FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" ("Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Calling"), BWV 645 — J.S. Bach
Wyeth Duncan, organ

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT — Psalm 24:7 — Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

*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. 194 — "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" — Veni Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE — Daniel 12:1–3 — page 750, pew Bible
8:00 *Elisabeth Han*; 11:00 *The Reynolds Family*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God our Creator, all things were made through the eternal Word who became incarnate in our Lord Jesus Christ. In him was life and that life was the light of men. Light has come into the world, but too often we have loved the darkness rather than the light. In humble repentance we come into the light to receive Christ and believe in his name afresh. May we know that we are children of God, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Meet us now, as you come to us full of grace and truth, that from your fullness we may receive grace upon grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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 — "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" — Mendelssohn

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

11:00 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER
8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*; 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.

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

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
8:00 *Joel Rogers*; 11:00 *Bob Flores*

8:00 OFFERTORY	"Emmanuel Comes" medley *Wyeth Duncan, piano*	arr. Mark Hayes
11:00 OFFERTORY	"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" *Sanctuary Choir; Ted Bickish, director*	Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing, "Holy, Holy," to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing, "Holy, Holy, Lord!"
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Revelation 22
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DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Children age 3 through 3rd grade may go to the front of the Sanctuary 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	1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	page 987, pew Bible
SERMON	"The Coming of the Lord" *1st in the Advent series, "Paul's Parousia Texts"*	Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending" Helmsley

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*BENEDICTION
Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" arr. Paul Manz
Wyeth Duncan, organ

**Congregation standing as able*

WORSHIPING WITH CHILDREN

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder of God's covenant faithfulness. To help your little one get acquainted with worship, quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, ushers, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn to worship by watching and following you.

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.

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE
ADVENT CAROL SING

6:00 p.m.

"A Hope Like This"
2 Peter 3:8–15a
Rev. Corey Gray

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