

First Presbyterian Evanston

February 12, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Pilgrim Chorus

(Richard Wagner, 1813-1883, arr. Rebecca Chu)

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – from Psalm 119:1-8

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

**All: Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.**

Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**All: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise (*Blue Hymnal* #488)

(Words: Daniel ben Judah, 1404, transl. Max Landsberg & Newton Mann, 1885, alt.; Music: Hebrew melody, adapt. Thomas Olivers & Meyer Lyon, 1770; CCLI Song #111149)

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!

The Lord, the great I AM, By earth and heav'n confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll,
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same.

Call of Confession & Songs of Confession

Leader: Jesus said in Luke 8:17, "Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light."
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, singing together in one voice.

God's Law is Perfect and Gives Life (Blue Hymnal # 19)

(Words: Christopher L. Webber, 1986, after Psalm 19:7-14; Music: tune "Halifax," George Frederick Handel, 1748, harm. C. Winifred Douglas, 1941; One License Song # 74826)

God's law is perfect and gives life, Revives the weary soul;
God's testimonies all are sure, Wisdom for all to hold.
The statutes of the Lord are just And give the heart delight;
God's precepts are direct and pure And give the eyes clear sight.

The fear of God is always clean, Enduring as the sun;
The judgments of the Lord are true And righteous, every one.
And even more to be desired Than gold, the finest gold,
And sweeter than the honeycomb, The words God spoke of old.

Your servant finds enlightenment By means of them, O Lord;
And in the keeping of Your law, There is a great reward.
But who can tell how often they Offend unknowingly?
From all my secret faults, O Lord, I ask You to cleanse me.

Lord, keep me from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule my soul;
Then I shall not commit great wrongs, I shall be sound and whole.
Let all my words and all my thoughts, My Lord, Redeemer, Might,
Find favor now, and always win Acceptance in Your sight.

Cleanse Me

*(Words: J. Edwin Orr, based on Psalm 139:23; Music: adapt. from Maori melody,
arr. Robert F. Douglas; CCLI Song #5206014)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

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

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine;
Fill all my heart with Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender, Lord - in me abide.

O, Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Justin Kron

Scripture

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the

judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘you shall not commit adultery.’

²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Sermon

Defining Practices

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

I Will Sing with the Spirit

(Words: 1 Corinthians 14:15; Music: John Rutter, 1994; One License Song #198753)

I will sing with the spirit: alleluia.

And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.

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

Take My Life (*Blue Hymnal #391*)

(Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874; Music: H.A. César Malan, 1827; CCLI Song #1390)

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Sending

Choral Benediction

A Gaelic Blessing

*(Words: adapted from an old Gaelic rune; Music: John Rutter, 1978;
One License Song #113601)*

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air
to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining
stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars
pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ, the light of the
world, to you.*

Postlude

Toccata Decima

(Agostino Tinazzoli, 1660-1723)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston Chancel Choir

Hannah McConnell, Director of Worship & Music, Confession, Children's Moment & Peace,
Chancel Choir Director, Piano, Vocals

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

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

Ellen Gabrielse, Deacon, Scripture Reading

Dwayne Dobschuetz, Prayers of the People

Justin Kron, Keshar Forum, Faith in Action

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

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Peg Forbes, Greeter

Bob Hecker & Sharon Smith, 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 concludes today. Class meets in the Parlor and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Please see today's insert for this week's announcements.

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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.

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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)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

Weekly Announcements

February 12, 2023

Annual Meeting to be held February 19

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 19, in the Sanctuary, after our worship service. Members will be asked to vote on proposed members of the Nominating Committee. In addition, the session-approved 2023 budget will be presented, and receive an update of the Strategic Plan. All members and regular attendees are asked to attend.

Parish Nurse Book Club

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor, discussing "O Caledonia," by Elspeth Barker.

Singles in Christ Small Group

Welcome all singles! We are a diverse group that welcomes adults who are single at any stage in their lives. Join us Friday, February 17, 7 p.m. on Zoom, and connect with other singles within the church as we grow in our faith. This season, we will be reading "Discovering Your Identity: Understand Who You are in God's Eyes," by Charles Stanley. For more info or an e-copy of the book, contact Karen Shaw at karenaliciashaw@yahoo.com.

