

FOCUS

Opening Sentences
“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...’Repent and believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”
— Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

OPENING PRAISE

Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy*
(Words: Joseph Hart, 1759;
Music: Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835, Arr. Bruce Benedict, 2006)

Prayer of Confession
All: God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of His love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed Your commands; our ears have been deaf to Your call; our hearts have been cold to Your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored Your name. We repent of our sins and turn to You. In Your great mercy receive us yet again as Your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Declaration of Forgiveness (Isaiah 55:3)
Leader: Listen, so that you may live:
the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Beautiful Things*
(Words and Music: Lisa Gungor and Michael Gungor)

Who You Say I Am*
(Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan)

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

Musical Offering ***I Shall Not Want***
(Words: Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown, 2013, after Psalm 23 and Litany of Humility, Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val, 1865-1930; Music: Assad & Brown, 2013)

Offering Prayer
Passing of the Peace

ENCOUNTER

Scripture ***Ephesians 2:1-3***
(New Testament p. 184)

Message ***The Way We Were***

Big Idea: Part of the formation of Christian identity is understanding our past life before Christ. According to Paul, before Christ, we were dead, in sin, and under the power of spiritual darkness.

RESPONSE

Faith in Action - Confirmation

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

In Christ Alone*
(Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

Blessing

* 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 to complete and return this tear-off slip to the offering basket every week.
March 17, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email address

☐ Send me the weekly E-newsletter

- ☐ Single
☐ Married
☐ Have children at home
☐ Junior/High School student
☐ College student/Graduate student

- ☐ First time visitor
☐ Occasional attendee
☐ Regular attendee/member

I'm interested in:
☐ Knowing Jesus better
☐ I need prayer or support
☐ I would like to speak with a pastor
☐ Joining a Small Group
☐ Joining the Welcome Team
☐ Worship Music Team/Choir
☐ Sound/AV/Video Team
☐ Becoming a Member
☐ I need a Stephen Minister
☐ Counseling at The Counseling Center
☐ Communion at home suggested for _____ (name)

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

Please silence all cell phones
and electronic devices

Welcome Visitors!

Please visit the Narthex at the rear of the sanctuary after the service to connect with an FPCE staff member. Please sign this tear-off panel with your contact information filled in on the other side and deposit 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, Call to Worship, Sermon, Blessing

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness, Prayers of the People

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Dir. of Youth Ministry, Welcome

Izzy Allen, Scripture Reader

Sarah Pooler, Faith in Action

Alyce Claerbaut, Bryan Carmody,

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Worship Leaders; Daniel Allen, Worship Leader

& Electric Guitar; Fred Bryant, Guitar;

Robert McConnell, Piano; Scott Henrie,

Bass; Tina Laughlin, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Trudy Wenger, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Evan Fotjik and Eugenia Jeong

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 during final hymn.

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.

Sunday Education 10:30 - 11:15 am

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

Infants & Toddlers - Crib Room

Ages 2 & 3 - Yellow Room

Pre-K - Blue Room

Kindergarten - Orange Room

Grades 1 & 2 - Rm. 21 (lower level)

Grades 3, 4 & 5 - 3rd Floor (Center)

Sunday School Grades 6, 7 & 8 -

NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Adult Discipleship Learning

Mission (Dining Room) – This 12-week class entitled “Conversations about the Holy Land” will focus on the following questions: “How do we see ourselves in the Biblical narrative, and how might Palestinian Christians or Jews have a different viewpoint?”, “How do we address the issues of ‘the land’, the wall and ethnic differences?” Facilitators: K.K. Yeo, Dave and Sally Ivaska, Denise Drane and Caryl Weinberg.

Theology Roundtable (Room 206) – “The Good News” is a study of Paul’s letter to the Romans and its relevance to issues of our society. The format for this group (formerly known as Sunday Morning Forum) is seminar, not lecture. Facilitators: Richard Bell, Ned Hale, LeRoy Klemt, and James Singh.

Theology, Ethics, and the Sermon on the Mount (Parlor) – Over the course of this class, the facilitators will lead participants in discussions of the Sermon on the Mount, considering Jesus’ words in their historical context, literary form, and contemporary relevance. We will be concentrating on how Jesus’ teaching challenge us today as we seek to be faithful Christians in 2019 America. Facilitators: J.J. Ivaska and Pastor Henry Coates.

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

March 17, 2019, 11:30 am - Contemporary



Second Sunday of Lent

Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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