

First Presbyterian Evanston

January 8, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

The Baptism of the Lord

FOCUS

Prelude

We Three Kings

(Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857, arr. Rebecca Chu)

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Isaiah 42:5-9 and Psalm 29:1-2

Leader: Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)

*(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923, Jason
Ingram & Michael Weaver, 2018; CCLI Song #7109317)*

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Beginning to end, my life in Your hands.
Great, great is Your faithfulness.
You never let go: this one thing I know.
Great, great is Your faithfulness.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Beginning to end, my life in Your hands.
Great, great is Your faithfulness.
You never let go: this one thing I know.
Great, great is Your faithfulness.

Great, great is Your faithfulness.

Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand has provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God calls us 'my delight,' and His faithful love is never-ending, never-giving-up, always and forever. This is why Jesus came, so we might know of God's tender mercy and forgiveness toward us. Let us confess our hearts and lives to the One who fills us with hope, as we pray together, saying,

All: Too often, we try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, Patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to live the gospel with our lives, but we would rather complain about how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time.

We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, God of Glory and Grace. Fill us with the life-giving power of your

Spirit, that you may make us ready to do good for others, and to learn your ways of grace, hope, and justice from your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with the mercy and peace of Christ. Believe this good news, my friends: You are God's Beloved, and you delight God's heart.

All: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to offer grace to others, and to offer our lives in serving God and our neighbors with love and mercy. We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Songs of Response

Spirit of the Living God

(Words: Daniel Iverson, 1935; CCLI Song #23488)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2006; CCLI Song #4779872)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

Baptism and Ordination

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Anthem

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (*Blue #316*)

(Words: Edwin Hatch, 1886; Music: Robert Jackson, 1894; CCLI Song #99481)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

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

In Christ Alone

(*Words & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, 2001; CCLI Song #3350395*)

In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

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.

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

You are 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.

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboard, Vocals; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass;
Waldo Ocana, Drums; **Christie Miller, Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

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

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

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

Confession adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

Alyce Claerbaut, Scripture Reading

LeRoy Klemt, Installation of Officers, Prayers of the People

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Mike Campbell, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Amanda Jenta, Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Marge Stromberg, Greeter

Marilyn Haase & Bob Bastian, 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 begin January 22!

Visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/sunday-christian-education> for more info!

First Pres Announcements

Condolences – We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Kay Sugiura, who passed away suddenly Sunday, January 1, 2023. A longtime First Pres member, she is survived by her husband, Go, two daughters, and a son. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 3 p.m. and also streamed live at <https://firstpresevanston.org/sugiura/>.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Marilee Mercer and her family for the loss of her brother, Mike K. Mercer, who passed away December 30, 2022, in Plymouth, IN.

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

Interfaith Action 'Walk for Warmth' – The “Walk for Warmth” supports the overnight shelters, hospitality, and warming centers in Evanston (including First Presbyterian Evanston as a host of the Overnight Shelter). This year, it will be on January 16 at 11 a.m., beginning–and ending–at First United Methodist Church in Evanston. For details, and to register, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/walk-for-warmth>.

Online Prayer Gathering – Our bi-monthly prayer gathering meets this Wednesday on Zoom at 7 p.m.! To join, visit our website and see this week's events for details.

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!

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.

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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.

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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)