



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

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

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

# WELCOME

# PRELUDE

“Rhosymedre” from *3 Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*  
Wyeth Duncan, organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Psalm 89:1

## Winchester New

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the LORD;  
Your faithfulness will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.

\*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

## “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till thy inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
 More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you, and you alone. We lament not only our outward glaring sins, but also our unbelief, faintheartedness, and pride. You, O Lord, see our sins clearly, but sadly we do not recognize them sufficiently. We come again, repenting, to the cross of Christ. You promise to give grace to the humble, so grant us true humility and lasting gratitude for his atoning blood. Strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. This we plead in Jesus' name. 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

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

11:00 SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Genna Reeder, Director of Children’s Ministry

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Dave Frerichs*; 11:00 *Rev. Jules Grisham*

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

Hosea 6:1–6

page 754, pew Bible

8:00 *Tim Perrin*; 11:00 *LouAnn Stewart*

\*HYMN NO. 654

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Angel’s Story

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Akin Harrison*; 11:00 *Doug Gilbert*

8:00 OFFERTORY

“Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee”

arr. James Easson

*Amanda Densmoor, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, piano*

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.  
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind!  
Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.  
O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
But what to those who find? Ah! This nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.  
Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now and throughout eternity. Amen.

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11:00 OFFERTORY

“Softly and Tenderly”

arr. Mack Wilberg

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

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Come home, come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home.*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

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 2:13–22

page 837, pew Bible

SERMON

“Fresh Wineskins”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*8th in the series on the Book of Mark*

\*HYMN NO. 580

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Lancashire

\*BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people*

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G, op. 105, no. 2

Charles V. Stanford

*Wyeth Duncan, organ*

*\*Congregation standing as able*

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## 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](mailto:deacons@4thpres.org).

## GIVING

Gifts are received during the offering and online at [4thpres.org/giving](https://4thpres.org/giving).

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## NEW TO FOURTH?

Let us know you're here! Scan and tap to fill out a simple form ([4thpres.org/connect](https://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.

"The Lord Delights in You"

Isaiah 62

Mr. Alex Kiess

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

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

### MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Lord of the Sabbath"

Mark 2:23–3:6

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*Deacons' Offering will be received.*

### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Warrior King"

Isaiah 63:1–6

Dr. Isaiah Nengean

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

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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| 2026 Annual Budget         | \$ 7,503,526 |
| 2026 Year-to-Date Received | \$ 4,026,390 |
| 2026 Year-to-Date Expenses | \$ 5,697,860 |

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