

# First Presbyterian Evanston

September 11, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Kickoff Sunday*

## FOCUS

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### **Prelude**

Aria from *The Creation*

*(Words: based on Genesis, Psalms, & “Paradise Lost” by John Milton  
libretto by Gottfried van Swieten; Music: Joseph Haydn, 1796-1798)*

*In native worth and honor clad...he stands, a man...*

*and in his eyes with brightness shines the soul, the breath and image of his God...*

## EXALT

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### **Welcome & Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 118)*

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Opening Song

## All Who are Thirsty

*(Words & Music: Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson, 1998; CCLI Song #2489542)*

All who are thirsty,  
All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
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## **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord.)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### *All Who are Thirsty (continued)*

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All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit, come.

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## **ENCOUNTER**

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### **Children's Moment**

#### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

##### **Scripture**

Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'  
<sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin

that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Sermon**

Coming Home

*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor*

**RESPOND**

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**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

At the Table

*(Words & Music: Richard Smallwood, 1999)*

*Come on in where the table is spread,  
And the feast of the Lord is going on!...  
Come on in where the table is spread,  
And the feast of the Lord is going on!...  
Joy is here where the table is spread,  
And the feast of the Lord is going on!...*

*Seekin' healing for your body, it's over here,  
Seekin' for the healing of your soul, over here!  
Seekin' for your souls' salvation, it's over here,  
If you want the Lord to make you whole, over here!*

*Love is here where the table is spread,  
And the feast of the Lord is going on!...*

*If you need more strength and more power, it's over here,  
Relief from your burden and your pain, over here!  
Seeking for some joy in your sorrow, it's over here,  
Feast and you will never be the same, over here!*

*Peace is here where the table is spread,  
And the feast of the Lord is going on!...*

*It's here right now, what you need is waiting at the table!...  
It's here right now, what you need is waiting at the table!...*

*At the table, it's here!*

### **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**

### **Together We Serve**

*(Glory to God Hymnal #767; Words and Music:  
Daniel Charles Damon, 1996; CCLI Song #3379644)*

Together we serve, united by love,  
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
Extending Your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

## **Sending & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### *Adagio from Cantata 156*

*(Music: J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)*

*(This Adagio begins the Cantata, and the concluding chorale reads:)*

*Lord, deal with me as you will, in living and dying; my longing is only towards you.*

*Lord, do not let me perish! Preserve me in your grace, otherwise as you will,  
give me patience, your will, that is best.*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Dr. Rebecca Chu**, Organist, Piano & Organ

**Emma Shaw**, Horn

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

**Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **James Sims**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Bryan Carmody & Darshaya Oden**, Solo Vocalists

**Chancel Choir**

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship, Chancel Choir Director

**Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Welcome & Call to Worship, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Sending & Benediction

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

**LeRoy Klemt**, Moderator of Session, Scripture Reading

**Lisa Fisher**, Elder, Confession & Prayers of the People

**Jim Teague**, Director of Communications, Audio

**Mike Campbell**, A/V Volunteer, Projection

**Jacob Collins**, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

**John Carlson & Qin Zhou**, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Alexis Langlois**, A/V Volunteer, Audio

**Joe Sickles**, Building Team

**Stephanie Keene & Tuah Jenta**, Ushers

**Marilyn Haase & Kaci Smith**, Greeters

**Marilyn Haase & Sharon Smith**, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

**The Nursery will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.**

**Youth/Children's Faith Formation activities will return September 18. Look for more information on the church website.**

**Adult Education classes resume September 18. See announcements for details.**

First Pres Announcements

**TODAY is Kickoff Sunday!** – Today we kick off the beginning of the fall season and introduce our fall theme, "A Place at the Table." This open house will highlight the various ministries and discipleship opportunities at FPCE. Raffles, food, prizes, and fun, this will be an excellent opportunity to discover how you can become involved at FPCE this season. We hope to see you "at the table"!

**Agape Community Meal at 11:30 a.m.** – After visiting our ministry fair, join us for a meal in the Dining Room. Our menu includes split pea soup, Egg Strada bread, brownies, and beverages.

**Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study resumes on September 15** – The Thursday Women's Bible Study fall term begins September 15, from 5:45-7 p.m. The meetings will be both in person, in Room 213 at the Church, and on Zoom. The first meeting on September 15 will be a gathering to welcome newcomers, inquirers and returning members. Light refreshments will be provided for those in-person. The study is based on John Stott's guide,

"ACTS: Seeing the Spirit at Work." This study is open to women of all ages and newcomers are welcomed. Contact Jennifer Randolph at [jen.rn@verizon.net](mailto:jen.rn@verizon.net) for any additional information and access to the Zoom Link.

**Family Small Group returns September 18** – Parents and caregivers with kids aged 0 – college are invited to join our monthly family small group. It will meet the third Sunday of the month from 4-6 p.m. Dinner is provided. This group is for all parents and caregivers, come by yourself or with a spouse, whatever works for your family. Childcare will be provided for infant through fifth grade; youth will be in their own small group time. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers, share the joys and challenges of raising children, and to grow in faith as together we study God's Word and call in our lives.

**New Adult Education courses begin September 18** – Two new adult education classes are being offered this fall. "God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible," led by Phil and Marlene Sefton and a study of the Book of Ruth led by John Mauck. For more information on each class, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>.

**Life Together Class returns this fall** – This 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 after the worship service on September 25, October 9, and October 16. To register, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/life-together>.

**Calling all lost library books!** – The FPCE Library is missing a number of books. Some are long overdue while others were borrowed without being properly checked out. Library volunteers are asking everyone to check and see if they might have one or more of these "lost friends" in their possession. No fines, penalties or criticisms will be levied. The library is just asking that the books be returned. All books can be dropped off at the front desk during the week, or at the Library on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Courtney Ivaska at [courtney.b.ivaska@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.b.ivaska@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

**Bright Stars of Bethlehem Virtual Gala** – Please join First Presbyterian Church Evanston for a watch party for Bright Stars of Bethlehem's\* "Recipe for Hope" 2022 Virtual Gala on Saturday, October 1. The evening will begin at 5:45 p.m. with fellowship and a Palestinian Dinner, followed by a virtual message from Dr. Mitri Raheb (founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University) and then the virtual fundraising Gala at 7 p.m. There is no cost for the dinner but you must sign up via sign-up genius by Wednesday, September 28. If you can't make the watch party, you can watch at home at <https://brightstarsbethlehem.com>.

**Parish Nurse Book Club** – Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 19 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be reading "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. According to Goodreads it is "the remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian—who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true."

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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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September 11, 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  
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Please pray for:

*(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)*