

# First Presbyterian Evanston

## Sunday Worship

**December 13, 2020 – 10 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

### **FOCUS**

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#### **Prelude**

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come)  
*(Dietrich Buxtehude, 1668-1707)*

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **EXALT**

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#### **Opening Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*(Words & Music: John Francis Wade, Frederick Oakeley, Chris Tomlin, arr. David Shipps, 2009; CCLI Song #5606944)*

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

We'll praise Your name forever  
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## **Lighting the Third Advent Candle: Joy**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Assured that God hears our repentance,  
let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to  
God and one another.**

**The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess  
that we need repentance. We have broken your  
commands against idolatry.**

**We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.  
We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.  
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,  
for the sake of the One who proclaims good news  
and for the sake of all the world. Amen**

Leader: Please join me in silent prayers of confession.  
*(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Brothers and sister hear the good news.  
In the name of the one God  
who lives and moves among us, we are forgiven.  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against us.  
Do not worry. Live in peace.

## **ENCOUNTER**

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### **Children's Moment**

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

## **Faith in Action – Celebrating 2020 Babies**

**Scripture**                      Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
8 For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

**Sermon**

The God who cares

*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor*

**RESPOND**

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**Sharing of Tithes, Offerings, & Thanksgivings**

**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**

O Day of Peace

*(Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944; Music: tune "Jerusalem," Charles H.H. Parry, 1848-1918;  
CCLI Song # 2152934)*

O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams  
Guide us to justice truth and love  
Delivered from our selfish schemes  
May swords of hate fall from our hands  
Our hearts from envy find release  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze  
A little child shall lead them all  
Then enemies shall learn to love  
All creatures find their true accord  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled  
For all the earth shall know the Lord

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)*  
*(Christoph Friedrich Bach, 1732-1795)*

## **Worship Service Leaders**

**Rebecca Chu**, Organ, Prelude, Closing Hymn, Postlude

**Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Welcome

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

Video & Audio Editing, **Elizabeth Scoble Bennett & Judith**

**Hylton**, Vocals, **Daniel Allen & Fred Bryant**, Guitars, **Tina**

**Laughlin**, Percussion, **Christie Miller**, Clarinet, Opening Hymn

**Jim Teague**, Communications Director, Bass – Opening Song,

Service Video Editing

**Alexis & Kim Langlois**, Advent Candle Lighting

**Rev. Amanda Golbek**, Minister of Children & Youth,

Confession & Assurance, Children's Moment, Faith in Action

**Wole & Patti Osilaja**, Scripture Reading

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Associate Pastor, Sermon, Thanksgivings,

Benediction

**Bob Bastian**, Prayers of the People

**Hannah McConnell**, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Base Track,

Vocals, Audio & Video Editing, **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion,

**Christie Miller**, Clarinet, **Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Darshaya**

**Oden, Ben Perri**, Chancel Choir Section Leaders, Closing Hymn

**Neal Ostrovsky**, A/V Coordinator, Sound Equalization

**TBD**, Zoom Prayer Companions

### **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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