

# First Presbyterian Evanston

November 17, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

*The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## FOCUS

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### Prelude

### House of the Lord

*(Words & Music: Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith, 2020;  
CCLI Song #7168995)*

*We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord, There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord, Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise*

*We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross, Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord...*

*We were the beggars, Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners, Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted, Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise  
We were the beggars...*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord...  
There's joy in the house of the Lord...*

*We shout out Your praise, There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise, We shout out Your praise*

## **EXALT**

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### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship** (*Psalm 95:1-2*)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord

**All: And shout with joy to the Rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with Thanksgiving

**All: Singing joyful songs of praise.**

### **Opening Song\***          Blessed Be Your Name

*(Words & Music: Beth Redman & Matt Redman, 2002, CCLI Song #3798438)*

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out, I'll  
Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

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Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say

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You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

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### **Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Let us open our hearts in confession before our loving God:

**All:**

**Lord, we come before you to confess our sins:  
the things we have done**

**and the things we have left undone.  
As we repent, draw all people to yourself  
and help us to welcome your children,  
that we who confess Jesus as Lord  
may put aside the deeds of death  
and live into the abundant and eternal life of your kingdom.**  
*(Silent Prayer)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

L: We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.  
The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.  
Because we have faith in him,  
we dare to approach God with confidence, knowing we are forgiven.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Song of Response**

#### Living Hope

*(Words & Music: Phil Wickham & Brian Johnson; CCLI Song #7106807)*

How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

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Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Jesus Christ, my living hope.

O God, You are my living hope.

## **ENCOUNTER**

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### **Children's Moment**

#### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Announcements**

**Faith in Action – IFES Graduate Conference Trip - Cam Traut & Bethany Vaughan**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**All: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you and hearts to love you.**

**Through hearing your word proclaimed, fill us with your boldness**

**that we might glorify and worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

John 4:7-26

*You're invited to follow along in the red pew Bible, beginning in the New Testament section on p. 89, or on the screen.*

**Sermon**

I AM Living Water

*Rev. Dr. Tassie Green, Interim Senior Pastor*

**RESPOND**

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**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

Worthy is the Lamb

*(Words & Music: Darlene Zschech, 2000; CCLI Song #3217555)*

*Thank You for the cross Lord  
Thank You for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came and gave amazing grace*

*Thank You for this love Lord  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace*

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious  
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God  
The Darling of heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb  
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### **Doxology & Offering Prayer\***

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Blue Hymnal #592*)  
(*Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; CCLI Song #56204*)

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. Amen.

### **Offering Prayer**

## **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## **Closing Song\***

### All Who are Thirsty

*(Words & Music: Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson, 1998; CCLI Song #2489542)*

All who are thirsty,  
All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
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Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

## **Sending & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### Indescribable

*(Words & Music: Jesse Reeves & Laura Story, 2004; CCLI Song #4403076)*

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creation's revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings,  
All exclaiming:*

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name.  
You are amazing, God:  
All powerful, untamable.  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim:  
You are amazing, God.*

*Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom.*

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*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name.  
You are amazing, God:  
Incomparable, unchangeable,  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same.  
You are amazing, God.*

*You are amazing, God.*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Daniel Allen**, Electric Guitar; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums

**Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band Director, Vocals

**Joni Lamb**, **Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir of Worship, Vocals

**Rev. Dr. Tassie Green**, Interim Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Offering Prayer, Benediction

**Tuah Jenta**, Confession, Prayers of the People

**Abigail Cunningham**, Dir. of Children, Children's Message, Peace

**Ben Graham**, Dir. of Youth, Announcements

**Cam Traut**, **Bethany Vaughan**, Faith in Action – IFES Graduate Conference Trip

**Evan Peters**, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

**TBD**, A/V Volunteer, Projection

**TBD**, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

**Andy Wallgren**, Facilities Manager

**Tony Brown**, **Tuah Jenta**, **Stephanie Keene**, Ushers

**Bob Bastian**, Greeter

**Bob Bastian**, **Sharon Smith**, Prayer Companions

***FELLOWSHIP TIME WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS MORNING'S SERVICE  
IN ROY HALL ON THE SECOND FLOOR. ALL ARE WELCOME.***

Adult Education & Sunday School

*After the Sunday services*

**Adult Education**

*GOD INVITES US - Parlor*

Led by David Ivaska

*BOOK OF ACTS - Room 103*

Led by John Mauck

*PILLARS OF REFORMED FAITH - Room 213*

Video lectures by R.C. Sproul

Facilitated by Richard Bell

**Youth & Children's Education**

*HIGH SCHOOL CLASS (9th-12th Grade) - Room 206*

*YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS - Youth Lounge (Lower Level)*

*K-4th GRADE – SLC Wing Blue Room*

*5th - 8th GRADE - 3rd Floor Center Room*

## Announcements

### **New Adult Education Class Begins Today – “God Invites Us...”**

God invites us to a Thanksgiving and Advent filled with hope. Today, David Ivaska begins leading an adult education class meant to lead us in offering genuine thanksgiving to God for his many blessings and discovering hope amid challenges and difficult times. The class meets at 11 a.m. in the Parlor on the second floor, and will also meet on November 24, and December 8 and 15. All are welcome!



