

First Presbyterian Evanston

March 12, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude

Chanson

(Nancy Faber, b. 1955)

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, v. 1-2 (*Blue Hymnal #281*)

(Words: William Williams, 1745, tr. Peter Williams, 1771, and W.W., 1772;

Music: John Hughes, 1907; CCLI Song #1448)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Confession of Sins and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy and merciful God,

**All: We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

**All: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways
and our exploitation of other people,
have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader: For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: have mercy on us, O God.

**All: Restore us, O God of our salvation,
and show us your steadfast love.**

**Turn to us in your mercy
and redeem us.**

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

My Worth is Not in What I Own, *chorus*

(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick, 2014, CCLI Song # 7024758)

I rejoice in my redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
And I will trust in him, no other
My soul is satisfied in him alone

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from 2 Corinthians 5:17:

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel with great joy:

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

Songs of Response

Let All Who are Thirsty Come

(Words & Music: Taizé Community, 2011; One License Song #88164)

Let all who are thirsty come.

Let all who wish receive
the water of life freely.

Amen, come, Lord Jesus,

Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

Let all who are thirsty come.

Let all who wish receive
the water of life freely.

Amen, come, Lord Jesus,

Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

Let all who are thirsty come.

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the water of life freely.

Amen, come, Lord Jesus,

Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

All Who are Thirsty

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson, 1998; CCLI Song #2489542)

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty,
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Come, Lord Jesus, come.
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Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Welcoming New Members

Passing the Peace of Christ

Our Church, Our Story – Bridgette Gilchrist

Scripture

John 4:5-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’ ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you

not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Sermon

Giving Water to the Thirsty

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Jesus Met the Woman at the Well

(Words & Music: Traditional Gospel, first recorded by the Pilgrim Travelers, 1950, recorded by Peter, Paul, and Mary, 1964; CCLI Song #7210227)

Jesus met the woman at the well...

And he told her everything she'd ever done.

He said, woman, where is your husband?...

I know everything you've ever done.

*She said, Jesus, I ain't got no husband...
And you don't know everything I've ever done.*

*He said, woman, you've got five husbands...
And the one you have now, he's not your own.*

*She said, this man must be a prophet...
He done told me everything I've ever done.*

*Jesus met the woman at the well...
And he told her everything she'd ever done.*

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.

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

Fill My Cup, Lord

(Words & Music: Richard Blanchard; CCLI Song # 15946)

Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
“Draw from My well that never shall run dry.”

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

So, my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Sending

Postlude

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

*(Words & Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Margaret Bonds,
One License Song #206844)*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Izzy Allen, Piano, Prelude

Michelle Mariposa, Mezzo-Soprano, Postlude

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals

Allison Allen, Vocals; **Daniel Allen**, Guitars; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass

Chancel Choir

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

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

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk of Session, Welcoming New Members

Bridgette Gilchrist, Our Church, Our Story

The Gospel of John movie, Scripture Reading

Kim Langlois, Prayers of the People

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristin Collins, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Brian Cox, Amanda Jenta, Tuah Jenta, Stephanie Keene, Ushers

Marge Stromberg, Greeter

Bob Hecker & Sharon Smith, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

The Nursery will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Children's Worship during the sermon

Children 4-6 years old can go to the Choir Room after the Children's Message for a scripture reading and brief activity. Children will return following the sermon.

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 the Dining Room with "How to Read the Bible."

Adult Education meets Sundays at 11 a.m.

Lenten Discussion Group meets in the Parlor.

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

How to Read the Bible meets in the Dining Room.

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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)

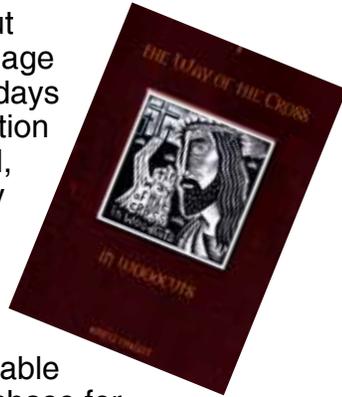
Please pray for:

(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)

The Way of the Cross

in Woodcuts

The Way of the Cross is a series of woodcut print images made by Kreg Yingst. Each image highlights a different moment from the last days of Christ. First Pres has purchased a collection of these images, had them printed on metal, and are currently featuring them in a gallery display on the second floor. Every image is displayed alongside the scripture it depicts. A small book by the same name accompanies the 15 prints. The book, which is often used as a devotional, is available to borrow as you visit the exhibit, or for purchase for \$10 per copy. Contact Mission Director Caryl Weinberg for details.

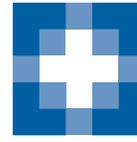
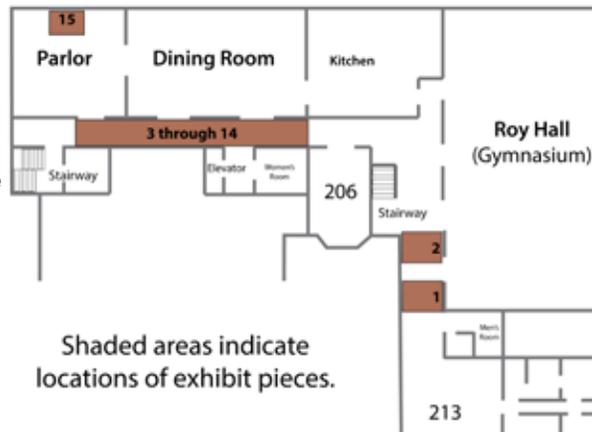


Many faith communities use similar images, often referred to as stations of the cross, to guide meditation about Jesus and his sacrifice. While such reflections are often meant for the Lenten season, we would encourage everyone to take time throughout the year to meditate on these powerful images.



