

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

**Hymn of Preparation No. 21**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

St. Thomas

## Call to Worship

*The triune God calling His church to worship Him*

## Prayer of Invocation

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

**Reading of the Law**—Exodus 20:12-18

Terry Eastland

*God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life*

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.” Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

### Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

**Reading of the Gospel**—Romans 7:4-6

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin*

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

## Hymns of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 196

“There Is a Fountain”

Cleansing Fountain

Hymn No. 105

“He Is Lord”

He Is Lord

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word*

**Sermon**

“Christian Suffering”  
*3rd in a series on the Book of 1 Peter*

Dr. Robert Norris

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn of Response No. 185**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hamburg

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing of the Supper**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Closing Hymn No. 208**

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?”

Martyrdom

**Benediction**

*Pronouncing God's blessing on His people*

*If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.*

***We welcome children in our worship service this evening.***

*If needed, Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.*

*A live-feed of the service is available as you care for your children.*

*If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.*

*As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*

***Next Sunday, October 2***

**Morning Service**

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“Pride Comes Before the Fall”

*Daniel 4:1-37*

Dr. Todd Smedley

**Evening Service**

6:00pm

“The Exile's Hope”

*1 Peter 1:13-21*

Rev. Rob Yancey

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

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