

First Presbyterian Evanston

September 12, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(Text: Louise M.R. Stead, 1882; Music: tune by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882; arr. Marilyn Thompson, lyrics from CCLI Song #22609)

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

I Bind Unto Myself Today

(Words: attr. St. Patrick, 372-466, paraph. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895;

*Music: tune "St. Patrick's Breastplate," v. 1-2,5, Irish Melody,
arr. Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929; CCLI Song #3157646)*

I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,
His baptism in Jordan river,
His death on cross for my salvation,
His bursting from the spicèd tomb,
His riding up the heav'nly way,

His coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.
I bind unto myself today
The pow'r of God to hold and lead,
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,
God's ear to hearken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach,
God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
God's heav'nly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three,
By Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

(Inspired by 2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

All: Merciful God and Father, in Your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world, trusting that you will hear us as we cry out. Although you are the great consoler, meeting us in our affliction and in our grief, we in turn fail to console or grieve with others. You, Lord, in your death experienced an abundance of suffering, but we seek only the abundance this world has to offer. We humbly ask for your mercy, once again, and ask to be reminded of our unshakable hope found in your crucified and resurrected son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Brothers and sister, our God assures us of his forgiveness through the great affliction of his beloved son.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Small Groups

Scripture 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia:

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

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4 who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6 If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

8 We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, 11 as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Sermon

Down But Not Out

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response We Fall Down

(Words & Music: Kyle Matthews; CCLI Song #2668387)

We fall down, but we get up

We fall down, but we get up

We fall down, but we get up
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up

We fall down, but we get up
We fall down, but we get up
We fall down, but we get up
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up

We fall down, but we get up
We fall down, but we get up
We fall down, but we get up
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up

Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up

We fall down, but we get up
We fall down, but we get up
We fall down, but we get up
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up

For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up
For a saint is just a sinner who fell

Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again (get back up again)
Get back up again (get back up again)

Get back up again (get back up again)

Get back up again (get back up again)

Get back up again

For a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up

Prayers of the People and 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 In Everything (Give Him Thanks)

(Words & Music: Lanny Wolfe, 1978; CCLI Song #7239)

In everything give Him thanks, give Him thanks

In everything give Him thanks

In the good times praise His name

In the bad times do the same

In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

With all the good things that had come His way

It's no wonder you could hear Job say,

“The Lord giveth and He taketh away, I'll give Him thanks”

But when the tables were all turned around

And Job's world came crashing down

His faith in God caused Job to say, “I'll still give Him thanks”

In everything give Him thanks, give Him thanks

In everything give Him thanks

In the good times praise His name
In the bad times do the same
In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

When trouble comes and there's no one around
Satan tries to tell me that God's let me down
Through ev'ry dark hour the best thing I've found
Is to give God the thanks
For He has never, never failed me yet
So why should I start now to worry or fret
In ev'rything I won't ever forget to give God the thanks

In the good times praise His name
In the bad times do the same
In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

In everything give Him thanks, give Him thanks
In everything give Him thanks
In the good times praise His name
In the bad times do the same
In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

Choral Benediction

We See the Mountains Lifted High Before Us

(Words: Psalm 121, adapt. Hal H. Hopson;

Music: trad. Irish tune "Londonderry Air," arr. Hal H. Hopson, 2012)

We see the mountains lifted high before us,
And some may ask, "From where does our help come?"
I tell you this, our help comes from the Lord;
The God who made all heavens, all the earth.

God calls us back when on the road we lose our way;

The Lord who keeps us never, never sleeps.
The God of all, the very God of Israel
Will hold us fast and bring us home again.

Postlude

Antiphon

(Edouard Batiste, 1820-1876)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Confession & Assurance, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Benediction

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Prayers of the People

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children and Youth, Children's Message & Peace

Lisa Brejcha, Scripture Reading

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Communion Anthem, Closing Hymn, Postlude

Carol Smith, Piano, Prelude

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano, Opening Song, Communion Anthem

Fred Bryant, Guitar; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; Worship Band

Bob Bastian, Alyce Claerbaut, Peg Forbes, Paul Koch, John MacDonald, Michelle Mariposa, Margee Minnis, Beth Rice, Carol Smith, Annette Stover, Kay Sugiura, Carol Surma, Anne Van Heukelem, Chancel Choir

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

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Jim Teague, Communications Director, Projection

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Aaron Budoff, Building Team

Sally Ivaska & Bob Bastian, Prayer Companions

First Pres Announcements

Celebrating Ron and Eleanor Erhesman, and Fall Kick-Off - Join us at the Fellowship Hour this Sunday (outside on the lawn, weather permitting) as we celebrate Ron and Eleanor Erhesman who are moving to Zionsville, Indiana. Their ministry at First Pres has been long and fruitful, spanning many decades, ministries and programs. An extra piece of cake for the first person who guesses correctly the number of years they've been members at First Pres!

Parents and Childrens' Gathering upstairs this morning - Rev. Amanda Golbek will be hosting our Children's (4 years old thru 5th grade) Fall Kick-Off today at 11 a.m. in Roy Hall (our gym on the 2nd floor)! Don't miss it!

All-Church Retreat registration is now open - Visit our website and register for the 2021 All-Church Retreat, led by Dr. Andy Root. The event takes place Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16. Cost is \$15 to attend in person (including a Saturday breakfast) OR via live streaming. Dr. Root's theme is "Anxious Church: Being Disciples in a Mid-Pandemic World." Learn all about it and sign up at <https://firstpresevanston.org/2021retreat/>.

Bright Stars Gala watch party September 18 - Please join First Presbyterian Evanston for a watch party in support of the Bright Stars Bethlehem 2021 Virtual Gala on Saturday, September 18 at 6 p.m. More info is online under News & Notes!

Afghan Refugee Welcome Kits - Through our First Friends ministry, FPCE is collecting items to create Welcome Kits for the refugees, including those coming from Afghanistan. Find more information and the link to give online at <https://firstpresevanston.org/2021/09/afghan-refugee-welcome-kits/>.

First Presbyterian Church

**1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
(847) 864-1472 Fax:(847) 864-1494
E-mail address: info@firstpresevanston.org
www.firstpresevanston.org**

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.***



This QR code will take you to a web page with links for giving and recording your attendance at today's service via the Connect Card.

Texts in today's service are reproduced by permission from the following: Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs. Copyright 1990. Westminster/John Knox Press, CCLI License #253526. OneLicense #A-804550.