

First Presbyterian Evanston

November 27, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

FOCUS

Prelude

A Christmas Gloria (*Navidad Gloriosa*)

(Words and Music: Traditional Spanish carol, arr. Evelyn R. Larter, 2007)

Glory to God on high,

On the earth be peace and goodwill to all!

For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is giv'n

Who now is come from heav'n. Glory to God on high...

O hear the heav'nly angels their joyful tidings tell:

“This child is Christ, our Savior, Jesus, Emmanuel!”

Gloria in excelsis! [Glory to God in the highest!]

Angeles celestiales cantándonos Noel:

“¡Niño es Cristo, Jesús, Emanuel!” Gloria...

Glory to God on high...

Sing, heralds of salvation, sing out to all the earth

Till ev'ry nation hears of the Savior's birth.

Gloria in excelsis!

Cantemos, proclamemos, Cristo nos va a salvar.

Oigan mensaje todos a escuchar.

Gloria...

So let us come before Him, love and adore Him,

To Him singing, glad worship bringing. Gloria...

EXALT

Welcome & Lighting the First Candle of Advent - Hope

First Reader: In our most desperate times, by day or by night, the hope of Christ may be found. We watch and we wait to witness the hope of heaven making a place here on earth.

Second Reader: Today we light the candle of hope, because hope has come to us. *(The first Advent candle is lit.)*

All: Come, hope of heaven! We lift up our heads with expectation. Where will we find you today?

Come Light our Hearts

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, 2015; CCLI Song #7054135)

For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait

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Truly our hope is in You

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O Lord of life, our only hope,

Your radiance shines

On all who look to You in the dark,

Emmanuel, come, come light our hearts.

Reader: Come to worship, all who seek and search for truth and justice.

All: Jesus, our light, will guide your way to wisdom.

Come to worship, all who wonder, wander, and wait for Jesus.

The light will show you the way.

Come to worship, to find comfort, rest, and peace.

God is in the shadows; find peace under God's wings.

Come to worship, all who seek safety.

God is in the hiding places.

We gather to worship in light and in darkness.

God is here among us. Let us worship!

Opening Hymn

People, Look East (*Blue Hymnal* #12, v. 1-2, 4-5)

(Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965; Music: French folk melody,
harm. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958; CCLI Song #3011380)

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming

With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Light of the World, we humble ourselves to pray. You created us to be reflections of your love and justice, but we often reflect our own fears and lack of love. Forgive us, God. If we are mirrors of your great brilliance, help us shine in the image of your Son Jesus. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is faithful to turn us around and place us on healthy paths, when we turn to him and acknowledge our unloving and unjust selves. Rest in the assurance you are forgiven, loved, and ready to begin again.

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

Hymn of Response

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (*Blue Hymnal* #8)

(Words: Georg Wessel, 1642, transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: Thomas Williams, 1789, harm. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872; CCLI Song #1863214)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart

From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Angel Tree

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Sermon The View from the Mountaintop
Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth

RESPOND

Anthem Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

(Words: Adger M. Pace, 1940; Music: R. Fisher Boyce, 1940, arr. Keith Christopher, 2012)

*O beautiful star of Bethlehem,
Shining afar through shadows dim,
Giving a light for those who long have gone,
And guiding the wise men on their way
Unto the place where Jesus lay,
Beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.*

*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,
Shine upon us until the glory dawns.
Give us a lamp to light the way,
Unto the land of perfect day.
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on.*

O beautiful Star, the hope of light,

*Guiding the pilgrim through the night,
Over the mountain 'til the break of dawn,
And into the light of perfect day it will give out a lovely ray.
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on. Beautiful Star...*

*O beautiful Star, the hope of rest
For the redeemed, the good, the blest,
Yonder in glory when the crown is won.
For Jesus is now the Star divine,
Brighter and brighter He will shine.
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on. Beautiful star...*

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Ecce Novum

(Words: from "Piae Cantiones, 1582," ed. Rev. George R. Woodward, 1910;

Music: Ola Gjelo, 2018)

*Ecce, novum gaudium,
Ecce, novum mirum!
Virgo parit filium,
Quae non novit virum,
Sed ut pirus pirus,
Gleba fert papyrus,
Florens liliū.
Ecce, quod natura
Mutat sua iura!
Virgo parit pura
Dei filium.*

Behold, a new joy,
Behold, a new wonder!
A virgin bears a son:
She who knew not a man,
However, as the pear tree bears
the pear,
As the flourishing papyrus
Brings the lily.
Behold, how nature
Changes her laws!
A pure virgin bears
God's Son.

Offering Prayer & 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

Go, Tell it on the Mountain (*Blue Hymnal* #29)

(*Words & Music: African American Spiritual, arr. & stanzas by John W. Work III, 1940, harm.*
& *adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987; CCLI Song #29080*)

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Go Tell it On the Mountain

(Mark Hayes, b. 1953)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Members of the First Pres Chancel Choir & the Evanston Sounds Good Community Choir

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist & Pianist

Hannah McLeod, Flute

Carol Smith, Pianist, Postlude

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome, Sermon, Sending & Benediction

Jacqueline Christie & Aubrey Leaman, Lighting the Advent Candle

Rick Parris, Confession & Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Children's Moment & Peace

Amy Powell, Deacon, Faith in Action – Angel Tree

Olga Ricketts-Peart, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Mike Campbell, A/V Volunteer Projection

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Susan Anderson, Stephanie Keene, Ushers

Kaci Smith, Greeter

Bob Bastian & Marilyn Haase, 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 thru 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 Church's Song” All-Church Adult Ed meets in the Sanctuary.

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.

The Church's Song All-Church Adult Ed Class begins TODAY at 11 a.m. – This four-week seminar, taught by Dr. Robert McConnell, will meet in the Sanctuary, and present an overview of the history of music in Christian worship.

Christmas Around the World Potluck on December 4 – Our monthly Agape Meal returns next 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>.

Blue Christmas Service December 14, 7 p.m. in the Parlor – For many, Christmas is not a time of joy and celebration, but rather a time of grieving. The loss and isolation of the pandemic have intensified many of these feelings. Join us as we gather in a guided time of lifting these struggles and concerns to God, who delights in drawing near and giving us comfort. A web link for those who wish to attend remotely will be provided the week of the event.

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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.

November 27, 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)