### **Family Small Group/Youth Group Nerf Night TONIGHT**

Family Small Group will meet this Sunday at 4 p.m. for a fun time of Nerf battle, followed by dinner. The Nerf battle is open to all middle school and high school students & friends. Family Small Group meets the second Sunday of each month and is open to anyone with children from newborn through 12th grade.

### **Family Advent Workshop/Ornament Decoration Class November 24**

Kick off the Advent season with us at our Advent Workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 24! The event is free, and activities will take place in Roy Hall. Bring the whole family to enjoy a hot cocoa bar, delicious food, festive crafts, and make your own Advent wreath. Plus, don't miss the special glass ornament-making class taking place in the Dining Room as part of this event—perfect for adding a unique touch to your holiday season! Registration is required for the ornament class, which has limited seating. Sign up at <https://firstpresevanston.org/ornaments>.

### **Register now for Gingerbread House Decorating Party**

Join us for a delightful gingerbread house decorating event, December 8, 2-4 p.m.! All FPCE friends and families are warmly invited to enjoy a festive afternoon of creativity and holiday cheer. Pre-built gingerbread houses and all the decorating supplies will be provided—just bring your holiday spirit and imagination! We can't wait to see your sweet creations! Bring your candy and your holiday spirit—let's make this gingerbread bash one to remember! Register at <https://firstpresevanston.org/gingerbread>.

### **Donate candy for gingerbread house decorations**

Got extra Halloween candy haunting your pantry? Donate it to FPCE! Bring in your leftover treats (or those pieces you'd rather trade) and drop them off at the front desk. The more candy we collect, the sweeter and more creative our gingerbread house decorations will be.

### **Next Book Club Meeting is this Tuesday**

Our next book selection is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. We will be meeting on Tuesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Parlor. Visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/book-club/> for more information.

### **Thanksgiving Offering to Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

This year's First Pres Thanksgiving Offerings are going to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those impacted by hurricanes Milton and Helene earlier this year. Donations can be

made online by choosing “Thanksgiving Hurricane Offering” from the drop-down menu at <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresEvanston/-/form/give/now>.

Donation envelopes will also be available on November 24 to receive cash or checks made out to First Pres Evanston with Thanksgiving in the memo line.

### **26th Annual Interfaith Action of Evanston’s Thanksgiving Eve Service**

All are invited to attend the 26th Annual Interfaith Action of Evanston’s Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, at Bethany Baptist Church of Christ (BBCOC), 1225 Elmwood Ave., in Evanston. The service will feature keynote speaker Audrey Thompson, Evanston’s Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Interfaith Community Choir. The choir is open to all. They’ll be a rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service. Parking is available at the rear of the church and on nearby streets. The service will also be available via Zoom from the BBCOC website at <https://bethanybaptistchurchofchrist.org/>.

### **Register Online for Winter Meltdown '25!**

Attention all youth!!! Beat the winter blues by joining us for ‘Winter Meltdown '25’! It takes place February 14-16, 2025, at Wilderness Territory Resort. Wisconsin Dells, WI. We’ll worship, listen to a variety of speakers, work on a service project, play some music, and enjoy the water park.

This event is open to all middle school and high school students and their friends. Register online at <https://firstpresevanston.org/meltdown> Cost is \$250. Scholarships are available upon request. For more information contact Ben Graham at [bgraham@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:bgraham@firstpresevanston.org).





FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...

*Advent*

at First Pres Evanston

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 1**

*9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Service*

**Sunday, December 8**

*9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Lessons & Carols*

**Sunday, December 15**

*9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Nativity Pageant*

*(Rehearsal for the pageant will be held Saturday, December 14)*

**Sunday, December 22**

*9:30 a.m. Worship Service*

**Tuesday, December 24**

*4 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service*

*10 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 24**

*Advent Workshop*

*Ornament Making Class\**

**Sunday, December 8**

*Gingerbread House Decoration Party\**

*\*Requires registration*



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Mission Statement:

***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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**Welcome!** We're glad you are here. We ask everyone to complete and return this page. Please tear it off from the stapled bulletin and slip it into the offering basket every week. November 17, 2024

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Your Name

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Family members' names/ages

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Street Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone:     Cell         Home

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Email address

- Send me the weekly E-newsletter
  
- First time visitor
- Occasional attendee
- Regular attendee/member
  
- Single
- Married
- Have children at home
- Junior/High School student
- College student/Graduate student

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
- Sound/AV/Video Team
- Prayer Team
- Becoming a Member
- I need a Stephen Minister
- Communion at home suggested for  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Please pray for:  
*(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)*