

First Presbyterian Evanston

January 22, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude Establish the Work of our Hands

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes, Sandra McCracken, Isaac Wardell, 2017, CCLI Song #7097860)

If You don't build it we labor in vain. Without Your sweet Spirit we stand with no strength. I know my life is passing away, But the works of Your hands are what will remain. Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us. O Lord, establish the work of our hands...

Teach us to number the length of our days. Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise. Teach us to run, to finish the race, For only what's done in love will remain. Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us. O Lord, establish the work of our hands...Alleluia...

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 27:1, 4-6

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**All: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
**to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,

**and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Opening Song

Everlasting God

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown & Ken Riley, 2005; CCLI Song #4556538)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever, Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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Prayer of Confession

All: "I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways, not only by gross outward sins, but much more through inward natural blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, secret envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections which you see in me, my Lord and God, and which, alas, I cannot always see in myself. I repent of these, and cry to you for your mercy, through your beloved Son Jesus Christ." Amen. And now, Lord, open our eyes to see the sin in ourselves, and listen to us as we silently confess our sins to you.

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

Assurance of Pardon (Matthew 11:28, John 6:37)

Leader: Hear these words from scripture that assure us that God does not reject us, but will hold close, all of us who come to him with open hearts and minds. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28) Whoever comes to me I will never cast out. (John 6:37) Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Songs of Response

Open Our Eyes, Lord

(Words & Music: Bob Coll, 1976; CCLI Song #1572)

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, And help us to listen.
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Open the Eyes of My Heart

(Words & Music: Paul Baloche, 1997; CCLI Song #2298355)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,
You are holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy,
You are holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Our Church, Our Story – Sally Lim

Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —

16 the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their

nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon

The Three Practices of Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Trust in You

(Words & Music: Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, Paul Mabury, 2014)

*Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.
Every moment of my wondering Never changes what You see.
I've tried to win this war I confess, My hands are weary, I need Your
rest, Mighty warrior, King of the fight, No matter what I face You're by
my side.*

*When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move. When
You don't part the waters, I wish I could walk through. When You
don't give the answers As I cry out to You, I will trust in You.*

*Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings. There's not a day ahead
You have not seen. So in all things be my life and breath. I want what
You want, Lord, and nothing less.*

*You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand, You are
my firm foundation, The Rock on which I stand. Your ways are
always higher, Your plans are always good. There's not a place
where I'll go You've not already stood. When You don't move the
mountains...*

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 Song

Revival

(Words & Music: Robin Mark, 1998; CCLI Song #2405526)

As sure as gold is precious and the honey sweet
So You love this city and You love these streets
Ev'ry child out playing by their own front door
Ev'ry baby laying on the bedroom floor
Ev'ry dreamer dreaming in their dead-end job
Ev'ry driver driving through the rush hour mob
I feel it in my spirit, feel it in my bones
You're going to send revival
Bring them all back home

For I can hear the thunder in the distance
Like a train on the edge of the town
I can feel the brooding of Your Spirit,
“Lay your burdens down,
“Lay your burdens down.”

From the preacher preaching when the well is dry
To the lost soul reaching for a higher high

From the young man working
Through his hopes and fears
To the widow walking through the veil of tears
Ev'ry man and woman, ev'ry old and young
Ev'ry father's daughter, ev'ry mother's son
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Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Desert Song

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, 2008; CCLI Song #5060793)

*This is my prayer in the desert, When all that's within me feels dry, This is my
prayer in my hunger and need: My God is the God who provides.
This is my prayer in the fire, In weakness or trial or pain: There is a faith proved
of more worth than gold, So refine me, Lord, through the flame.
I will bring praise, I will bring praise, No weapon formed against me shall
remain. I will rejoice, I will declare God is my victory and He is here.
This is my prayer in the battle, When triumph is still on its way: I am a
conqueror and co-heir with Christ, So firm on His promise I'll stand.
All of my life in ev'ry season, You are still God. I have a reason to sing, I have a
reason to worship.
This is my prayer in the harvest, When favor and providence flow: I know I'm
filled to be emptied again; The seed I've received I will sow.*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboard, Vocals

Judith Hylton & Bethany Vaughan, Vocals; **Daniel Allen**, Electric Guitar & Vocals; **Fred Bryant**, Acoustic Guitar; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Waldo Ocana**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Dr. Rebecca Chu**, Organist, Piano

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Offering Invitation, Sending & Benediction

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. Of Mission, Confession, Prayers of the People

Confession Source, Palatinate Liturgy, 1563, and Lutheran Liturgy of Wuerttemberg, 1536., from www.acollectionofprayers.com

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

Sally Lim, Our Church, Our Story

Michael Witwer, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Mike Campbell, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Amanda Jenta, Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Kaci Smith, Greeter

Yemi Ajisebutu & 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 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 meets Sundays at 11 a.m.

The Book of Hebrews meets in Room 213 and on Zoom.

How to Read the Bible meets in the Dining Room.

Life Together meets in the Parlor and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Condolences – We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to John MacDonald, for the passing of John's father, Alister MacDonald, on January 14, 2023. A memorial service is being planned. Details TBD.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jennifer Klandrud for her passing on January 14, 2023. A memorial service will be held at Donnellan's Funeral Home on Skokie Road on January 28 at 9 a.m.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Stuart Alan Hoffman, who died Wednesday, January 11, 2023, after a journey with cancer. Stuart and

his wife Glenda were active members of First Pres until she was ordained into ministry. Most recently, Glenda and Stuart served at Vienna Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

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

Join a Winter Small Group – Visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/small-groups/> to learn about all our open groups!

