

First Presbyterian Evanston

November 21, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

FOCUS

Prelude

Give Thanks

(Music: John Innes, b. 1937; CCLI Song #20285)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

At the Name of Jesus (*Blue Hymnal # 148*)

(Words: Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931;

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925; CCLI Song #740448)

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners,

Unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death He passed;

Bore it up triumphant,
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With His Father's glory
O'er the earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of glory now.

Confession of Sins & Assurance of Pardon

All: God of justice and mercy, we come before you today in humility. We consider the Thanksgiving holiday as a time of celebration and unity. And yet our lives are filled with division. All too often, we do not do the difficult work of building bridges and seeking unity, whether in our families, our church, our cities or beyond. Please forgive us for the times we have stirred

up disunity; for the times we've been complacent with injustice; for the times we've judged others rather than offering the forgiveness that you so freely give. And forgive us for focusing only on ourselves rather than living out our love and gratitude for you and your people. Hear these prayers Lord, as well as the silent ones we each offer now.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: The prophet Jeremiah says in the book of Lamentations:

All: "You came near when I called you; you said, 'Do not fear'. You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life."

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Song of Response

Your Name

(Words & Music: Glenn Pakiam & Paul Baloche, 2006; CCLI Song #4611679)

As morning dawns and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.

Jesus, in Your Name we pray,
Come and fill our hearts today;
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name.

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Today is Bible Presentation Sunday. We congratulate all the children receiving Bibles and pray they will become a source of strength and guidance for them.

2nd and 3rd Graders

Ashley Allen
Collin Bodan
Adalynn Crews
Poppy Haase
Gracie Hu
Seneca Mauck
Lily Nayak
Lotanna Nzelibe
Erin Ren
Dominic Ribeiro
Nathan Shiau
Abigail Stevens

Dane Watkins
William Witwer
Ethan Wuellner

Kindergarteners and 1st Graders

Jenneifer Brejcha
Maddie Collins
Carinna Furlow
Jenley Rah
Jacqueline Ribeiro
Matthew Shiau
Lucy Vaaga
Arthur Michael Witwer

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Angel Tree, Deacons

Scripture

Revelation 1:4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Sermon

Who is Your King?

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

An online offering may be given using the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

Gifts of cash or check may be placed in offering plates near the Sanctuary doors as you leave.

Thanksgiving Special Offering - Rev. Munther Isaac, Christmas
Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, Palestine

Song of Response

Alpha and Omega

(Words & Music: Erasmus Mutanbira, 2005; CCLI Song #4654148)

You are Alpha and Omega;
We worship You, our Lord.
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory;
We worship You, our Lord.
You are worthy to be praised.

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 Hymn

Victor's Crown

(Words & Music: Darlene Zschech, Israel Houghton, & Kari Jobe, 2013; CCLI Song #6454621)

You are always fighting for us,
Heaven's angels all around.
My delight is found in knowing
That You wear the victor's crown.

You're my help and my defender,
You're my Saviour and my friend.
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

At the mention of Your greatness,
In Your Name I will bow down.
In Your Presence fear is silent,
For You wear the victor's crown.
Let Your glory fill this temple,
Let Your power overflow.
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

Hallelujah,
You have overcome, You have overcome,
Hallelujah,
Jesus, You have overcome the world.

You are ever interceding
As the lost become the found.
You can never be defeated,
For You wear the victor's crown.
You are Jesus, the Messiah,
You're the Hope of all the world.
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

Hallelujah,
You have overcome, You have overcome,
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Jesus, You have overcome the world.

Ev'ry high thing must come down.
Ev'ry stronghold must be broken.

You wear the victor's crown.
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At the cross the work was finished,
You were buried in the ground.
But the grave could not contain You,
For You wear the victor's crown.

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Benediction

Postlude

Thankful Heart

(Music: Kenneth Varner, b. 1954)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Carol Smith, Pianist, Prelude

Rebecca Chu, Organist, Prelude, Hymns & Songs, Postlude

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Director of Worship & Music, Welcome, Vocals

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano & Vocals

Judith Hylton, Vocals, Prayers of the People

Daniel Allen, Guitar & Vocals; **Christie Miller**, Clarinet & Guitars; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass Guitar;

Kon Savoy, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Confession & Assurance

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

Amy Powell, Faith in Action – Deacons' Angel Tree

Mosilda Asanji, Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Benediction

Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Pastor, Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem,
Thanksgiving Offering Video

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Jim Teague, Communications Director, Projection

John Carlson, Jake Collins, & Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteers

Joe Sickles, Building Team

David Carling, Front Desk

Bob Hecker & Sally Ivaska, Prayer Companions

Stephanie Keene, Tuah Jenta, LeRoy Klemt, Ushers

Sonia Bodi, Peg Forbes, Greeters

First Pres Announcements

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Fellowship time in Roy Hall, TODAY - Join us today after the service in our 2nd Floor gym as our Deacons host our Sunday social gathering.

All-Church Explore Advent Workshop TODAY - All First Presbyterian members, families, and friends, are invited to join us for our intergenerational Explore Advent event today in Roy Hall (2nd Floor) from 11 a.m. to Noon. The event is free and no registration is needed.

Advent Adult Education Class begins next week - The annual all-congregation Advent course will be taught by FPCE member David Ivaska. Entitled "Tough Questions at Christmas – Surprised by Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace," the class will meet for four weeks in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom, beginning November 28 in the Sanctuary. More information is online.

Christian Education Classes

All-Church Explore Advent Workshop TODAY - All First Presbyterian members, families, and friends, are invited to join us for our intergenerational Explore Advent event today in Roy Hall (2nd Floor) from 11 a.m. to Noon. The event is free and no registration is needed.

Follow-up discussion on racial injustice TODAY - After you've taken part in the Explore Advent Workshop (see above), join us in Room 213 as we discuss what our next steps will be in working towards restorative justice in response to our class on seeing racial injustice through the eyes of Jesus.

Youth/Children's Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

Infants thru 3 year olds – Nursery care is available on the first floor, up the short stairs to the south.

4 year olds thru 5th grades – Gather in the 3rd Floor East Room each Sunday.

6th and 7th grades – Meet in the 3rd floor Youth Lounge.

Confirmation Class: 8th and 9th grades – Meet in room 206.

10th thru 12th grades – Contact Pastor Amanda for Education Hour options.

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***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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