Mr. Hummus Discount ends Tuesday

Don't forget to stop into Mr. Hummus in Skokie between now and February 14 to receive 10%—just mention First Pres! Get a wonderful meal and support new owner Huda Hilmi, one of our refugee friends.



Utility Cart Needed for Souper Saturday

Souper Saturday has a need for a few wheeled utility carts that are commonly used for groceries or packages. Some of our guests have to move their possessions when moving into a shelter. If you have a spare or would like to help fund a cart, please contact Barb Spencer at spencerb705@sbcglobal.net.

Ash Wednesday activities mark the beginning of Lent

The church season of Lent begins on February 22, 2023, with our Ash Wednesday activities. This year Pastor Ray Hylton will be outside in front of the Sanctuary distributing ashes from 8 to 9 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. as an outreach to passersby. Congregation members and guests are encouraged to attend our traditional Ash Wednesday worship service, which will be held in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. that evening. Ashes will be distributed then, too, as a part of our service. Ashes are given as a sign of contrition and union with the body of Christ.

New Zoom class with FPCE Mission Partner

Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) is offering a new class via zoom on Saturday mornings February 25 through April 29. Meet people from all over the world as you listen to Haytham Dieck, head of the tour guide program at BBC, passionately present Biblical, historical, cultural, and geographical information about the Holy Land. For questions or more info contact Cam Traut at camtraut@gmail.com.

Stephen Ministry Training April 15-September 25

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: (910) 295-1534 or dcross1531@gmail.com.

Bonnie Kath: (847) 507- 4146 or bkath@comcast.net.



<https://firstpresevanston.org>

Lent at First Pres 2023

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 | 7 p.m. in person & online

Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton will also be available that day from 8 to 9 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the steps of the Sanctuary to greet passersby and offer ashes to them and to those who cannot attend the evening service.

Taizé Prayer

Lenten Worship Services of Contemplative Sung Prayer

Wednesdays,
March 1, 15, and 29
7 p.m. in Walker Chapel

Child care is available for any Taizé service when reserved by the prior Sunday at 5 p.m. at the front desk

Holy Week Services

In person and online, taking place in the Sanctuary unless otherwise noted.

Palm Sunday - April 2
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
The service will begin outside in Raymond Park

Maundy Thursday - April 6
7 p.m. Worship Service - Walker Chapel

Good Friday- April 7
7 p.m. Worship Service

Resurrection Sunday - April 9
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Egg Hunt and Celebration Gathering after the Service

Preaching Themes in Lent

With Head, Heart, and Hands:
The call to follow Jesus



Our sermon on living as disciples of Jesus continues through Lent.

February 22 Ash Wednesday
Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Theme: Inhabiting the Practices of Faith

February 26 1st Sunday of Lent
Text: Matthew 4:1-11
Theme: The Battle

March 5 2nd Sunday of Lent/
Communion
Text: Matthew 4:23-25
Theme: The Healing Ministry of Jesus

March 12 3rd Sunday of Lent
Text: John 4:5-42
Theme: Giving Water to the Thirsty

March 19 4th Sunday of Lent
Text: John 9:1-41
Theme: From Sight to Insight

March 26 5th Sunday of Lent
Text: John 6:1-15
Theme: On Mission with Jesus

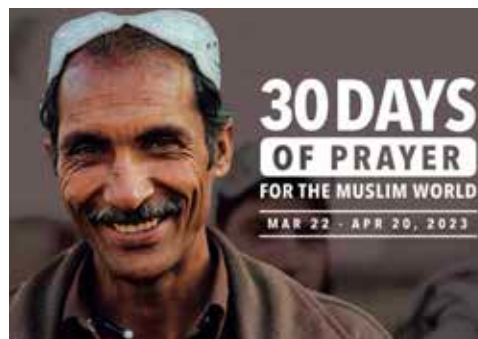
April 2 Palm Sunday/Communion
Text: Matthew 21:1-11
Theme: Who is This?

April 6 Maundy Thursday
Text: John 13:31-38
Theme: Choices: Betrayal, Denial, or Love

April 7 Good Friday
Multiple Scripture texts

April 9 Resurrection Sunday
Text: Matthew 28:1-10
Theme: The Meaning of the Resurrection

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World



This annual prayer guide will be made available in March and is an excellent resource or those led to pray for Muslims during the overlapping seasons of Lent and Ramadan in 2023

<https://firstpresevanston.org/lent-2023>