Chicagoland United in Prayer – On Sunday, January 29, join First Pres in attending “Chicagoland United in Prayer.” This event will gather churches throughout Chicago and the suburbs to pray for an end to gun violence. We will travel as a group to the event in the church bus, meeting in the FPCE parking lot at 3:45 p.m. and departing by 4 p.m. RSVP to reserve your seat by emailing Caryl at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org or Annette at alogan@firstpresevanston.org. The event is free, but registration is required. For more info, and to register, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/united>.

Parish Nurse Book Club – Our next book club will meet February 14 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be reading "O Caledonia" by Elspeth Barker. According to Good Reads, "Immersed in a world of isolation and loneliness, Barker's ill-fated young heroine Janet turns to literature, nature, and her Aunt Lila, who offers brief flashes of respite in an otherwise foreboding life. People, birds, and beasts move through the background in a tale that is as rich and atmospheric as it is witty and mordant."

Youth and Children's calendars are now updated on the FPCE website – Visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/children> & <http://firstpresevanston.org/youth> to see what is in store for 2023!

Chili Cookoff Tailgate – The February Agape Meal is a Chili Cookoff Tailgate, Sunday, February 5, at 11 a.m. in the First Pres Parking Lot. Hearty Midwesterners, unite! Gather together, taste, and then cast your vote for your pick to be crowned the 2023 First Pres Chili Champion. If you are one who dares to compete for chili fame and the glorious Spoons of Victory, e-mail Hannah McConnell at hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org to bring a slow cooker of chili, cornbread, or a hatchback auto. When we arrive for church, we'll plug our slow cookers in inside and then serve outside after worship.

See additional announcements and information on the enclosed insert!

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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.

January 22, 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)

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!

Deepen your understanding of the Bible and grow your faith in a Winter Adult Ed course at First Pres. Take a look below for details about each course.

All classes begin at 11 a.m.

Letter to the Hebrews: Understanding and Reclaiming the Jewishness of our faith in Jesus Taught by John Mauck | In person in Room 213 & on Zoom

For our study of Hebrews, please read: Hebrews 1:1-3 and 10-12; John 1:1-3 and 10-14; Genesis 1:1-3.

Among the topics we will consider is to whom Hebrews is written (Rom. 9:6, Ex. 9:16, and our vocabulary: Jesus, church, Christ). We will use "Copernicus and the Jews" and "The Messianic writings: A New Testament Translation," both by Dan Gruber. The books are available at the front desk, for \$20 each, or they can be found on Amazon.

To join the Book of Hebrews class Zoom Meeting, go to:

<https://firstpresevanston.org/hebrews-zoom>

How to Read the Bible? A Basic Toolbox Taught by Prof. KK | In person ONLY in the FPCE Dining Room

Do you want to "To know the breadth, length, height of the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18)? Do you want to have your "eyes opened, and to recognize Jesus" (Luke 24:31) at work in the world and your life? If "Yes," then you belong here! The Bible is an extraordinary book, the world's best-selling book of all time. Yet, it is not an easy book to read.

This is a 9-week hands-on seminar course (basic survey or refresher) for Christians and curious students of the Bible. Basic steps and essential resources are introduced; reading methods illustrated through interpreting specific Bible passages. No prerequisites, but pre-class reading and homework are strongly recommended and you will be rewarded.

Life Together New Members Class Taught by Dan Shiau | In person in the Parlor & on Zoom*

This is the place to be if you are considering membership at First Pres, or just want to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and all the fun things we do together as a church! This course runs January 22 through February 12 (no class on February 5).

To join the Life Together class, come to the Parlor this morning and ask for Dan.

***In-person attendance is highly preferred.**

Wednesday Prayer Gathering on Zoom!

Prayer changes things! Join us for our bi-monthly Prayer Gathering. We will have a brief devotional time and then bring our cares and those of the ones we love to our amazing, loving God!

Join the meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, at:

<https://firstpresevanston.org/prayer-zoom>

Thursday Women's Evening Bible Study term begins February 9

The Thursday Women's Bible Study Winter term begins February 9 at First Pres! Meetings run from 5:45 to 7 p.m. We meet in person in Room 213 and on Zoom. Our study will be the second half of John Stott's guide: ACTS: Seeing The Spirit at Work. On February 9, we will welcome newcomers. Light refreshments will be served for those who attend in person. The study is open to women of all ages and newcomers are welcome at any time. Contact Jennifer Randolph at jen.rn@verizon.net or Alyce Claerbaut at a-claerbaut@neiu.edu for any additional information and access to the Zoom Link.

Join a Small Group!

At First Presbyterian Church of Evanston we offer a variety of small groups on different days and times catering to young adults, young families, singles, women, men, older adults and mixed groups. A small group is a place to connect with other members, grow in discipleship and accountability, learn more about the Bible, and grapple with difficult faith questions.

Our vision is for all small groups to be microcosms of the church, where all members are growing into mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

See our list of open groups at:

<https://firstpresevanston.org/small-groups/>

Join the Parish Nurse book club!



February 14, 1:30-3 p.m. in the Parlor

Each month we read and discuss a new book. The group is curated and facilitated by FPCE's own Parish Nurse, Julie Ruchniewicz.

This month we're reading "O Caledonia" by Elspeth Barker!