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FOCUS

Welcome

Opening Sentences

“Mercy, that is the gospel. The whole of it in one word.”

- E.H. Chapin

Prelude

**I Will Sing of My Redeemer**  
(Steve Martin)

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EXALT

Call to Worship Psalm 95:6; John 4:23

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

**All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

The hour is coming and is now here.

**In Spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

Opening Hymn

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken\***

(Words: John Newton, 1779, alt.; Music: Blue # 446, Franz Joseph Hayden, 1797,  
Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose Word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading are the world's best pleasures,  
All its boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

Prayer of Confession John 5:24

**All: Lord, you know who we are.**

**You know everything we have done.**

**We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.**

**We commit ourselves to things that will never last.**

**We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.**

**Forgive us, O Lord,  
and give us this living water,**

**so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

**Trisagion (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

(Words: ancient Greek prayer c. before 451, "Agios o Theos," after Isaiah 6:3 & Revelation 4:8;  
Music: Fernando Ortega, 2011)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:8-10

Leader: This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners,

Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God,

God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead--

now Christ has become our life and salvation.

Hear the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Beautiful Things\***

(Words & Music: Lisa Gungor and Michael Gungor)

**Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)\***

(Words & Music: Edwin Othello Excell, Joel Houston, John Newton, John P. Rees,  
and Jonas Myrin, 2014)

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment - Church Camp

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

**John 4:4-42**

(New Testament pp. 89-90)

Sermon

**Moving Beyond the Culture War:  
Jesus and the Gift of Mercy**

Dr. Andrew Root, Guest Preacher

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RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

**Jesus Met the Woman at the Well**

(Traditional Gospel; recorded by groups incl. Two Gospel Keys, 1947, Mahalia Jackson, 1955,  
and Peter, Paul, and Mary, 1964)

Doxology & Offering Prayer

**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

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Closing Hymn

**Fill My Cup\***

(Words & Music: Isaiah Jones, Jr., 1969)

**Blue #350**

Benediction

Postlude

**Chaconne**

(Louis Couperin)

\* 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.

March 15, 2020 - 9 a.m.

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Your Name

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Phone:  Cell  Home

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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

**Dr. Andrew Root**, Luther Seminary, Guest Preacher, Sermon, Benediction  
**Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Call to Worship, Offering Prayer  
**Rev. Henry Coates**, Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

**Verna Todd**, Scripture Reader

**Mike Denesha**, Prayers of the People

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

**Rebecca Chu**, Organist

**Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band

Director, Worship Leader & Keys; **Bryan Carmody & Elizabeth Bennett**, Worship Leaders; **Hannah McConnell**, Dir. of Worship & Music, Worship Leader;

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

**Christie Miller**, Guitar & Mandolin; **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set; **Scott Henrie**, Bass;

**Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Noah McLeod**, Guest A/V Coordinator

**Tate Myatt**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Ron and Eleanor Ehresman

## 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 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

#### Sunday Education 10:20 - 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** - Room 21

**Grades 3, 4 & 5** - 3rd Floor (East)

**Sunday School Grades 6, 7 & 8** -

NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor

**High School Sunday School Grades**

**9-12** - PYGS Lounge, Basement

##### Adult Discipleship Learning -

##### All-Church Adult Education Class

10:20 am

Roy Hall

**Dr. Andrew Root**  
Luther Seminary

Dr. Root is the author of numerous books. His 2018 work, *Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs, and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science*, seeks to dispel the false rivalry between faith and science. The entire church is encouraged to take part in this class.

**THE ALL-CHURCH CLASS WILL BE THE ONLY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS MEETING TODAY.**

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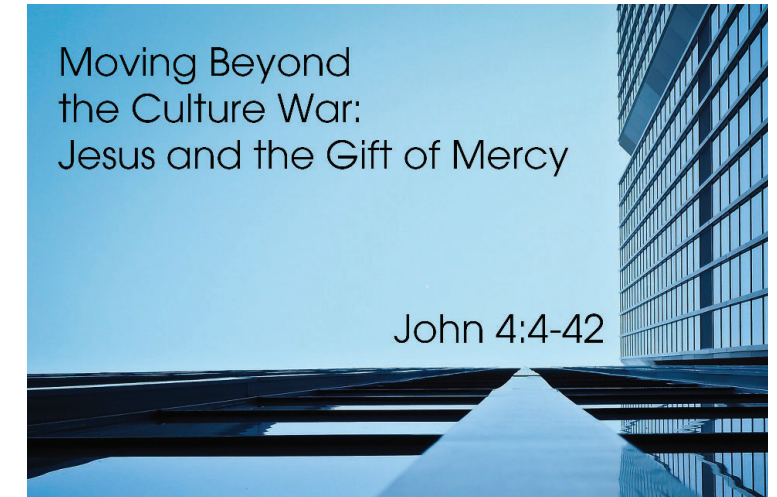


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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

March 15, 2020, 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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