

First Presbyterian Evanston

January 29, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Soul Desire

(Words & Music: Niles Borop & Mark Baldwin, recorded by Deniece Williams, 1986)

Lord, when you placed Your hands upon me I knew that I would never be the same. For in that moment I became your servant, And since that day I only have one aim:

My soul desire is to be used - An empty vessel longing to be filled by You. My soul desire is to serve You, Lord, To do Your perfect will, To work each day and build Your Kingdom: This is my soul desire.

Lord, I do not seek to claim the glory. I only wish to be under Your control. For I know that You alone are worthy, And it's You who placed this longing in my soul. My soul desire...

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
**but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Opening Songs

This is the Day

(Words & Music: Les Garrett, 1967; CCLI Song #32754)

This is the day, This is the day
That the Lord hath made, That the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice, We will rejoice
And be glad in it, And be glad in it.
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Hear the Call of the Kingdom

*(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Stuart Townend, 2006;
CCLI Song #4930752)*

Hear the call of the kingdom, Lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him, Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the kingdom To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion In the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness, And a hope yet to come:
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

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Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel.

All: Through Jesus Christ, because of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response Jesus Paid it All

*(Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: John T. Grape, 1868;
arr. Alex Nifong, 2006; CCLI Song #4689508)*

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,

“Jesus died, my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow.

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt,

And raised this life up from the dead.

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Sermon

Consider Your Call

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Our Church, Our Story – Daniel Allen

Anthem

There Was Jesus

(Words & Music: Casey Beathard, Jonathan Smith, Zach Williams, CCLI Song # 7138043)

*Every time I tried to make it on my own, Every time I tried to stand
and start to fall, All those lonely roads that I have traveled on,
There was Jesus.*

*When the life I built came crashing to the ground, When the friends I
had were nowhere to be found, I couldn't see it then but I can see it
now, There was Jesus.*

*In the waiting, in the searching, In the healing and the hurting, Like a
blessing buried in the broken pieces. Every minute, every moment Of
where I been or where I'm going, Even when I didn't know it Or
couldn't see it, There was Jesus.*

*For this man who needs amazing kind of grace, For forgiveness at a
price I couldn't pay, I'm not perfect, so I thank God every day There
was Jesus. In the waiting...*

*There was Jesus on the mountain, in the valleys. There was Jesus in
the shadows of the alleys. There was Jesus in the fire, in the flood.
There was Jesus always is and always was. No, I never walk alone,
You are always there. In the waiting...There was Jesus.*

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

Come, People of the Risen King

(*Words & Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, 2007; CCLI Song #523617*)

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands.
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age,
“Our God is all in all.”

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One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Gradual, Op. 24

(Words & Music: Edouard Batiste, 1820-1876)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboard, Vocals

Allison Allen, Vocals; **Hannah McConnell**, Director of Worship & Music, Piano, Vocals;

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Dr. Rebecca Chu**, Organist, Piano

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Children's Moment & Peace, Sermon, Offering Invitation, Sending & Benediction

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Mission, Confession

May Tchao, Scripture Reading

Bill Bolsen, Prayers of the People

Daniel Allen, Our Church, Our Story

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Audio

Mike Campbell, A/V Volunteer, 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

Sonia Bodi, Greeter

Bob Bastian & Kim Klamm, 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.

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 the family and friends of Carole Hendricks for her passing on January 20, 2023. A memorial service is being planned, with details to be shared later.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Dr. Richard Morgan and Dr. Wamucii Morgan, for the passing of Rick's mother, Maria Pickard Morgan, on January 17, 2023.

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

Chicagoland United in Prayer TODAY at 5 p.m. – Join churches throughout Chicagoland today at New Life Covenant Church SE to pray for an end to gun violence. The event is free with pre-registration. Register, or get live stream link, here: <http://firstpresevanston.org/united>.

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 hmcconnell@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.

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."

Sign up to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School! – The Our Family Our Children council is in need of loving adults to make VBS possible this summer July 31-August 4, 9 a.m.-noon. Positions include: leading a mixed age group through the different stations, leading a specific station like games, crafts, or bible discovery. Some behind the scenes volunteer positions also available. Sign up by emailing Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study resumes on 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@niu.edu for any additional information and access to the Zoom Link.

Stephen Ministry Training will take place April 15 through September 25, 2023 – You are part of a caring congregation. Is God calling you to take a more active role in Christian caregiving? Then Stephen Ministry may be just what you're looking for. To find out more, contact: Deb Cross at (910) 295-1534 or dcross1531@gmail.com; Bonnie Kath at (847) 507-4146 or bkath@comcast.net.

Special discount available at Mr. Hummus, now owned by First Friend Huda Hilmi – Last week one of our First Friends Moms, Huda Hilmi, bought Mr. Hummus, located at 3547 Dempster St. in Skokie. If you're looking for a wonderful meal, stop in between now and Valentine's Day and get 10% off when you mention First Pres! Huda is a single mom supporting two daughters. Please pray that her business will thrive and that she comes to know the love of Christ as we receive her hospitality.

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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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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 29, 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)