Images 1 and 2 are in the upper hallway leading to room 213 across from the bench. Images 3 through 14 are found in the hallway outside the Dining Room. The final image of the exhibit can be found in the Parlor. Unlike

many stations of the cross exhibits, which end with the cross and the grave, this series ends with a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We are displaying it along with Pastor Younan Shiba's wonderful mixed media portrait of the risen Jesus (see image above).



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Weekly Announcements

March 12, 2023

We welcome the following new members joining First Presbyterian Church of Evanston today by:

Confession of Faith: John Thomson

Reaffirmation of Faith: Daniel Kazadi, Stephen Kemp

Transfer of Membership: Mary Thomson

See more about them in a separate insert.

Children's Worship during Sunday Services

Children's Worship is now being offered for 4-6 year olds. Children are invited to go to the Choir Room (across the hall from the northeast Sanctuary doors) after the Children's Message for a scripture reading and brief activity, and will return to the Sanctuary after the sermon.

Taizé Lenten Prayer Service this Wednesday



Please join us in-person or online for our Taizé Worship Service, held in Walker Chapel at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. We'll gather for a one-hour service of contemplation, simple songs, Scripture reading, and prayer.

Overnight Shelter Volunteers needed next Sunday

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with the shelter. The only volunteer spot left is on Sunday March 19 at 6 a.m. If you would like to help clean and pack up the shelter that day, just show up at the ramp door of the church closest to the chapel and knock loudly. One of us will let you in. Thank you, First Pres. Evanston!

Special Lenten Collection



One of the pillars of the Lenten season is giving. During Lent, the Mission ministry and the Children and Youth ministry invite the congregation to participate in a joint financial collection to benefit those impacted by the war in Ukraine and the earthquake in Turkey/Syria. First Pres children and youth can participate by collecting cash in one of the provided boxes. Through focusing on God's call to care and think of others

during the Lenten season, we have the opportunity to reflect on the greatest act of love and self-sacrifice offered to us through Christ.

Save the date! Palm Sunday Ecumenical Processional

Join us in Raymond Park prior to worship on Sunday, April 2, as we join with our neighboring churches for a Palm Sunday processional – complete with a live donkey! More details to come.



First Pres Seeks Part-Time Receptionist

First Pres is seeking to fill a Part-Time Receptionist position. To view a job description and apply, please visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/employment>.

Walking with Luke through Lent

Follow along on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresevanston/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/fpcevanston/>) for a daily series of Bible readings during Lent. Visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/walking-with-luke-through-lent/>.



Parish Nurse Book Club meets March 28

The next book club is Tuesday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be discussing "The Last Flight" by Julie Clark.

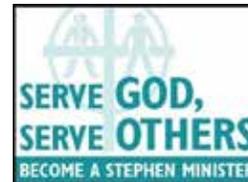
Stephen Ministry Training Applications Due March 31

Is God calling you to take a more active role in Christian caregiving? Stephen Ministry Training may be just what you're looking for.

To apply, or for more info, contact Deb Cross at (910) 295-1534 or dcross1531@gmail.com or Bonnie Kath at (847) 507-4146 or bkath@comcast.net. Applications due March 31.

Drivers, volunteers sought

Friends in Christ provides rides to appointments and meals for those of our congregation in temporary need such as a death in the family or a recent illness/hospitalization. Contact Julie Ruchniewicz at jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org to express interest.



The Caring Friends Small Group

Caring for anyone who is going through or has gone through the Cancer journey? The Caring Friends will be supportive in Prayer, Love, and Laughter! For more information contact Olga Ricketts-Peart at oricketts@att.net.

Free NU recitals feature First Pres musicians

Today! - First Pres Director of Worship Hannah McConnell will be a featured soloist as part of a conducting recital for Northwestern University doctoral candidate Jack Reeder. The recital takes place at 4 p.m. this afternoon in Galvin Hall. Learn more at: <https://firstpresevanston.org/reeder>.

March 16 - First Pres Praise Band's Bethany Vaughan presents her final doctoral recital in trumpet Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m. in Galvin Hall at Northwestern University. Learn more at: <https://firstpresevanston.org/bethany>. These are free events!

Holy Week Services at First Pres

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

Palm Sunday - April 2

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

A processional will take place outside in Raymond Park
at approximately 9:15 a.m. More details to come.

Maundy Thursday - April 6

7 p.m. Worship Service - Walker Chapel

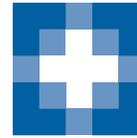
Good Friday- April 7

7 p.m. Worship Service

Resurrection Sunday - April 9

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Egg Hunt and Celebration Gathering after the Service



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New Members - Winter 2023

**We welcome the following new members joining
First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
as part of today's service.**

Stephen Kemp

Stephen was introduced to First Pres by his mother, Marcia Rosen-Kemp. He is interested in serving in the First Pres library and with our Souper Saturday ministry. Stephen is joining by reaffirmation of faith.

Daniel Kazadi

Daniel is a student at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston. Born in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, he was baptized at age 19. Daniel has a bachelor's degree in computer science and has worked as a professional photographer. He is currently involved in the Intergenerational Small Group. Daniel is joining by reaffirmation of faith.

John Thomson

John and his wife, Mary, are long-time members of Reba Place in Evanston, but have attended First Pres events and services for over a decade. John is a retired business owner and is currently writing his memoir about how God miraculously brought him to faith in Jesus. John is joining FPCE by confession of faith.

Mary Thomson

Mary grew up in a Christian family and spent three summers on "caravan" mission trips throughout the country. A teacher with a vast array of work and volunteer experience, she plans on continuing to serve in Vacation Bible School and the First Friends Syrian refugee ministry. Mary is joining by transfer of membership.