FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADVENT CAROL SING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE — Christmas Prelude — arr. Lawrence Ink
Lawrence Ink and Cynthia Keith, flutes

*INTROIT — "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" — Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*RESPONSIVE READING — Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
All: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
All: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Pastor: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
All: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*HYMN NO. 196 — "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" — Hyfrydol

FIRST READING — Genesis 22:15–18 — page 16, pew Bible
God promises Abraham that in his offspring all nations will be blessed. — Jonah Fuller

HYMN NO. 225 — "Once in Royal David's City" — Irby
verses 1–4

SECOND READING — Micah 5:1–5 — page 778, pew Bible
Micah foretells the Deliverer to come from Bethlehem. — David Cheo

*HYMN NO. 227 — "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" — Sussex Carol

*RESPONSIVE READING — Zechariah 9:9, 10

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
All: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
Pastor: humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
All: I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;
Pastor: and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations;
All: his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*HYMN NO. 203 — "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" — Mendelssohn

THIRD READING — Luke 2:8–15 — page 857, pew Bible
The angels announce the Savior's birth. — Joe Clark

HYMN NO. 199 — "See, Amid the Winter's Snow" — See Amid the Winter's Snow
verses 1–4

FOURTH READING — Matthew 2:1–12 — page 807, pew Bible
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. — Susan Fuller

ANTHEM — Christmas Medley — arr. Gary Rhodes
Fourth Orchestra; Mary Clark, director

SCRIPTURE READING — 2 Peter 3:8–15a — page 1019, pew Bible

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

MESSAGE — "A Hope Like This" — Rev. Corey Gray

*HYMN "Hark, the Glad Sound" Richmond

All: Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long!
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

All: He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

Women & children: He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace, t'enrich the humble poor.

Men: His silver trumpets publish loud the Lord's high jubilee;
Our debts are all remitted now, our heritage is free.

All: Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" arr. Donald Hustad
Wyeth Duncan, organ

**Congregation standing as able*

FOURTH ORCHESTRA

Mary Clark, director

Flute
Lawrence Ink
Cynthia Keith

Clarinet
David Cheo

Alto Saxophone
James Steele

Trumpet
Mike Crary
Tom Gleason
Lewis Houlton
Stephen Nichols

Trombone
Bryan Bourne

Tuba
Jim Roof

Violin
Joel Fuller
Susan Fuller
Medb Glatt
Soojin Kim

Viola
Shaun Cavanagh
Carolyn Lincoln

Cello
Shari Fast
Jonah Fuller
Esther Steele

Contrabass
Janis Glenn
Mark Kindig

MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Ted Bickish, Director of Music
Mary Clark, Director of Instrumental Music
Wyeth Duncan, Assistant Director of Music and Organist
Evelyn Song, Administrative Assistant

ADVENT AT FOURTH

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sundays, December 6 & 13, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of Christ through the reading of Scripture, music, and the singing of carols.

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

Sunday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Hear Scripture, offer prayers, and sing songs that acknowledge God's comfort.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24

Family Service, 5:00 p.m.
Communion Service, 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service, 11:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Enemies Destroyed"
1 Corinthians 15:20–28
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

6:00 p.m.

Message by Dr. Todd M. Smedley

With choirs and orchestra, Scripture readings, and Christmas carols

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2026 Annual Budget	$ 7,503,526
2026 Year-to-Date Received	$ 4,767,843
2026 Year-to-Date Expenses	$ 6,248,291

Fourth Presbyterian Church is committed to glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ through Christ-centered worship, gospel-shaped community, kingdom-advancing multiplication, and neighbor-loving service. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

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