

# Fourth

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 27, 2017  
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Welcome

Prelude

“Meditation”

Aaron Copland

*Phil Sargeant, oboe; James Steele, saxophone*

\*Congregational Introit

“O Greatly Blessed Is the Man”

Crimond

O greatly blessed is the man,  
Who walketh not astray  
In counsel of ungodly men,  
Nor stands in sinner’s way.  
He shall be like a tree that grows,  
Set by the waterside  
Which in its season yields its fruit,  
And green its leaves abide.

*~Psalm 1:1,3*

\*Call to Worship

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 276

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Hyfrydol

\*The Belgic Confession, from Article 24: The Sanctification of Sinners

We believe that this true faith, produced in man by the hearing of God’s Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates him and makes him a “new man,” causing him to live the “new life” and freeing him from the slavery of sin.

Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned.

So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls “faith working through love,” which leads a man to do by himself the works that God has commanded in his Word.

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.

Sharing of Family News

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

**Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer**

8:00 Rev. Thomas Myrick

9:30 Rev. Ron Meyer

11:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

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.

**Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

page 157, pew Bible

8:00 Mary Bajwa

9:30 Marty West

11:00 Nate Robbins

**\*Hymn No. 377**

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Ellesdie

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

8:00 Doug Gilbert

9:30 Joe Fisher

11:00 John Ritterpusch

**Offertory**

"How Great Thou Art"

traditional Swedish melody

*Natalie Conte, soprano; Colin Johnson, bass*

arr. Tiffany Hobson

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

~Carl Gustav Boberg; trans. Stuart K. Hine

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 7:13-20

page 812, pew Bible

**Sermon**

"Gates and Trees"

Dr. Todd Smedley

*18th in a series on the Sermon on the Mount*

**\*Hymn**

"Make Me a Captive Lord"

Diadamata

Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.  
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.  
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;  
Imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.  
My heart is weak and poor, until it master find;  
It has no spring of action sure, it varies with the wind.  
It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain;  
Enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own, 'till thou hast made it thine;  
If it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.  
It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife,  
When on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello

\* *Congregation standing, if able*

*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](http://www.wava.com).

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

***Children's Ministry News***

Beginning September 10, children ages **Kindergarten–3rd grade** will have three options during the 11am worship service:

- to remain in the Sanctuary with their parents for the entire hour, or
- to come forward at Dr. Smedley's invitation to the front of the church for prayer and dismissal to either Celebration Choir (led by Susan Fuller and Kelly Elliott in Room 202), or
- to attend Children's Church in Room 211. In Children's Church, the same sermon their parents will be hearing in the Sanctuary will be adapted for them, with small group activities, a hymn of the month, their own bulletin, and lots of fun thrown in! Following the 11am worship service, parents will pick up their children from Children's Church in Room 211 or the Choir Room, Room 202.

*Children attending Celebration Choir or Children's Church will be escorted to their rooms by leaders. Parents are invited to remain in the Sanctuary.*

***Cherub Church***

During the 11:00 hour, children ages **3 years - PreK** are invited

- to remain in the Sanctuary with their parents the entire hour, or
- to remain in their Sunday School classrooms. The children in their classrooms will be taken by their leaders at 11:10am to Room 211 for *Cherub Church* where they will hear the sermon adapted for them as well. At 11:30am they will be escorted back to their classrooms. Parents, please note that if you arrive later than 11:10am you will need to drop off your child in Room 211. All parents should pick-up their child in their Sunday School classrooms following the 11am service.

***Promotion Sunday***

Teachers will be excited and waiting to meet their new students!  
(Over the following weeks, room assignments will be listed).

## **Tonight's Evening Service**

6:00pm

“The Worshipper Who Angers God”

*Hebrews 10:26–31*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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

## **Stewardship & Finance**

### **GENERAL GIVING**

Annual Budget \$ 4,706,216

Year to Date Received \$ 2,548,449

## **Next Sunday, September 3**

### **Morning Service**

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

“Christian Devotion”

*Matthew 7:21–29*

Dr. Todd Smedley

### **Evening Service**

6:00pm

“The Power of Promise”

*Hebrews 10:32–39*

Dr. Robert Norris

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

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