

First Presbyterian Evanston

December 26, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

FOCUS

Prelude

We Three Kings

(Music: arr. Rebecca S.Y. Chu)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World (*Blue Hymnal* #40)

(Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: G. F. Handel, 1742; CCLI Song #24016)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When we allow darkness to overcome the light,

All: forgive us, Lord.

When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,

have mercy on us, Father.

When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing
and hearing and touching the needs of others,

let your grace consume us, O God.

When the wars around us are of no concern,

**forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion
for those who suffer.**

When our caring is not extended to action,

move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters.

We come to confess our sinfulness
before you and before each other.

**Remove all barriers that divide us,
and let there be no obstacle to our love for you
and for one another. Amen.**

(Time of silent confession.)

The gospel of John tells us: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son. That whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

Sisters and Brothers, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

Hymn of Response What Child is This

(melody and parts in Blue Hymnal #53; Words: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871; Music: English ballad, 16th century arr. Christmas Carols Old and New, 1871; CCLI Song #30983)

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through:
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Luke 2:39-52

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I

must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Sermon

Ordinary Time

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem of Response

The Work of Christmas

(Words: Howard Thurman & Music: Dan Forrest, 2014)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music from the heart.

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

The First Noel

(Blue Hymnal #56)

*(Words: English carol, 17th century; Music: English carol, Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833,
arr. Mack Wilberg, 2001; CCLI Song #2804206)*

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World
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Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Hymns, Anthem, Postlude

Yuriy Geyer, Violin, Hymns & Anthem

Chancel Choir, Anthem

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

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions, Confession & Assurance, Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Benediction

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

Richard Bell, Scripture Reading

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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston, the Chicago area,
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Family members' names/ages

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I'm interested in:

Knowing Jesus better

I need prayer or support

I would like to speak with a pastor

Joining a Small Group

Joining the Welcome Team

Worship Music Team

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Becoming a Member

I need a Stephen Minister

Communion at home suggested for
_____ (name)

Please pray for:

(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)