

Order of Worship
December 1, 2019 — 9 a.m.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS

Welcome

Opening Sentences

"God is coming! God is coming! All the elements we swim in, this existence, echoes ahead the advent. God is coming! Can't you feel it?"

Walter Wangerin, Jr.,
from "The Signs of the Times," in *The Manger Is Empty*

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Joel Raney, b. 1956)

EXALT

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, transcr. and arr. John L. Bell, 1986)

He came down that we may have hope;

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

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Blue #9
(Words: Latin, c. 12th century, stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. 1854,
stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; Music: adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854,
accomp. John Weaver, 1988)

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)

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 2)

Leader: The light of God's love shines brightly!

The invitation is given:

All: Come, let us walk in the light.

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

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

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

(New Testament p. 26)

Sermon

Advent Insomniacs

RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us, v. 1 & 3 Blue #17

(Words: Philipp Nicolai, 1599, trans. Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982; Music: attr. Philipp Nicolai, 1599,
harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1731)

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Wachet auf, ruf uns die Stimme from Cantata 140

(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Doxology & Offering Prayer

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Blue #592

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

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.)

Wenn kommst du, mein Heil from Cantata 140

(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Seele : Wenn kommst du, mein Heil?

Jesus : - Ich komme, dein Teil. -

Ich warte mit brennenden Öle.

Eröffne den Saal

- Ich öffne den Saal -

zum himmlischen Mahl.

Komm, Jesu.

- Ich komme, komm, liebliche Seele.

Soul: When will You come, my Savior?

Jesus: - I come, as Your portion. -

I wait with burning oil.

Now open the hall

- I open the hall -

for the heavenly meal.

Come, Jesus!

- I come, come, lovely soul!

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Benediction

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Arr. Rebecca Chu)

* 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.

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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, Sermon, Offering Prayer, Benediction

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome, Opening Sentences, Children's Moment

TBD, Scripture Reader

Members of the Library Team: Judith Akers, Courtney Ivaska, & Laurie Oh, Advent Candle Lighters

Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Soprano Soloist, Worship Leader, Piano

Steve Smith, Bass Soloist; **Carol Smith**, Piano; **Yuriy Geyer**, Violin

Rebecca Chu, Organist

Daniel Allen, Worship Leader & Guitar;

Fred Bryant, Guitar; **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:

Mike Denesha and Peggie Robinson

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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.

A Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Rev. Raymond Hylton's first Sunday at FPCE

This morning from 10:15 to 11:15 am, in Roy Hall.

Everyone is invited to a celebration honoring Pastor Ray and his wife, Judith, during an extended fellowship hour between the two services. Light refreshments will be served and the program will include a video highlighting Pastor Ray's ministry. There will also be musical offerings by Steve Smith and by the choir. All are welcome!

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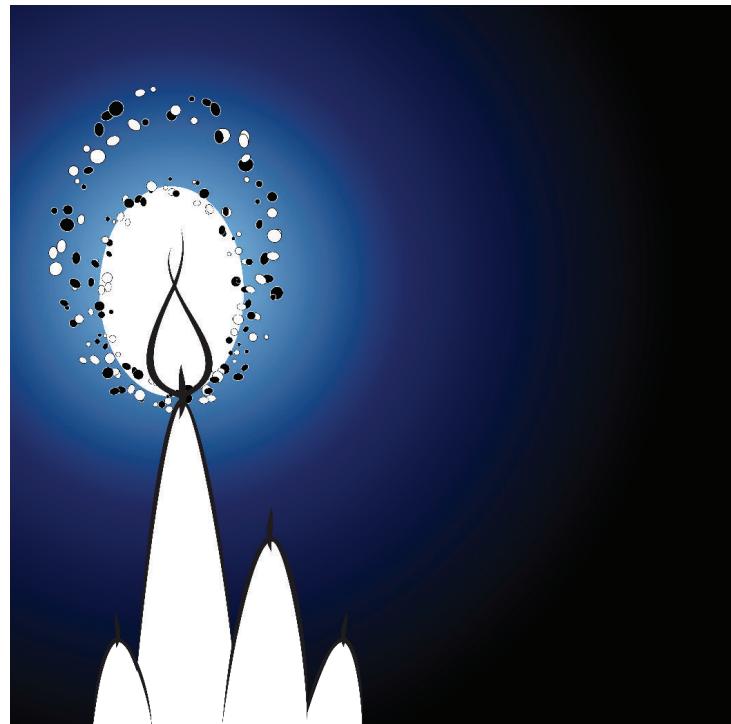


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Sunday Worship

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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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