

First Presbyterian Evanston

January 1, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas
New Year's Day

FOCUS

Prelude

Angelus ad Virginem

(Words: Anonymous, 14th century; Music: from "Dancing Day" by John Rutter, 1974)

Angelus ad virginem Subintrans in conclave, Virginis formidinem Demulcens inquit « Ave! Ave, regina virginum; Caeli terraeque Dominum Concipies Et paries Intacta Salutem hominum; Tu porta caeli facta, Medela criminum. »

Th'angel to the Virgin said, Ent'ring into her bower, For dread of quaking of this maid, He said "Hail" with great honoure. "Hail!" be thou queen of maidens mo, Lord of heaven and earth also, Conceive thou shalt, And bear with al the Lord of might, Heal of all mankind. He will make the gate of heaven bright, Med'çine of all our sin."

"Quo modo conciperem Quae virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem Quod firmamente vovi?" Spiritus Sancti gratia Perficiet haec omnia; Netimeas, Sed gaudeas, se curea Quod castimonia Manebit in te pura, Dei potentia."
["How may this be, seeing I know not a man? How could I break what I have firmly vowed?" "The grace of the Holy Spirit will accomplish all this; fear not, but rejoice, you will remain pure by the power of God."]

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Isaiah 63:7-9

Leader: I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,

**All: because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.**

For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior in all their distress.

**It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.**

Opening Hymns

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, v. 1, 2, 4 (*Blue Hymnal* #138)
(Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; CCLI Song #1156)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*(Words: James Montgomery, 1816, 1825; Music: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867;
CCLI Song #31669)*

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Though an infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th' eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Prayer of Confession

All: Our God, you have called us brothers and sisters of Christ, your children. We are grateful for that knowledge and yet confess that we are not sinless as Jesus was. Rather we know that we all have done things that are not right. We hurt our friends and family, we place our hope in money and in jobs rather than in you. We hold back our love and our possessions – our treasures - from those who need either or both. There are so many things, Lord. Please God, hear our prayers of confession and cleanse us, so that we might begin this new year with clean hands, a clean heart, and a clean mind because of Jesus, who was born for us, died for us and rose again for us and the forgiveness of our sins.

Now God, please hear our silent prayers of confession.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The book of Hebrews tells us Jesus “shared in [our] humanity, that through his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death- that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.” Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Song of Response Come to Save Us

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard, 2011; CCLI Song #5887842)

You have come to save us, You have come to save us,
You have come to save us, Lord.

You have made a way here, You have made the way clear.
You have come to save us, Lord.

Jesus, You're the One who saves us, You're the One who saves us,
King of all the other Kings on earth.

Jesus, You're the One who saves us, You're the One who saves us,
King of all the other Kings on earth.

You are light and fire, You are our desire,
You have come to save us, Lord.
You're the hope among us, You're the peace that binds us,
You have come to save us, Lord.
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Jesus, You're the One who saves us, You're the One who saves us,
King of all the other Kings on earth.
Jesus, You're the One who saves us, You're the One who saves us,
King of all the other Kings on earth.

King of all kings and Lord of all lords,
Light of the world, You shine.
King of all kings and Lord of all lords,
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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might

destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Sermon

Like Us to Save Us

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Response

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

(Glory to God Hymnal #160; Words: Richard Wilbur, 1959;

Music: David Hurd, 1984; One License Song #9634)

A stable lamp is lighted Whose glow shall shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices, And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, And straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbor heaven, A stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches, And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, Though heavy, dull, and dumb,
And lie upon the roadway To pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, And yielded up to die;
The sky shall groan and darken, And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, for hearts made hard by sin:
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices, And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, In praises of the child
By whose descent among us The worlds are reconciled.

Doxology & Offering Prayer

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.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior,
and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer)...singing their hymn of unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer)...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(Prayer)...all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Communion Anthem

Coventry Carol

(Words: Anonymous, from the "Pageant of the Shearmen and the Tailors, 15th c.;

Music: from "Dancing Day" by John Rutter, 1974)

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,

By, by, lully, lullay.

O, sisters too, How may we do For to preserve this day

This poor youngling For whom we do sing, By, by, lully lullay?

Herod the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day

His men of might, In his own sight, All young children to slay.

That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And every morn and day,

For thy parting, Neither say nor sing By by, lully lullay!

Prayer after Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy

Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; CCLI Song #27738)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,

Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home.
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed;
Bruise in us the serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface;
Stamp Thine image in its place.
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Sending & Benediction

Postlude Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day

(Words: from "Volkslieder (Folksongs)," a Cornish carol from Sandys, "Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern," first published 1833; Music: from "Dancing Day" by John Rutter, 1974)
*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance To see
the legend of my plays, To call my true love to the dance. Sing oh my love, oh
my love, my love, my love, This have I done for my true love. Then was I born of
a Virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance: Then was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance. Sing oh my love... In a manger laid and
wrapp'd I was, So very poor this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor
ass, To call my true love to the dance. Sing oh my love...*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Janelle Lake, Harp

Madison Rice & Gabrielle Timofeeva Lopez, Vocalists

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Vocalist

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Welcome, Sermon, Communion, Sending & Benediction

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Confession & Prayers of the People, Offering Invitation,
Communion Server

Jim Teague, Dir. of Communications, Children's Moment & Peace

Carol Smith, Scripture Reading

LeRoy Klemt, Kon Savoy, Elders, Communion Servers

Noah McLeod, A/V Volunteer, Live Audio

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Audio

Mike Campbell, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Jixun Hu, Greeter

Yemi Ajisebutu & Marilyn Haase, Prayer Companions

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.

New Adult Education classes will begin January 22! See below for details.

First Pres Announcements

There is NO Fellowship time today in Roy Hall.

Rather than our monthly Agape Meal, those who are interested can celebrate today by gathering at 11 a.m. at Reza's Restaurant 1557 Sherman Ave, Evanston. Those interested in walking there can meet at the front desk. The event is pay your own way, but scholarships are available upon request (see Hannah McConnell).

The church office will be closed Monday, January 2, in recognition of the New Year's holiday.

Nourish Women's Bible Study resumes Thursday morning – The Nourish women's Bible study will resume this Thursday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 213. Childcare provided. The Bible study for the winter term is Romans.

Air Hockey Table Sought for Youth Group – The FPCE Youth Group is seeking an air hockey table for the PYGS lounge. New or used, it would really bless the kids who are looking for fun ways to spend the winter indoors. Contact Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

Join a Small Group in 2023! – New and exciting small groups are launching in the New Year! Visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/small-groups> to learn more!

Winter 2023 Adult Education courses –

The Letter to the Hebrews: Understanding and Reclaiming the Jewishness of our faith in Jesus. Taught by John Mauck, this class will meet in person and on Zoom from January 22 through March 19.

How to Read the Bible? A Basic Toolbox Adult Ed class. Taught by Pastor KK, this class will meet in person ONLY from January 22 through March 19.

Life Together New Members Class. Taught by Dan Shiau, this class will meet in person and on Zoom from January 22 through February 12.

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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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January 1, 2023

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)