

First Presbyterian Evanston

November 20, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

FOCUS

Prelude

Allegretto

(Benjamin Godard, 1849-1895)

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Colossians 1:15-16, 19-20)*

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

All: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-

all things have been created through him and for him.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross *(Blue Hymnal #371, v. 1 & 4)*

(Words: George William Kitchin, 1827-1912, rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.; Music: Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; CCLI Song #5169)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.

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Till all the world adore His sacred name.

We Gather Together (Blue Hymnal #559, v. 1 & 3)

(Words: Netherlands folk hymn, 1625, trans. Theodore Baker, 1894; Music: "Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck," harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877; CCLI Song #3865495)

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Lord God, the grace and mercy that you pour out on us through Jesus Christ is almost impossible to understand. How in your holiness, could you possibly cancel all our sins? Thank you for the miracle of forgiveness given to us through the shed blood of Christ on the cross. We acknowledge our sins before

you God, even our own reticence to forgive others that have wronged us. We confess our lack of compassion for those close to us as well as those far away. We confess our lack of gratitude for all that you have given us, even the little things that we take for granted. There are many things we can confess Lord, all that you already know. But we pray that you hear our confession as a sign of our affirmation that you are Lord of our lives, and Lord of the church here and worldwide. Now Lord, please hear our silent and personal confessions.

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

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from 1 John 1:9. Scripture 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.

Song of Response

Lamb of God

(Words & Music: Twila Paris, 1985; CCLI Song #16787)

Your only Son, no sin to hide;
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died;
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Welcoming of New Members

Passing the Peace of Christ

Our Church, Our Story – Karen Shaw

Scripture

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders

scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Sermon

Crucified King and Savior

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Song of Response

How Deep the Father's Love

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend, 1995; CCLI Song #1558110)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

*(Words: Charles Wesley, 1758; Music: tune "Helmsley," by Augustine Arne, 1710-1788;
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, alt.; CCLI Song #2648462)*

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture,
With what rapture,
With what rapture,
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Nun Danket Alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

(Sigfrid Karg-Elert, 1877-1933)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Hannah McLeod, Flute, Prelude

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Vocalist, Keyboards

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass; **Waldo Ocana**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

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

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

Mike Denesha, Confession & Prayers of the People

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

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk of Session, Welcoming of New Members

Karen Shaw, Our Church, Our Story

Peter McLeod, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristen Collins, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Sonia Bodi, Greeter

Mike Denesha & Kim Klamm, 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 thru 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.

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.

Special Thanksgiving offering will be collected today– This year's Thanksgiving Special Offering will be collected in person today and can also be contributed to online. Proceeds will go to our sister church Bethlehem Christmas Church in Palestine. Visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/give> to make your gift.

Advent Bags and Devotionals – Be sure to pick up an Advent-at-Home Bag today at the table near the front desk! These items will help you celebrate the season of Advent, a time of reflection and preparation in anticipation of Christmas. There are bags for families and others for adults of all ages!

The building will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sanctuary hosts Evanston interfaith event – First Pres is hosting the annual Interfaith Action Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. Our Sanctuary will be the site of this event on Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Pastor Raymond Hylton participating along with faith communities from throughout Evanston. Join folks from all over Evanston for this event, which serves as a powerful way to begin the Thanksgiving holiday.

Finding a Home at Thanksgiving – First Pres is working to match individuals who have no places for Thanksgiving with hosts who have “a place at the table’ for a new friend. Email Hannah at mhmcconnell@firstpresevanston.org if you would like to be a guest or a host.

“The Church’s Song” Adult Ed Class begins November 27 – This four-week seminar, taught by Dr. Robert McConnell, will present an overview of the history of music in Christian worship.

Christmas Around the World Potluck on December 4 – Our monthly Agape Meal returns on Sunday, December 4 at 11 a.m. Bring a Christmas dish to share from your country of origin or a country of your heart. We celebrate the season, honoring the birth of our Lord Jesus, by embracing the diversity of our family in Christ and savoring bounteous Christmas flavors from around the globe. Sign up to bring a dish here by visiting <http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>.

Apollo’s Fire at First Pres-discounted tickets available! – Apollo's Fire, the Grammy-award winning Baroque orchestra from Cleveland, presents a vibrant and passionate concert of Handel's *Messiah* at First Pres on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. A 20% discount is available for First Pres members and friends with this code: FPCE20. It is best if discounted tickets are purchased in advance, but they will also be available at the door. Please visit <https://apollosfire.org/event/handels-messiah-chicago/> or call the box office at 216-320-0012 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Gingerbread House Decorating! – All First Presbyterian families and friends are invited to join us Sunday, December 11 from 3-5 p.m. for our annual Gingerbread house decorating extravaganza! Houses cost \$10 each. Please indicate in your registration how many houses you would like to purchase. The houses come pre-built, with a kit of candy and icing to inspire endless creativity. This a family friendly, all-ages activity. Registration deadline Sunday, December 4. Questions? Contact Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org. To register, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/gingerbread>.

