

First Presbyterian Evanston

October 23, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

God of Grace

(Words and Music: Elda McGinty Peralta, 2018)

God of grace, we have come today to sing Your praise.

God of grace, You have done great things among us.

*God of grace, we have seen Your hand in all our days,
and You are good!*

Faithful Shepherd, and what You've started will remain.

We don't fear the future for You are Emmanuel,

God with us forever, You brought us here, You will remain.

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God with us forever, You brought us here, You will remain.

*We don't fear the future for our Anchor is Your Word
and on this earth like heaven,*

We will see Your kingdom come, Your will be done!

*We celebrate You, God, remember all Your deeds,
the wonders You have done, to You all glory!*

*Let us rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let us rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!...
We don't fear the future...*

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Psalm 119:1-26)*

Leader: God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

All: Your glory is sung by all of your creation!

When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder — Who are we that you care for us and for this world?

You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days. O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Opening Song

God of Wonders*

(Words & Music: Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong, 2000; CCLI Song #3118757)

Lord of all creation
Of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father, holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy, holy, holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

**Creator God,
we confess this day to engaging in habits
that diminish the beauty and bounty of your creation.
Forgetting to care for your seas and mountains,
your plants and soil, even your beloved children.
We take more than we need,
failing to trust you to provide enough.
We live in ways that seem wise in our own eyes,
but fail to acknowledge
that you have set a path for all things
and have made us caretakers in the vineyard.
Give us vision, a prophetic spirit, and ears to hear,
O Maker of all things.
Renew our hearts within us
to receive your gifts new every morning,
to share them graciously,
and to trust that you can, and you will, provide all our needs,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Do not lose heart.

Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God.

For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression.

Believe this good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to newness of life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response

Grace Like Rain*

*(Words & Music: Chris Collins, Edwin Othello Excell, John Newton,
Todd Agnew, William W. Walker; Ardent/Koala Music, 2003
CCLI Song # 3689877)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see so clearly

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,
They're washed away

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we'd first begun

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away
They're washed away

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Sacrament of Baptism – Graham Spector

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Psalm 65

¹ Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion,

and to you shall vows be performed,

² O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

⁶ By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it;

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it.

10 You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its ridges,

softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

11 You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow;

the hills gird themselves with joy;

13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;

the valleys deck themselves with grain;

they shout and sing together for joy.

Sermon

In Praise of God's Abundant Generosity

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Anthem

Goodness of God

*(Words & Music: Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding,
Ed Cash, & Brian Johnson, 2018; CCLI Song #7117726)*

I love You, Lord.

Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days

I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God,

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night.
You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father.
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

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All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness* (*Blue Hymnal #276*)

(*Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923;
CCLI Song #18723*)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Words & Music: Christy & Nathan Nockels; CCLI Song #5488935)

*Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom*

*And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You*

*A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name*

*Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign*

*Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy*

*And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You*

*A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign*

*With You forever we will reign
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Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Vocalist, Keyboard

Bethany Vaughan, Vocalist

Fred Bryant & Christie Miller, Guitars; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship

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

Kon Savoy, Confession & Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession adapted from *ministrymatters.com*

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

David Jones, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristen Collins, A/V Volunteer Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, & Marcia Smith, Ushers

Sonia Bodi, Greeter

Yemi Ajisebutu & Bob Bastian, Prayer Companion

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's classes will have a revised schedule today to accommodate the congregational meeting:

Infant thru 4 years can be dropped off at the nursery.

5 years and older can join Pastor Amanda in the Choir Room.

8th thru 12th grade meets at their regular location in Room 206.

Adult Education does NOT meet today. Classes resume next Sunday.

First Pres Announcements

Congratulations! – We celebrate the arrival of Alema Grace Hui-xian Yeo on October 12! Sister of Lukas, daughter of Joe and Catherine, and grandchild of Professor K.K. and Kungsiu.

Congregational Photo TODAY – This Sunday, immediately after the worship service and before the Congregational Meeting, we will take an “all-church” photo to be printed and placed in our lobby area. This fun snapshot will also be shared on the website, in publications, and on social media to highlight who we are to those looking for a place of worship. We will organize ourselves during the Postlude so folks in the balcony and elsewhere can join the group on the main floor. NOTE: If you are uncomfortable being photographed, there is no obligation to participate. We will not be able to add or remove people afterward.

Congregational Meeting TODAY following the service – Our Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers and vote on Bylaw changes will be in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. 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/>.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering – Our bi-monthly prayer gathering will take place on Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We will have a brief devotional time, then bring our cares to our loving God. To join, visit our website and see this week's events for details.

Volunteers Needed for First Friends Thanksgiving Dinner – The annual Thanksgiving dinner takes place on November 13 and brings together those serving in our First Friends ministry and the Syrian families they partner with. Volunteers are needed to help with this event through hosting, greeting, clean-up, and more. Together we can create "a place at the table" for our neighbors. Sign up to volunteer by November 7 by visiting <http://firstpresevanston.org/thanksgiving>.

Next Sunday is Stewardship Sunday! – Next Sunday, during our worship service, we will have the opportunity to bring forward our pledge cards, indicating our commitment to give of our time, talent, and treasure throughout 2023. This is both a joyful responsibility and an important way for us to plan ahead as a church for the coming year. We encourage you to pray and, if possible, make your pledge online. No matter how you pledge, bring your pledge card with you to bring forward during the service.

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 a training/orientation on October 25 at 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>.

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)