

First Presbyterian Evanston

October 16, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Words: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. The King of love...

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. The King of Love...

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever...

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Psalm 119:97-99, 101-103)*

Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.

**How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Opening Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (*Blue Hymnal* #482)
(Words: Joachim Neander, 1680, transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.;
Music: tune "Lobe den Herren," Stralsund "Ernewerten Gesangbuch," 1665;
CCLI Song #43073)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us cry out to our good Shepherd:

All: Loving Father, we confess that sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves, and that sometimes we are worried about things. We forget that you give us everything we have and that you make us who we are. Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first. Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us. Thank you for always loving us, even when we forget that we need you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(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.

Hymn of Response

Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You

(Words: William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither, 1974; Music: W.J.G., 1974; CCLI Song #18101)

Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Thank You for being so good.

Jesus, we just want to praise You,
Jesus, we just want to praise You,
Jesus, we just want to praise You,
Praise You for being so good.

Jesus, we just want to tell You,
Jesus, we just want to tell You,
Jesus, we just want to tell You,
We love You for being so good.

Savior, we just want to serve You,
Savior, we just want to serve You,
Savior, we just want to serve You,
Serve You for being so good.

Jesus, we know You are coming,
Jesus, we know You are coming,
Jesus, we know You are coming,
Take us to live in Your home.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Our Church, Our Story – Kon Savoy

Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant

justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Sermon

Faith in God’s Goodness

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Anthem

Lift Thine Eyes / He, Watching Over Israel

(Words: Julius Schubring, transl. William Bartholomew; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847)

*Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help
cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said,
thy foot shall not be moved, thy Keeper will never slumber.
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou,
walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.*

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Video

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Blue Hymnal #592)*

(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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (*Blue Hymnal # 171*)

(Words: Henry Williams Baker, 1868; Music: tune "St. Columba," Ancient Irish Melody;
CCLI Song # 1037600)

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whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Sending & Benediction

Sending Song

Go With Us, Lord

*(Glory to God Hymnal #748; Words: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986;
Music: Thomas Tallis, c. 1561; CCLI Song #6117810)*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude

Fugue

(Louis Couperin, 1626-1661)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist

Darshaya Oden & Michelle Mariposa, Vocal Soloists

Chancel Choir

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

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

Karen Shaw, Confession & Prayers of the People

The Worship Sourcebook, Author, Prayer of Confession

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

Kon Savoy, Our Church, Our Story

Raluchi Nzelibe, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristen Collins, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, & Marcia Smith, Ushers

Marge Stromberg, Greeter

Yemi Ajisebutu & Mike Denesha, 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.

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

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

Life Together class – Meets in the Choir Room and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Fellowship time in Roy Hall TODAY - Join us today after the service in our 2nd Floor gym for fellowship time hosted by the Deacons.

Congratulations – We celebrate the arrival of Molly June Fisher, on Sunday, October 9, to Lisa and Travis Fisher and grandparents Bev and Bill Bolsen. The youth group members are currently drawing straws to determine who gets to babysit first.

Congregational Meeting – Our Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers and vote on Bylaws changes will be held Sunday, October 23, 2022, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Agenda items include the election of officers, a preview of the 2023 budget, and a vote on proposed bylaws changes which would include a

change in the First Pres governance structure from bicameral to unicameral. For more information, visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/event/congregational-meeting/>.

Open House Chicago continues today – This weekend First Pres is participating in Chicago Architecture Center's Open House Chicago, a free festival offering access to hundreds of architectural sites across Chicago. Today, from noon-5 p.m., the Sanctuary will be open to our Evanston and Chicago community. Everyone who visits can experience the visceral awe of hearing the organ, plus the fun of interacting with the organ and trying it themselves. Please pray that God will move the hearts of all who visit our Sanctuary!

Family Small Group meets today from 4-6 p.m. Dinner provided! – Parents and caregivers with kids from 0–college are invited to join our monthly family small group. It meets the third Sunday of the month. 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. We gather in the FPCE Dining Room.

Young Adult Small Group meets today from 4-6 p.m. Dinner provided! – All Young Adults (18-30's) are invited to meet with Pastor Ray for a time of Bible study and fellowship, followed by dinner. We gather in the FPCE Dining Room. Young Adult Small Group meets on the third Sunday of the month at FPCE.

Overnight Shelter Volunteer Training – First Pres will again be hosting Interfaith Action Evanston's Overnight Shelter from February 26-March 18, 2023. We depend on volunteers to make these weeks successful, and Evanston depends on us—as well as our other faith communities. Those interested in volunteering that have not had experience may attend one of the two training/orientation opportunities this month: October 17, 7 p.m. on Zoom & October 25, 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Evanston.

Submit memorials for All Souls Service by October 31 – FPCE will hold its annual Service in Memory of All Souls on Saturday, November 5, in Walker Chapel, from 9 to 10 a.m. The service is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry and Friends in Christ. Those interested in having a loved one memorialized during the service are invited to add their loved one's name to the Memorial List at the front desk. This is the only way we are collecting names. The deadline for submitting names at the front desk is Monday, October 31. Please note names submitted last year are automatically included again this year. You may check online or call the church office at 847-864-1472 to see if the name is already on the list. All names collected will be read during the memorial service. The service will be streamed live online at <https://live.firstpresevanston.org>.

Seeking Halloween costume donations for kids at New Life Shelter – Donations of new and gently used Halloween costumes are being solicited for the October Halloween outing for the kids at New Life Shelter. Costumes of any youth size are welcome! Drop off donations at the front desk anytime the building is open until October 23.

Concert by FPCE Worship Band Director Crofton Coleman – Join Crofton Coleman in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 30 at 4 p.m. as he and friends share an afternoon of mellow love songs and contemplative slow jams - bring the whole family and invite your neighbors and friends!

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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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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)