

CONNECTING

Welcome

Moment for Quiet Prayer

PRAISING

Lighting the First Candle of Advent: Hope
All: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness, come.

He Came Down
(Words: Cameroon song; Music: Cameroon melody, transc. and arr. John L. Bell, 1986)

He came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope.
He came down that we may have hope;
hallelujah forevermore.

You’ll Come
(Words and Music: Brooke Fraser, 2007)

Come Light Our Hearts
(Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, 2015)

Prayer of Confession
All: God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd’s voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way. Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters, seat us again at your bounteous table. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Declaration of Forgiveness (Isaiah 2)
Leader: The light of God’s love shines brightly!
The invitation is given:
All: Come, let us walk in the light.

Open The Eyes Of My Heart
(Words and Music: Paul Baloche, 1997)

ENCOUNTERING

Children’s Message
Passing of the Peace

Scripture
Matthew 24:36-44
(New Testament p. 26)

Message
Advent Insomniacs

RESPONDING

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings & Offering Prayer

Wide Awake
(Words and Music: Evan Wickham and Phil Wickham, 2016)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion. *(Please come forward as invited by an usher, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and receive the elements, with the response, “Thanks be to God!” Children are invited to accompany an adult to receive communion or a blessing. Please indicate to an usher or server if you wish to be served in the pew. At the communion station to your left, designated by a blue napkin, we are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread.)*
Come To Save Us
(Words and Music: Leslie Jordan and David Leonard, 2011)

Prayer after Communion & The Lord’s Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

Blessing

** Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
Please return receivers at the end of the service.

Welcome We’re glad you are here!
We ask everyone who is with us to fill out the attendance pads in the pews *each week*.

If you are in need of prayer, we invite you to fill out this tear-off tab and place it in the offering basket.
December 1, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

Your Name

Phone: ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email address

- ☐ I would like to make an appointment to speak with a pastor.
- ☐ I’m in need of Stephen Ministry assistance.
- ☐ I’m sharing a PRAISE/CELEBRATION note about FPCE below! (This may be shared publicly.)
- ☐ I’m interested in learning about counseling from The Counseling Center

Please Pray for: (This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team.)

Please silence all cell phones
and electronic devices

Welcome Visitors!

Please visit our Welcome Table across from our front desk out the east doors of the Sanctuary after the service to connect with an FPCE member. Please sign this tear-off panel with your contact information filled in on the other side and deposit it in the offering plate.

Children are welcome in worship!

Ushers can help direct families to resources in our sanctuary space or to additional care rooms if needed. A changing table, quiet space, and service projection via TV are available in the back sanctuary lounge space.

Prayer Requests

Our prayer companions are available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with you. You may also include your prayer requests on the weekly tear-off tab (on the other side of this bulletin) and deposit it in the offering. Our staff prays weekly for the needs of the congregation.

Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Message, Offering Prayer, Blessing
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness
Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome, Children’s Moment
Melodie Henrie, Scripture Reader
Daniel Allen, Worship Leader & Guitar;
Fred Bryant, Guitar; **Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship & Music, Worship Leader, Piano; **Noah McLeod**, Piano; **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator
Trudy Wenger, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Eugenia Jeong and Bob Bastian

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

Worship Services - Options for Families:

Children are welcome in worship!**

9 a.m. Blended Service

Infants/Toddlers – Crib Room

Ages 2-4 – Blue Room

Ages 4-8 – Children’s Worship in the choir room following Children’s Moment.

Children return to sanctuary after the sermon (during the Song of Response).

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Children 4 and under – Crib Room

** Worship journals & children’s bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary.
Changing tables & quiet space is available in the back corner lounge of the Sanctuary.

Fellowship Time (Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (10:10 am)

A time to connect with new and old friends over coffee, tea and cookies.

Advent Worship Schedule

Date	Description	Times
Sunday, December 8	2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Advent Lessons & Carols</i>	9 and 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 15	3rd Sunday of Advent <i>“Advent Doubts”</i>	9 and 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 22	4th Sunday of Advent <i>Christmas Pageant</i>	9 a.m. - Pageant & Worship 11:30 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Services <i>“The Humble Birth of the King”</i>	4 p.m. - Family 11 p.m. - Candlelight
Sunday, December 29	First Sunday of Christmas <i>“The King Pursued”</i>	10 a.m.
Sunday, January 5, 2020	<i>Epiphany</i>	10 a.m.

Special Seasonal Events!

Sunday, December 8	FPCE Potluck*	12:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 15	Gingerbread House*	2-4 p.m.

*See First Pres at a Glance insert for details

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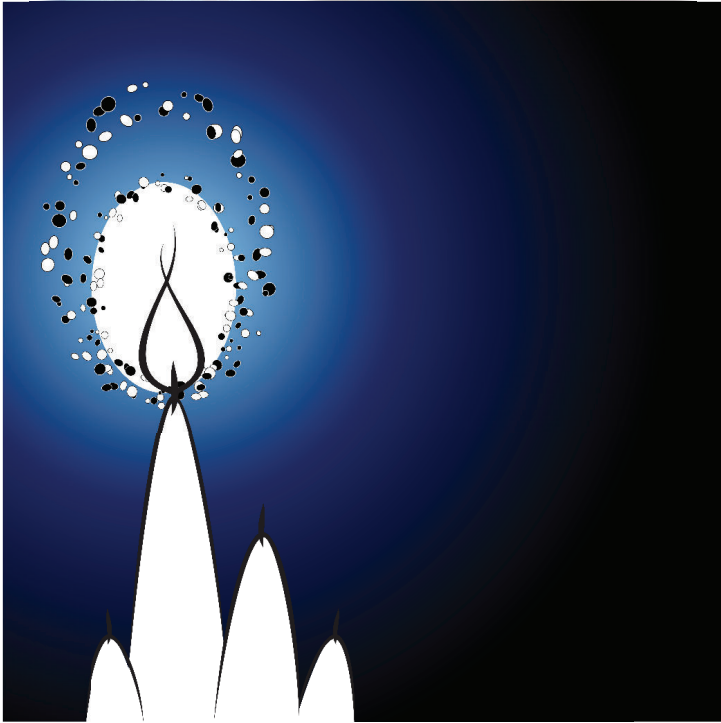


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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

December 1, 2019, 11:30 a.m. - Contemporary



Our Mission:

*First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
exists to know Christ and to grow in him
as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
the Chicago area, and the world.*



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