
FOCUS

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith, hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Simple Gifts
(arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953)

EXALT

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24; 1 John 4:7, 19; Revelation 1:4)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

Grace and peace to you from God,
who was, and is, and is to come. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Let All Things Now Living*
(Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.;
Music: Welsh folk melody, harm. Gerald H. Knight, 1908-1979)

Blue #554

Prayer of Confession

**All: O Lord, save us from hardness of heart,
where your word cannot take root.**

**O Lord, save us from shallowness of mind,
where your word withers away.**

**O Lord, save us from the deceitfulness of riches,
where your word is choked by everyday false gods.**

**Yet, Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil,
where your word flourishes and yields a harvest,
bringing salvation to ourselves and those about us. Amen.**
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 43:1, 19)

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen!

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*
(Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011)

Good Good Father*
(Words and Music: Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett, 2014)

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action - May Tchao, filmmaker

Prayer of Illumination in Song

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
(Handt Hanson, b. 1950)

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away, When my heart is cold, warm it with the day, When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
(New Testament p. 13)

Sermon

A Parable for Everyone

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

Now to Him Who is Able
(Words: Ephesians 3:20-21; Music: Robert McConnell, 2019)

Now to him who is able to do far more than we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus, throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

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

For the Fruit of All Creation*
(Words: Blue #553, Fred Pratt Green, 1973; Music: Blue #544, tune "Ar Hyd Y Nos,"
Welsh melody, c. 1784)

Benediction

Postlude

Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus
(Harold Johnston)

* 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.
September 8, 2019 - 9 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 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, Welcome, Opening Sentences, Call to Worship,

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Children's Message, Prayers of the People

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Sermon, Benediction

David Jones, Scripture Reader

May Tchao, Faith in Action

Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director

Rebecca Chu, Organist

Allison Allen, Worship Leader; **Daniel**

Allen, Worship Leader & Guitar; **Christie**

Miller, Guitar; **Noah McLeod**, Piano;

Scott Henrie, Bass; **Fred Bryant**, Drum

Set; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Zoe Myatt, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Mike Denesha and Marilyn Haase

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

Worship Services - Options for Families:

Children are welcome in worship!**

9 a.m. Blended Service

Infants/Toddlers – Blue 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

Fall Kickoff!

Gather in Roy Hall (2nd Floor gym) for Sunday School Scavenger Hunt! All parents and children are invited to take part in this fun activity.

Adult Discipleship Learning - BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

See insert in today's announcements for details or visit:

<https://firstpresevanston.org/adult-education/>

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

September 8, 2019, 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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