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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.***



This QR code will take you to a web page with links for giving and recording your attendance at today's service via the Connect Card.

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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.

November 20, 2022

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)

Thanksgiving Offering



**For our Sister Church,
Christmas Lutheran Church in
Bethlehem, Palestine.**

Christmas Lutheran Church is our sister church in Palestine who has

been led by Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac since July 2017, though the church has had a presence in Bethlehem since 1893. Each Sunday worshipers from Bethlehem and around the world gather. Despite the conflict in the Holy Land, the church has remained relatively unharmed aside from small damage. This is a clear sign of God's blessing upon this congregation. The support you provide today will allow Dr. Rev. Isaac's mission in the church to vibrantly grow the church.

Currently, Christmas Lutheran Church is in the midst of a project to build a parking structure that will serve the church and community, particularly local businesses. They have about 2/3 of the funds raised to complete the project. As well, they are focusing on a multi-year discipleship program aimed at engaging youth and young families in their faith and commitment to growing the church in Palestine. Though a congregation of only just over 100, they have great vision and faith that God continues to honor.



All money given to this Thanksgiving offering will go directly to further the ministry of our Sister Church, Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Advent and Christmas at First Pres



First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

9:30 a.m. Worship Service*

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

9:30 a.m. Worship Service*

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022

9:30 a.m. "Lessons and Carols" Worship Service*

Gingerbread House Decorating

3 p.m. in Roy Hall (*Registration fee required*)

Blue Christmas - December 14

7 p.m. Parlor and online

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

9:30 a.m. "Nativity Pageant" Worship Service*

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, 2022

4 p.m. Family Service*

10 p.m. Candlelight Service*

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:30 a.m. Worship Service*

New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship Service*

Learn more at: firstpresevanston.org/advent2022

**All worship services will be in person in the FPCE Sanctuary AND streamed live online at live.firstpresevanston.org.*

“The Church’s Song” Adult Ed Class begins next Sunday!

*In person in the First Pres Sanctuary
& online at live.firstpresevanston.org.*

This four-week seminar will present an overview of the history of music in Christian worship, from the chanting of the pages of scripture, to the hymns of Isaac Watts, to the songs of Sandra McCracken. In this course we will trace the evolution of musical style and genre throughout the history of the church; explore how musicians, scholars, and clergy people have thought about music through the ages; and think critically about our reciprocal relationship with music, how the music we sing shapes us and our theology, and how we and the theology we espouse shape our music. Each meeting will begin with our singing Advent and Christmas music from the musical time periods we will be studying. The class will be taught by **Dr. Robert McConnell**. Robert

has worked as a church musician for fifteen years and currently serves as organist at the Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal) in Lake Forest, Ill. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts from Northwestern University.



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NEW MEMBERS November 20, 2022

Yemi Ajisebutu loves the Lord first and foremost. Although raised in a Christian household as a pastor’s kid, she came to know the Lord Jesus for herself as a teenager. She enjoys music (classical, hymns, jazz, and country). She is a sister, godmother, and an aunt. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Northwestern University.

Jacqueline Christie is a family nurse practitioner working in primary care for over 6 years. She is the proud mother of two wonderful sons - Devon and Ryan. She was invited to First Pres by a good friend and enjoyed the services so well that she has continued to come for around 3 years now. She was born and raised in Jamaica until age 10. She attended elementary and high school here in Evanston and undergrad and graduate school at North Park University. She loves to read and travel.

Steve & Janice Fuller moved to Evanston from Austin, Tx., last December to be close to two of their sons, and four of their grandchildren. This is the first time they have ever lived outside of Texas. Steve is a retired public-school principal, and Janice is a retired elementary teacher. Their third son lives in their home in Austin. They look forward to worshipping and serving with First Pres.

Aubrey Lehman is thrilled to be starting a position this year as the assistant director of InterVarsity’s National Arts Ministry. Before taking on this role, she completed a Ph.D. in music theory and cognition at Northwestern University where she studied empathy with music and how it can affect listeners’ musical interpretations. In her free time, you can find her playing board games, reading, (attempting to) play electric guitar, or baking dinosaur-shaped waffles.

Ronald & Bette Jean O’Nan previously lived in LaGrange, Ill., and worked in the Loop. In 1988 Ron was promoted and transferred to Nashville, Tenn., where they lived for 33 years. They returned to Evanston to be near their daughter and her family. They live in Three Crowns Park, a senior community in Evanston.

Jane Stahmer has been a real estate broker for the past 15 years. Before that, Jane was a grant director and writer for the United States Department of Education Upward Bound program. She has two sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law, and four grandsons. A client of hers spoke highly of First Pres. Jane visited and liked what she heard and saw, which motivated her to become a member.