

First Presbyterian Evanston

September 18, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654

(Words: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;

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

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of
sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy thy
praises render Unto Christ whose grace unbounded Hath this
wondrous banquet founded. Higher o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.*

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship (*Psalm 98:1-5*)

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the
house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the
sound of melody.**

Opening Hymns

I Come with Joy v. 1, 3, 4 (*Blue Hymnal* #507)

(Words (Blue Hymnal #507): Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1977; Music (Blue Hymnal #522): American Folk Melody, tune "Land of Rest," arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938; CCLI Song #2860525)

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, v. 1 (*Blue Hymnal* #464)

(Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867, alt; CCLI Song #25321)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: O God of compassion and understanding, keep us from turning our self-worth into self-centeredness and from limiting community with our sisters and brothers in the faith and beyond, to community with those we already know and spend time with. We seek to live in the world with courage and confidence, and yet remain humble before you. We want to be resourceful and yet recognize our dependence upon you. We want to follow Jesus' model of eating with friends and strangers alike. Help us to see where we need both forgiveness and change. And fill our hearts and minds with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we speak to you in the silence of our own hearts. Amen.

(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words from the book of Titus 2:14: "He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds."

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

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

Songs of Response

O Lamb of God

*(Words: Traditional liturgical text; Music: American Folk Melody tune "Land of Rest,"
arr. Richard Proulx, 1995; One License Song #71480)*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Father, Make Us One

(Words & Music: Rick Ridings, 1976; CCLI Song #26203)

Father, make us one,
Father, make us one
That the world may know
Thou hast sent the Son.
Father, make us one.

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Sermon

The Power of an Invitation

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

God So Loved the World

(Words: John 3:16-17; Music: Sir John Stainer, 1840-1901)

*God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.*

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; CCLI Song #56204)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

*(Words: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870; Music: tune "Gethsemane,"
Richard Redhead, 1820-1901; CCLI Song #6283744)*

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.

As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me – wondrous thought –
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is All-in-All to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford
By your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Sending & Benediction

Sending Song

Together We Serve

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

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.

Postlude

Toccata

(Music: Wilhelm Ernst Bach, 1759-1845)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

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

Bob Bastian, Confession & Prayers of the People

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. Of Mission, Author, Confession

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

Pam Pettibone, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Mike Campbell, Projection

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene & Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Bob Bastian, Greeter & Prayer Companion

Sally Ivaska, Prayer Companion

Christian Education & Childcare

The Nursery will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Youth/Children's classes meet from 11 a.m.-noon.

Kindergarten through 4th grade meets in the 3rd Floor East Room.

5th thru 7th grade meets in the 3rd Floor Center Room.

8th-12th grade meets in Room 206.

Adult Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

'God's Big Picture' class – Meets in Room 213 and on Zoom.

The Book of Ruth class – Meets in the Parlor and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Condolences – We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Terri Englund and her family, for the passing of Terri's mother, Louise Garner, on July 25, 2022. Please contact the church office if you would like her address.

The Memorial Service for James Latturner, father of FPCE member Catherine Latturner will be on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 3 p.m. at University Church in Hyde Park 5655 South University Ave.

Unicameral – This fall, First Pres members are being asked to consider whether or not changes to the Bylaws should be enacted to streamline the operations of the church's governance. Three information sessions are being planned so members and regular attendees can come and ask questions about the proposals. These will take place Wednesday September 21 (7 p.m.), Sunday, September 25 (after the service), or

Sunday, October 2 (after the service) to learn more and provide your thoughts. More information is available on an insert in today's bulletin.

New Adult Ed classes begin today – Two new adult education classes begin today after the service. “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. See above for details.

Life Together class starts next week – 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>.

‘A Place at the Table’ Quilt – Come sign or decorate a quilt square this morning near the front desk to be included in a special quilt for World Communion. This is the last opportunity to make a square.

Bright Stars of Bethlehem Virtual Gala – Please join us at FPCE on Saturday, October 1, for a watch party for Bright Stars of Bethlehem’s “Recipe for Hope” 2022 Virtual Gala. The evening begins 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 RSVP by Wednesday, September 28. To RSVP visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/virtual-gala>.

Family Small Group meets this evening – 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 (beginning today) in the FPCE Dining Room from 4-6 p.m. Dinner is provided. Childcare will be provided for infant through fifth grade; youth will be in their own small group time.

Deacon’s Backpack Project Recap – A sincere “thank you” for your generous support of the Board of Deacons Backpack Project. Together we raised more than \$3,400 to assist at-risk students from Evanston’s District 65. New backpacks, water bottles, Target gift cards and Bluetooth earbuds (to help minimize students’ distractions as they study) were provided to get the school year off to a great start. The overwhelming support allowed the Deacons to supply Family Focus with writing journals and craft supplies for after-school projects. Deacon volunteers met to fill the back packs and to write a personal message to each student. The back packs were delivered to Family Focus prior to the start of the school year. For the 15th year in a row, our anonymous donor generously provided all the backpacks for the students. In addition, a related fundraising effort by our friends at Northminster Pres extended the impact of the program at Family Focus increasing the number of families supported to 55!

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 with questions or for more information.

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.

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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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Welcome! We're glad you are here. We ask everyone to complete and return this page. Please tear it off from the stapled bulletin, to slip to the offering basket every week.

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Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: Cell Home

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)