



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Morecambe"
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Gordon Young

*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. 700

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

St. Thomas

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

"The Love of God"

Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell,
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win:
His erring child he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

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SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley
PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Jules Grisham | Dr. Isaiah Nengean

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

8:00 *Dr. Isaiah Nengean*; 11:00 *Rev. Jules Grisham*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

page 595, pew Bible

8:00 *Ryan Rudy*; 11:00 *Anders Vendt*

*HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Rathbun

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that thro’ all time abide.

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Ron Johannes*; 11:00 *Adam Szabo*

8:00 OFFERTORY

“Evening Hymn”

Henry Purcell

Josh Bates, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, piano

Now that the sun hath veiled his light, and bid the world goodnight;
To the soft bed my body I dispose, but where shall my soul repose?
Dear God, even in thy arms, and can there be any so sweet security!
Then to thy rest, O my soul! And singing, praise the mercy that prolongs thy days. Hallelujah!

11:00 OFFERTORY

“Teach Me Your Way”

Lloyd Larson

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

Teach me your way, O Lord, teach me your way.
Your guiding grace afford, teach me your way.
Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;
Lead me in heavenly light, teach me your way.
When I am sad at heart, teach me your way.
When earthly joys depart, teach me your way.
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me your way!
When doubts and fears arise, teach me your way.
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me your way.
Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief, and pain,
Make now my pathway plain.
Long as my life shall last, teach me your way.
Wherever my lot is cast, teach me your way.
Until the race is run, until the journey’s done,
Until the crown is won, teach me your way.
Lord, teach me your way.

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children age 3 through 3rd grade may go to the front when the pastor calls them for prayer and then will 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 1:29–45

page 836, pew Bible

SERMON

“Ministry of Healing”
5th in a series on the Gospel of Mark

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN NO. 164

“O for a Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Azmon

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH– NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION RESPONSE

“Behold the Lamb”

K. & K. Getty, S. Townend

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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***BENEDICTION**

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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.

TONIGHT'S SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Your Light Has Come"

Isaiah 60

Rev. David Frerichs

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Roof-Ripping Faith"

Mark 2:1-12

Dr. Isaiah Nengean

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Anointed One"

Isaiah 61

Rev. Jules Grisham

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 3,883,570
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 5,245,305

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Christ-centered worship, gospel-shaped community, neighbor-loving service, and kingdom-advancing multiplication.*

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