERTORY

"Speak, O Lord"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
arr. Lloyd Larson

Lindy Bickish, soloist; Ted Bickish, piano

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word;
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
 Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.
 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
 And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
 Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory!

©2005 Thankyou Music, CCLI License #397028

11:00 OFFERTORY

“King of Glory, King of Peace”

David Ashley White

Sanctuary Choir; Amy McCabe, trumpet; Ted Bickish, director; Wyeth Duncan, organ

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
 And that love may never cease, I will move thee;
 Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
 Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
 And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
 Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
 And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
 In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
 Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;
 Even eternity's too short to extol thee.

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 1:21–28

page 836, pew Bible

SERMON

“Authoritative Teaching”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

4th in the series on the Book of Mark

*HYMN NO. 92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein' Feste Burg

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

Wyeth Duncan, organ

**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 EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Oppression and Redemption"

Isaiah 59

Rev. David Frerichs

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

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.

5500 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20816
301-320-3600 | 4thpres.org