

# First Presbyterian Evanston

August 27, 2023 – 10 a.m.

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## FOCUS

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### Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*(arr. Carolyn Hamlin)*

## EXALT

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### Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;  
God turned to me and heard my cry.

**People: God set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Leader: God put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.

**People: Many will see and fear the Lord  
and put their trust in God.**

**ALL: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done,  
the things you planned for us.**

### Opening Song

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

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
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### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

*(Adapted from Ted Loder, Guerillas of Grace)*

**All: Father in Heaven, what I want to ask is forgive me, heal me, increase my courage, please. Renew in me a little of love and faith, and a sense of confidence. Give me a vision of what it might mean to live as though You are real and I matter--and everyone is a sister and brother. I fall short in every way; don't give up on me. Change me somewhere inside where it matters. Make now the moment to take off my shoes, to see every bush afire.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Song of Response**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God\*

*(Words & Music: Christy & Nathan Nockels; CCLI Song #5488935)*

Our God is a consuming fire  
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom  
Our God is the only righteous judge  
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for His own  
None could comprehend His love and His mercy  
Our God is exalted on His throne  
High above the heavens forever He is worthy

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

We will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You  
So we can set our hearts on You  
Lord we will set our hearts on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
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With you forever we will reign  
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## **ENCOUNTER**

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### **Children's Moment**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Faith in Action – Caryl Weinberg and Bridgette Gilchrist**

#### **Scripture**

Exodus 2:24-25

The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Exodus 3:7-14

The LORD said [to Moses], “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

## **Sermon**

Stop, Look & Listen

*Rev. Dr. Tassie Green, Interim Senior Pastor*

## **RESPOND**

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## **Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

## **Song of Response**

### **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me\***

*(Words and Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000;  
CCLI Song #5304868)*

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me,  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me,  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me,  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## **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 Song**

## **Mighty to Save\***

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2006; CCLI Song #4591782)*

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations  
  
Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
  
So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender



Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Savior, You can move the mountains  
God, You are mighty to save  
You are mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
You rose and conquered the grave  
Yes, you conquered the grave  
  
You are mighty to save

**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, Vocals, Keyboard

**Rebecca Chu**, Organist;

**Allison Allen**, Vocals; **Fred Bryant**, Acoustic Guitar; **Daniel Allen**, Electric Guitar & Vocals; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass Guitar; **Kon Savoy**, Drums, **Daniel Mpanda**, Vocals

**Bethany Vaughan**, Trumpet

**Rev. Dr. Tassie Green**, Interim Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Offering Invitation & Offering Prayer, Sending & Benediction

**Tuah Jenta**, Elder, Confession, Prayers of the People

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

**Izzy Allen**, Scripture Reading

**Caryl Weinberg**, Dir. of Mission, Faith in Action, **Bridgette Gilchrist**, Faith in Action

**Evan Peters**, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

**Mike Campbell**, A/V Volunteer, Projection

**Jacob Collins**, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

**John Carlson**, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Andrew Wallgren**, Building Team

**Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith**, Usher

**Sonia Bodi**, Greeter

**Bob Hecker, Sally Ivaska**, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

**Youth/Children's Faith Formation activities will return September 18. Look for more information on the church website.**

**Join us outside after the service for a reception to celebrate Pastor Amanda and express our gratitude for her years of service at First Pres!**

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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. August 27, 2023

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Your Name

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Family members' names/ages

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Street Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone:     Cell         Home

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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)*

## Realm/Directory Photos taken September 10

Staff and volunteers will be on hand after the 9:30 a.m. worship service on September 10 (during and after Pastries with the Pastor) and will help get these photos into Realm, our members and regular attendees' database. If we get enough photos, we will create a new First Pres Church Directory! If you can't be here on September 10 but want to have your photo included, contact Janice at the church office (847-864-1472).

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## Volunteers Needed for First Friends Picnic

You're invited to the annual First Friends Picnic! Bring a salad or dessert to share, and beach chairs or a blanket—our Syrian Friends will do all the grilling! Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and clean up. Learn more & sign up here: <http://firstpreevanston.org/friends>.

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## Interfaith Action seeks SNAPGap Donations

Interfaith Action seeks donations of shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes by September 11 to be distributed during the monthly Producemobile at the Robert Crown Community Center. Items can be purchased and delivered from Amazon or bought locally and dropped off at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**. Do NOT drop off items at First Pres. Details are available at: <http://firstpreevanston.org/snapgap>

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## Faith-based fertility support group

For those feeling lonely, disappointed, or hopeless in their fertility journey, a West Evanston small group wants you to know you aren't alone and invites you to join them. Moms in the Making is a faith-based fertility ministry that provides hope, encouragement, and the powerful truth of Scripture to married women who, in partnership with their husbands, are trying to grow their families. For more, contact Nicole Smith: [nicolesmith@momsinthemaking.com](mailto:nicolesmith@momsinthemaking.com) or visit <https://www.momsinthemaking.com/illinois>.

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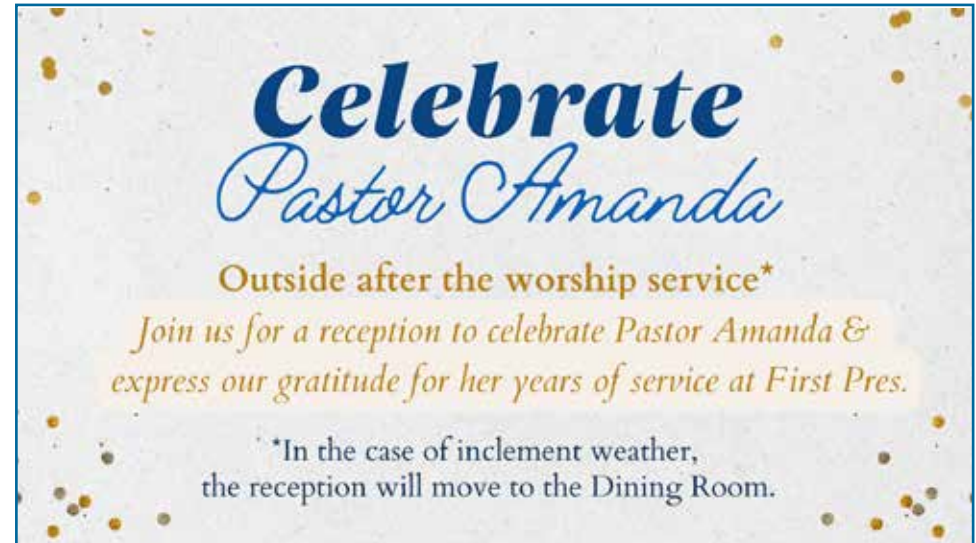
## Officer Nominations Sought

Please find the Officer Nominations Form at the front desk or online. The 2023 Nominating Committee is seeking your input as they build a slate of candidates to be voted on in October.



## First Pres Announcements

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## Necklace Sale today to support Congo Schools

Today, following the service, necklaces will be for sale at a table outside. Your purchases will help support Presbyterian schools in the DR Congo. Drop by the table to see before and after pictures of the rebuilt schools funded by donors.

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## Sunday Worship moves to 9:30 a.m. on September 10

On Fall Kickoff Sunday, September 10, we return to the 9:30 a.m. fall worship schedule.

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## Pastries with the Pastor

Sunday, September 10

After worship in the Dining Room

First Pres members and regular attendees are invited to get to know Interim Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Tassie Green in an engaging Q & A over pastries and coffee.