

# First Presbyterian Evanston

**January 23, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**  
***Third Sunday of Ordinary Time***

## **FOCUS**

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### **Prelude**

All to Jesus I Surrender

*(Music: arr. Rebecca Chu, b. 1962)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

## **EXALT**

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### **Opening Song**

O God, Beyond All Praising

*(Words: Michael Perry, 1942-1999; Music: tune "Thaxted," Gustav Holst, 1874-1934,  
CCLI Song #649532)*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

**All: Our loving father, we come to you this morning wanting to be people driven by values, and people who “walk the talk”. Yet we know we often talk about values without living them out. Father, we say we show Christlike love to our family, friends, and neighbors, and yet there are times when our anger, our hurts, and our self-righteousness come through more than the love we want to show and live out. We say we are Spirit filled, and yet often don’t take the time to listen to the Holy Spirit, or at best, ignore the promptings we receive. We say we are people of God’s Word, and yet we don’t know his Word, or even try to know it and live by it. And too, we want to be compassionate people, but are much more concerned about receiving compassion. We want to be joyful people, though are known for complaining or focusing on what is wrong, rather than celebrating the goodness and love you always extend to us. Please Lord, forgive us these sins, and make us to be people whose words that we speak, the meditations we focus on, and the actions we show, model the life of Jesus, and the values we unite around. And now, Lord, please hear our silent prayers of confession.**

*(Time of silent confession.)*

Leader: *(From 1 John 1:9)*

The Bible tells us that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

## Hymn of Response

### I Surrender All

*(Words: Judson Wheeler Van De Venter, 1896; Music: Winfred Scott Weeden, 1896;  
CCLI Song #23189)*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all,  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

I surrender all,  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee.  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all,  
I surrender all.

All to Thee my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

I surrender all,  
I surrender all.

All to Thee my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

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## ENCOUNTER

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### **Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ**

#### **Scripture**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

**Sermon**

The Joy of the Lord

*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor*

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**RESPOND**

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**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

**Song of Response**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*(Blue Hymnal #466; Words: Charles Wesley, 1738, alt; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828;  
CCLI Song #1369)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,  
And sets the prisoner free;

Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,  
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ.  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

### **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**

#### In Christ Alone

*(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, 2001; CCLI Song #3350395)*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

# Benediction

## Postlude

## Larghetto in C minor

(Music: Baldessare Galuppi, 1703-1785)

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### Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Dr. Rebecca Chu**, Organist

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

**Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Maximiliano Illanes**, **Paul Koch**, **Michelle Mariposa**, **Darshaya Oden**, Vocalists

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Director of Worship & Music, Welcome, Children's Message

**Caryl Weinberg**, Director of Missions, Confession & Assurance

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

**Nancy Crane**, Scripture Reading

**Betsey Newenhuyse**, Prayers of the People

**Noah McLeod**, Interim A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

**Jim Teague**, Communications Director

**Alexi Langlois**, A/V Volunteer, Streaming Audio

**Qin Zhou**, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Jake Collins**, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream Technical Director

**John Carlson**, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Joe Sickles**, Building Team

**Bob Hecker & Eugenia Jeong**, Prayer Companions

### First Pres Announcements

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

**All Children's Sunday School classes are on hold until further notice.**

**Confirmation Class** – 11 a.m. on Zoom. Check your email for details.

**Youth Group** – MEETS IN PERSON TODAY FROM 4-6 p.m. AT FIRST PRES!

#### **Adult Education – Sundays 10 minutes after the service concludes.**

##### **On Zoom this Sunday:**

**Philippians: A letter of Joy** – Sonia Bodi and R-Clark Robinson continue their class looking at what Paul has to say in Philippians about joy amid life's difficulties, unity in the Spirit, and the peace of Christ that transcends all understanding. The class will meet five Sundays with a combination of lecture and discussion. See the website, eNews, or online chat for the Zoom link.

**Wednesday Prayer Gathering on Zoom** – We will meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. this Wednesday to prayer together as we regularly do. You can find the Zoom link on our home page under events, or you can sign up to get our regular emails through the contact us page.

**"Life Together" new members' class start's next week!** – This new class is intended for those investigating membership at First Pres, and for those interested in learning more about engaging in the life of the church. The classes meet on Sundays at 11 a.m. on January 30, February 6, and February 13. If safety protocols allow, we will meet in person AND on Zoom. If not, we will make this a Zoom-only class. Call the front desk at 847-864-1472 to let them know you are interested.

**Registration now open for Summer Camp and the Youth Summer Missions Trip** – Visit the First Pres home page or check your emails for information on how to register for these summer events. These opportunities fill up quickly, so be sure to act now!

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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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January 23, 2022

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Your Name

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Family members' names/ages

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Street Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone:     Cell     Home

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Email address

Send me the weekly E-newsletter

First time visitor

Occasional attendee

Regular attendee/member

Single

Married

Have children at home

Junior/High School student

College student/Graduate student

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

Sound/AV/Video Team

Prayer Team

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)*