

First Presbyterian Evanston

May 12, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

Nuvole Bianche
(Ludovico Einaudi, b. 1955)

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 34:1-3, 8-10

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

**People: I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

**People: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Leader: Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**People: The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Opening Song

Every Praise

(Words & Music: Hezekiah Walker & John David Bratton, 2013, CCLI Song #6623483)

Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship with one accord
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Call to Confession, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus, our Risen Lord, invites us to be honest and to pray, even as He prays for us.

**All: Lord God, Keeper of our lives,
you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts.
Forgive us and change us
as you call your people to faithful living and serving.
Through the storms of life
that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter,
teach us to turn to you for all we need,
so that we may come to know your presence,
and then that we may serve others in your love and in your
name.**

(Silent Prayer)

Leader:

Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come. Know Jesus' forgiveness and be at peace.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Song of Response

God is So Good

(Words & Music: Anonymous; CCLI Song #23543)

God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.

God cares for me; God cares for me;
God cares for me; God's so good to me.

God loves us so; God loves us so;
God loves us so; God's so good to us.

God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to us.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment – Bible Sunday

Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Minute for Mission – Sheraz Akhtar

Scripture

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Sermon

Partners in the Gospel
Tim Adams, Guest Preacher

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Listen to the Lambs
(Words & Music: R. Nathaniel Dett, 1914)

*Listen to the lambs, All a-crying!
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and carry the young lambs in his bosom.
Ah, listen! Listen to the lambs, All a-crying!
Amen.*

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.

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 Hymn

Christ is Alive!

(*Words: Brian Wren, 1968, rev; Music: tune "Truro," Thomas Williams, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872; CCLI Song #68041*)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Benediction

Postlude

Tongue of Fire: Pentecost Dance

(Alfred Fedak, b. 1953)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Oliver Jenta, Piano, Prelude

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Keyboard, Vocals

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. Worship & Music, Choir Director, Vocals, Announcements

Chancel Choir

Rev. Dr. Tassie Green, Interim Senior Pastor, Welcome, Children's Moment/Bible Sunday
& Peace, Offering Prayer, Benediction

Tim Adams, Guest Preacher, Sermon

Kevin Van Horne, IFES, Minute for Mission in Sermon

Sheraz Akhtar, Minute for Mission

Dan Shiau, Confession, Prayers of the People

Lisa Brejcha, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Keith Jacobson, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

Andy Wallgren, Facilities Manager

Amanda Jenta, Stephanie Keene, Ushers

Peg Forbes, Greeter

Bob Hecker, Sharon Smith, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

The Nursery will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

No Youth/Children's Christian Education Classes Today.

Youth Group does NOT meet today. Enjoy Mother's Day!

Adult Education Classes meet at 11 a.m.

Pillars of Reformed Christian Faith meets in Room 213 3rd Floor

The Book of Acts meets in the Parlor 2nd Floor

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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, to slip to the offering basket every week.

May 12, 2024

Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: ☐ Cell ☐ Home

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Education Classes or Youth Group

None of our children's or students' classes are meeting this morning. Enjoy a wonderful Mother's Day!

Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday!

All those attending our Sunday, May 19, Worship Service (at 9:30 a.m.) are asked to wear red in commemoration of the flames of fire seen descending on the disciples (Acts 2:3) at the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

Pastries with the Pastor next Sunday

Interim Senior Pastor Tassie Green will hold another "Pastries with the Pastor" session following the May 19 worship service. Join her in the Dining Room for light refreshments and a lively discussion about where we are heading as a church. This session will look at challenging questions we face going forward.

Chicagoland Prison Outreach celebrates 30 years with May 21 event

You're invited to join other First Pres friends for an Evening of Thanksgiving in honor of 30 years of celebrating the impact of Chicagoland Prison Outreach, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate. If you would like to go, please call or email Caryl Weinberg, cweinberg@firstprevanston.org, 847-864-1472.

Life Together Membership Class set for June 9

The Discipleship Council has schedule another "new members class" for June 19, 2024. This one-day class is also open to current members who sense a need for a fresh vision and connection to the church. Our goal for this class is that all participants feel more included in the church community and feel more clear and empowered in the church's mission. The class will be June 9 after worship, from approximately 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 213. To save your space, register online here: <https://firstprevanston.org/life-together>

Koinonia meal groups return, coordinators needed!

For the third summer in a row, all are invited to join a summer meal group meant to build Christlike relationships and enjoy the nourishment of good food. Koinonia groups can meet at a home, park, or the church. Stay tuned to sign up to participate. We are currently accepting names of folks who would like to serve as group coordinators. This involves communicating to your assigned group about the logistics of gathering. If interested, please reach out to Sally Ivaska or Kathy Shiau.

SUNDAY SERVICES WILL MOVE TO 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 26.

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*Please stand as you are able