

# The Four Pillars

of Fourth Presbyterian Church

## Christ-Centered Worship

*Our primary commitment is to worship the Triune God.*

- Proclaiming the gospel through the whole counsel of God's Word on Sunday morning and evening
- Celebrating the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as powerful signs and seals which impress upon us the grace of the gospel
- Delighting in His redemptive works, singing His praises, and giving for His glory

## Gospel-Shaped Community

*Our community life is shaped by the gospel of grace.*

- Loving, serving, praying and promoting the peace and purity of the church together
- Bearing one another's burdens, rejoicing in one another's joys, and celebrating life in Christ together
- Growing in grace and maturing in Christ as we teach, learn, and apply the Scriptures

## Kingdom-Advancing Multiplication

*Our mission is to make disciples of all nations.*

- Sharing the good news of the gospel and calling all to believe in and follow Jesus Christ
- Welcoming all who want to know more about the Christian faith
- Raising up and sending out missionaries to the ends of the earth

## Neighbor-Loving Service

*Our call is to serve our neighbors in loving witness to Jesus Christ.*

- Demonstrating compassion and mercy to all in need
- Building relationships with our neighbors and being involved in our communities
- Partnering with other organizations that serve the needs of the poor and broken

# This Week

### Sunday, January 17

12:15pm Bosom Buddies: Breast Cancer Gathering Room 132

### Monday, January 18

**Church Offices Closed—Martin Luther King Day**

7:00pm Curtis Community Group Offsite

7:00pm Rebekah Circle (Bethesda/Potomac) Offsite

### Tuesday, January 19

9:30am Community Bible Study (CBS) w/Children's Program Various Rooms

7:00pm Church & Family Life Committee Meeting Room 132

7:00pm Jones Community Group (Laytonsville) Offsite

### Wednesday, January 20

9:30am G2G Bible Study w/Children's Program Various Rooms

5:30pm Fourth Night Prayer Parlor

5:45pm Fourth Night Dinner Upper Room

6:30pm Middle School Bible Study—The Rock Room 102

6:30pm High School Bible Study—The Root Room 007

7:00pm Fourth Night Classes Various Rooms

7:00pm ESOL Classes Various Rooms

7:00pm Special Blessings: Teens and Adults Room 123

### Thursday, January 21

8:30am Holton & Landon Moms in Prayer Parlor

9:00am Classical Conversations Homeschool Group Various Rooms

12:30pm Body and Soul Upper Room

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting Room 102

7:00pm Blended Families Care Group Room 130

7:00pm Perspectives Course Room 132

7:30pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting Room 131

7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

### Friday, January 22

9:30am Body and Soul Upper Room

3:00pm High School Winter Retreat Offsite

7:30pm Kiess Community Group (McLean) Offsite

7:30pm Bronson Community Group (Rockville) Offsite

# Family Prayer Page

*For the Week of January 17 - 23*

**We maintain the complete list of prayer needs of the congregation via the Churchwide email system.** Printed copies are available in the Media Center. Prayer needs from the Fourth family remain printed in the bulletin for up to four weeks but stay on the email list as long as needed. A complete list of those with long term health needs is printed in the bulletin monthly. Contact Charlotte FitzGerald, [cfitzgerald@4thpres.org](mailto:cfitzgerald@4thpres.org), to subscribe to these emails.

### Recuperating

Hannah Jacobs  
Sharon Nyhus  
Tom Rogers  
Jack Vrentas  
Anne Wetzell  
Howard Wetzell

### Long Term Health Needs

Gene Beaumont  
Paisley Billigmeier  
Barbara Cummins  
Cliff Cummins  
Charlotte Marsheck  
AJ Monte  
Jim Rowe

### Fourth's Family Roster

Jessica Koutsandreas  
Megan Koutsandreas  
Zack & Marj Koutsandreas  
Marjorie Kraft  
Inez Kramp  
Sylvia Kranish

### Unable to Attend Regularly

Mrs. Nancy Gregory

### Missionary Prayer Requests

**Mike & Patti Garver, International Foundation, Washington DC**

Pray for Mike to encourage people spiritually as they aspire to serve in positions of government leadership. Pray for Patti as she reaches out to other parents of handicapped children.

# Announcements for Jan 17 - 23

## Church-wide

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on January 31 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary.** At that time we will receive for congregational action the report of the Nominating Committee and the presentation of the Budget for 2016. Bus service will be available until 2pm.

Child care will be provided, 12:30- 2pm, for those who have made a reservation by January 28. Please bring a bag lunch for each child. No nut products. Email [cvanduzer@4thpres.org](mailto:cvanduzer@4thpres.org) if you need childcare.

**Next Sunday**, information about candidates for church office, the 2016 Proposed Budget, and the Annual Report for 2015 will be available in the Media Center and Church Office. Please review these in preparation for the meeting on January 31.

**Budget Question and Answer meetings** will be held in the Chapel TODAY between the morning services and again next Sunday, January 24. Representatives from the Budget Committee will be available to answer questions on the 2016 Budget, which will be presented for approval at the January 31 Annual Congregational Meeting.

