

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

### Hymn of Preparation No. 6

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Mit Freuden Zart

### 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—Romans 2:1-11

Ted Voorhees

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

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

### Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness*

#### Private Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and perfect law. Have mercy on us through Jesus Christ and accept his worthiness for our unworthiness and his glory for our shame and his death for our life. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### Reading of the Gospel—Romans 4:1-8

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

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

### Hymns of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 506

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

My Redeemer

Hymn No. 88

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Crusaders’ Hymn

**Prayer of Illumination**

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

**Sermon**

“The Necessity of the Word of God”  
*5th in a series on the Book of 1 Peter*

Mr. Terence Little

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn of Response No. 275**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

**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. 66**

“To God Be the Glory”

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**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 16***

**Morning Service**

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

“The Night the Lions Fasted”

*Daniel 6:1-28*

Dr. Todd Smedley

**Evening Service**

6:00pm

“Secure Support in Shaky Seasons”

*1 Peter 2:4-12*

Rev. Corey Gray

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

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