

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 2, 2017
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Welcome

Prelude

“Aria”

Eugene Bozza

James Steele, alto saxophone; Esther Steele, piano

***Congregational Introit**

“I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

Dundee

I to the hills will lift my eyes.
From whence shall come my aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord
Who heav'n and earth has made.
The Lord shall keep thee from all ill;
He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord as thou shalt go and come
Forever keeps thee whole.

~Psalm 121:1-2, 7-8

***Call to Worship**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn No. 345**

“Blessed Assurance”

Assurance

Stewardship Minute

Skip Gnehm

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession

8:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

9:30 Rev. Rob Yancey

11:00 Dr. Robert Norris

Old Testament Reading

8:00 Jessica Suomi

9:30 Rebekah Senderling

11:00 Diane Stahl

Proverbs 10:17-24

page 534, pew Bible

***Hymn**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Duke Street

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living Head!
He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Saviour, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

8:00 John Sillin

9:30 Joe Fisher

11:00 Doug Nyhus

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer,
Rev. Thomas Myrick, Dr. Robert Norris, and Rev. Rob Yancey, *Pastors*

Offertory

“I Waited for the Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn

Sanctuary Choir

Valerie Kraft Simonsen and Natalie Conte, sopranos;

Gary Glick, tenor; Colin Johnson, bass

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

***11:00—Hymn No. 624—Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

New Testament Reading

1 John 5:13–21

pages 1023-24, pew Bible

Sermon

“Assurance”

Dr. Todd Smedley

12th in a series on the Book of 1 John

***Hymn**

“I Cannot Tell”

Londonderry Air

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
Should set his love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wand'ers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
When Bethl'hem's manger was his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,
Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim his earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendor
When he the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Invitation to Communion

*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.

Prayer of Confession

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements of the Lord’s Supper

*Passing of the Peace

*Communion Response

“Communion Hymn”

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

*Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude on ‘Pisgah’”

Dale Wood

* *Congregation standing, if able*

Please alert your usher ahead of time if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.

An Elder and Womens Ministry representative are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

The Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Flower Committee.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00am locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and worldwide by internet streaming audio at www.wava.com.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

Tonight's Evening Service

6:00pm

"The Great High Priest"

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Stewardship & Finance

GENERAL GIVING

Annual Budget \$ 4,706,216
Year to Date Received \$ 977,191

Quarterly Year-to-date

Budget \$ 1,176,554
Expenses \$ 1,157,841
Contributions \$ 977,191

We thank the congregation for its generosity this past quarter. As you can see this quarter our expenses were \$180,000 greater than our giving. While we are confident that the Lord will continue to provide, please know that we make every effort to be wise stewards of these gifts you are giving. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Fred Lofberg, 301-320-3600 x 239 or flobberg@4thpres.org.

Holy Week 2017

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

MORNING SERVICE

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

Dr. Todd Smedley

"A Weeping Visitor"

Luke 19:28-48

EVENING SERVICE

6:00pm Communion Service

Rev. Ron Meyer

"The Triumphal Entry"

Matthew 21:1-11

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

7:30pm Communion Service

Dr. Robert Norris

"The Prayer That Broke God's Heart"

Matthew 26:36-46

Childcare, infants through kindergarten

Good Friday

April 14, 2017

7:30pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Dr. Todd Smedley

"The Christ Stripped for Our Shame"

Matthew 27:27-31

Childcare, infants through kindergarten

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

EASTER SUNRISE

6:00am Communion, Sanctuary steps

Dr. Todd Smedley

"Jesus' Easter Morning Hymn"

Psalm 30

*Continental breakfast follows
in the Upper Room.*

EASTER MORNING

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

Dr. Todd Smedley

"The Christ Reclothed for
Our Salvation"

Matthew 28:1-15

EASTER EVENING

6:00pm

Rev. Rob Yancey

"Witnesses"

Luke 24:36-49

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