## Outreach Ministry

**Perspectives** meets Thursday evenings, 7-9:45pm, through May 5. New location: Room 132.

## Agape & Eucharist

**The evening service NEXT SUNDAY will be held in the Upper Room.** As did the early church, we will gather around tables to share an Agape meal and partake of the Lord's Supper. A simple meal is provided free to all who attend; however, assistance is needed to prepare the main course. Sign up to help in Lower Halverson Hall TODAY and receive a recipe and pan to bring ready to serve that evening. Those not bringing a main dish are invited to bring a dessert to share.

Families and children are welcome. Childcare for infants through preschool will be available during the sermon. Join in this special time of worship and fellowship as we gather in love for our Savior and one another.

## Youth Ministry

**Winter Retreats are just around the corner!** Students, you don't want to miss this fun-filled weekend in PA to hang out with friends, play games, and be challenged to make your faith your own. Sign up at [4thpres.org/](http://4thpres.org/) registration for the High School Retreat, January 22-24, and the Middle School Retreat (February 12-14). Email Chelsea, [ccuster@4thpres.org](mailto:ccuster@4thpres.org), or Nate, [nrobbins@4thpres.org](mailto:nrobbins@4thpres.org), with questions or to ask about a scholarship.

## Libraries

**Need a new 2016 calendar?** More than 100 have been donated to the Media Center! Come and get one while there are still some left.

## Congregational Care

**Divorce Care begins a new session on Thursday, January 28.** This support group meets Thursdays, January 28 - April 28, 7-9pm at the Emmaus House, 5515 Ridgefield Road.

Separation and divorce are among the most difficult and stressful experiences anyone can undergo. But help is to be found in the Divorce Care Program. This Bible-centered series offers a caring, supportive, non-judgmental place to meet with others who are going through the same struggles, and to learn helpful, positive ways to meet the challenges involved.

The 13-week series includes topical videos, confidential discussions, and prayer. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program, please email the Congregational Care Office at [cfitzgerald@4thpres.org](mailto:cfitzgerald@4thpres.org) to learn more, or to register.

## Children's Ministries

**VBS week change.** As you make plans for your children this summer, please note that Vacation Bible School will be June 27-July 1 this year (before July 4!). Registration will begin the first week in March.

## Special Blessings

**Our two Special Blessings Sunday school classes, for children and for teens & adults, have begun.** Children's class is at 9:30am in Room 218; Teen & Adult class is at 11am in Room 123. Both classes provide individualized, interactive biblical instruction and opportunities for socialization.

Additionally, the Special Blessings Teen-Adult Fourth Night Class begins this week and runs through March 16, 7-8pm. For more information, contact Audrey Muteru, [amuteru@4thpres.org](mailto:amuteru@4thpres.org).

## Women's Ministry

**Calling All Gardeners (or wannabe gardeners).** We are beginning to plan this year's Spring Tea, May 7, when Marit Krueger (Church Life Director at Cross Sound PCA and sister to our own Janis Glenn) will be sharing, "Truths from My Garden." If you'd like to be part of the team that puts together a lovely and "flowery" afternoon for our ladies and their friends, contact Jean at [jbranson@4thpres.org](mailto:jbranson@4thpres.org).

## Adult Discipleship

### Sunday School Classes

January 10 - May 15—Spring 2016

#### 9:30am Classes

Pastor's Class—Ecclesiastes and Micah ..... Upper Room  
Confessing Christ: The Ecumenical Creeds (continued) —  
Chalcedon & Athanasian..... Room 130  
Parenting in the 21st Century..... Room 131  
Couples in Christ..... Room 132  
Officers Leadership Training ..... Chapel  
(January 31 - March 20)

#### 11:00am Classes

Pastor's Class—Ecclesiastes and Micah ..... Upper Room  
Young Marrieds Fellowship (YMF):  
Prayer ..... Room 130  
College & Young Career Fellowship:  
1 Corinthians ..... Room 131  
Special Blessings Teen-Adult Class ..... Room 123  
(For more information contact Audrey at [amuteru@4thpres.org](mailto:amuteru@4thpres.org))  
Spiritual Foundations of Marriage ..... Room 132  
(January 10- March 13)  
New Members..... Chapel  
(March 6 - May 1)

See the Adult Discipleship webpage at [4thpres.org/adclass-details](http://4thpres.org/adclass-details) for more detailed information.

### Fourth Night

January 6 - April 27

Christ-Centered Worship ..... Upper Room  
(January 6 - March 16)  
Worldviews and Christianity ..... Upper Room  
(April 6-27)

### Fourth Night Women's Studies

January 6 - March 16

G2G—Evening Edition. The God Who is There:  
Finding Your Place in God's Story..... Room 131b  
Glory Veiled and Unveiled..... Room 131a

See the webpage at [4thpres.org/fourth-night](http://4thpres.org/fourth-night) for more information.

**Children's, ESOL, Special Blessings, and Middle School programs will continue as scheduled.**