

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

January 3, 2021 – 10 a.m.
2nd Sunday after Christmas

FOCUS

Prelude

Panis Angelicus
(Cesar Franck, 1822-1890)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Words & Music: John Francis Wade, Frederick Oakeley, Chris Tomlin, arr. David Shipp, 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
We'll praise Your name forever
We'll praise Your name forever
Christ the Lord

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We'll praise Your name forever
Christ the Lord

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, it is good to be in your presence this morning. We are aware of our sins and failures, the times we have not lived up to all that you want us to be and do. We trust in the fact that your forgiveness provided in Jesus Christ is more than sufficient to restore and make us new. If we have wandered far from you, turn us around. If some event has left us bitter, help us to see our circumstances in a new light. If we have lost the joy of our faith, renew us. If along the way some relationship with another person is threatened, help us to repair that, for we would be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Lord, now hear our silent personal prayers.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Psalm 119: 10 says, "With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you."

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— 2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. 13 I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Sermon

Light in our Darkness

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song O Thou That Tellest

*(Words: Isaiah 40:9; 60:1, arr. Charles Jennens, 1741; Music: G.F. Handel, 1741,
arr. Crofton Coleman, 2020, after Quincy Jones, CCLI Song #3783759)*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get up into the high mountain

Get thee up to the mountains

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem
Arise, arise, arise, arise
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Say unto the cities of Judah
The glory of
The glory of the Lord God oh

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem
Arise, arise, arise, arise

The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee
The glory of the Lord, the Lord, the Lord

Say get thee up, get way up
And shout aloud the joy he brings
Say get thee up, get thee up

Say get thee up, get way up
And shout aloud the joy he brings
Say get thee up

Get thee up

Benediction

Postlude

Praise of the Shepherds
(Theodore-Cesar Salome, 1834-1896)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Postlude

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Welcome, Bass –
Opening Song, Service Video Editing, Slides

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals,
Video & Audio Editing, Opening Hymn & Closing Song

Elizabeth Scoble Bennett & Judith Hylton, Vocals, **Daniel
Allen & Fred Bryant**, Guitars, **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion,

Christie Miller, Clarinet, Opening Hymn

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions, Confession

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Children's
Moment

Dr. Benjamin Fergus, Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper, Benediction

Bryan Carmody, Apostles' Creed Voice Over

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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