

FOCUS

Welcome

Opening Sentences
You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very same Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

— Romans 8:15-17

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

(Alfred Fedak)

EXALT

Call to Worship
Leader: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.
All: Come, let us worship the lord our Comforter!
God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.
Come, let us worship the lord our Comforter!
God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.
Come, let us worship the lord our Comforter!
God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.
Come, let us worship the lord our Comforter!

Opening Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(Words & Music: Doris Akers, 1962; Arr. Bill Gaither, 2007)

Prayer of Confession
Creator of all worlds through Christ, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity yet is laid in a manger. In the face of natural disasters, war, and cruel inhumanity, we doubt that love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know, we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism, so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise. Amen.
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Friends, hear the good news!
Though we are unworthy,
we are granted God’s favor in Jesus Christ
and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.
Friends, believe the good news
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Make Me a Servant*

(Words and Music: Kelly Willard, arr. Crofton Coleman)

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Installation of Officers

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

(New Testament p. 3)

Sermon

Time to Serve

RESPOND

Song of Response

Make Me a Servant, v. 1

(Words and Music: Kelly Willard, arr. Crofton Coleman)

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

The Work of Christmas

(Words: Howard Thurman, 1985; Music: Dan Forrest, 2014)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music from the heart.

Doxology & Offering Prayer

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Blue #592

(Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551)

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

(Words: Blue #70, F. Bland Tucker, 1979, alt. 1982; Music: Sung to the tune “Azmon,” Blue #466, Carl Gotthelf Glaeser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839)

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm 136

(Alfred Fedak)

* Please stand as you are able
** 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.

January 12, 2020 - 9 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. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Offering Prayer, Benediction
Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Prayers of the People
Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Welcome, Opening Sentences
Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Children's Moment
Pam Pettibone, Scripture Reader
Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director
Rebecca Chu, Organist
Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Worship Leader, & Keys;
Allison Allen, Worship Leader; **Christie Miller & Fred Bryant**, Guitars; **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:
Sharon Smith and Peggie Robinson

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

Worship Services - Options for Families:
Children are welcome in worship!**

10 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).

** 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.

Sunday Education 10:30 - 11:15 am
Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

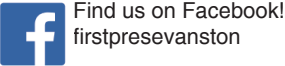
Infants & Toddlers - Crib Room	Grades 3, 4 & 5 - 3rd Floor (East)
Ages 2 & 3 - Yellow Room	Sunday School Grades 6, 7 & 8 - NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor
Pre-K - Blue Room	High School Sunday School Grades 9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement
Kindergarten - Orange Room	
Grades 1 & 2 - Room 21	

Interactive Bylaws Discussion (Dining Room, 2nd Floor) (10:30 am)
This morning and next Sunday, between our two services, an interactive discussion on the proposed changes to the FPCE Bylaws will be held in the Dining Room. Both meetings cover the same information. All FPCE members and regular attendees are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Printed information booklets will be available at the meetings and are also available in the literature rack.

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WELCOME TO
Sunday Worship

January 12, 2020, 9 a.m.



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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