

Sunday Worship

August 19, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 11:10 p.m.

FOCUSING FOR WORSHIP

Scripture Meditation

“Jesus is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.”
(Hebrews 1:3 NASB)

Prelude

Voluntary in G

William Walond

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew.)

*Song of Praise

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Blue # 482

(Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; Music Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, Who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth.

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:17-22

(Leader, **People, ALL**)

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you

a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him;

So that, you may know what is the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who believe:

The same great power God worked when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand,

Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,

Not only in this age but also in the age to come.

HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND HAS MADE CHRIST THE HEAD OVER ALL THINGS FOR THE CHURCH.

*Song of Praise

Hear Our Praises

(Text and Music: Reuben Morgan, 1998)

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy;

May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

Refrain:

From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;

From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross;

May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o’er the seas. *(Refrain)*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body.

(The people offer their silent personal prayers to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Song of Thanksgiving In Christ Alone

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(Text and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2002)

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.

’Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For ev’ry 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 pow’r of Christ in me;

From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;

’Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

THE COMMUNITY

Children’s Moment

(Children come forward following the Song of Thanksgiving.)

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Tumekutana Update

Caryl Weinberg

Offering of Gifts

Choral Offering

Beautiful Savior

(Music: Silesian folk tune, 1842, arr. Robert Hobbey, 1985; Text: *Gesangbuch, Munster*, 1677)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

HEARING THE WORD

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Scripture Lesson Colossians 1:15-20 (New Testament, p. 191)

Sermon

Anywhere a Savior Can Go

“...so that Jesus might come to have first place in everything.”

(Colossians 1:18)

Prayers of the People

(After being led in a time of prayer, we will pray the Lord’s Prayer in unison.)

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Song of Dismissal

Take My Life

Blue #391

(Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874/Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827)

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 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 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.

*Benediction

Choral Blessing

Postlude

Processional on “Praise to the Lord”

Martin Shaw

Worship Service Leaders

George Atkins, Director of Adult Discipleship, Sermon

The Rev. David Handley, Pastor, Greeting, Prayers

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions, Tumekutana Update

Andrea Handley, Director of Worship and Music, Organist

Tina Keitel, Percussion

Mara Hagle, Violin

Derek Handley, Cello, Bass Guitar

Kirby Hall, Kim Fisher, Christopher Miller, Grant Robertson, Quartet

Joline Atkins, Worship Song Vocals

Fred Bryant, Drums

Jeff Klug, Guitar

* *Those who are able please stand.*

** *Music is available at entrances to sanctuary for those who desire.*

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- **The Session invites all members and friends of First Pres to Prayer Meetings**, held on the Wednesday evenings of August at 7:00 p.m., in the 2nd floor Parlor, convened by Elder Olga Ricketts-Peart.
- **A brief congregational meeting will be held following the 10:00 Sept. 2 service**, for the purpose of closing the position of Co-Pastor for Evangelism and Membership Development, in order to avoid unnecessary payments to the PCUSA Pension fund.
- **We will return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 9**, with two worship services, at 9:15 and 11:00.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church: **A church with an inspired heritage**

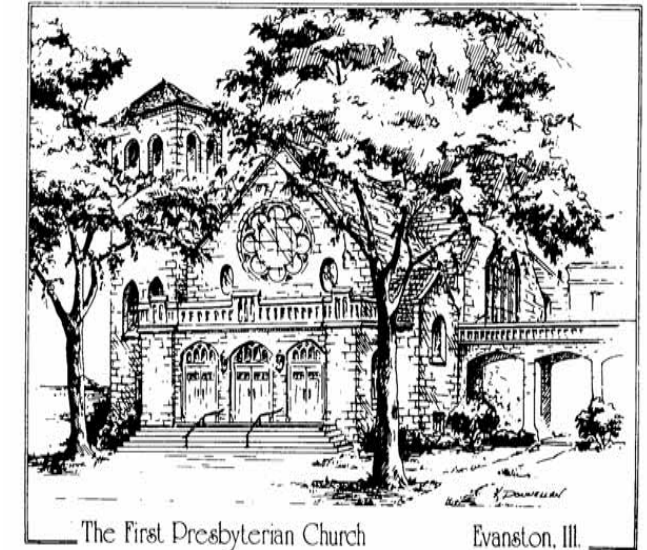
First Presbyterian Church of Evanston was founded on July 27, 1868 at this corner of Chicago and Lake Streets on land donated by Northwestern University. The dedicatory prayer offered that day by founding pastor Dr. George Clement Noyes was subsequently engraved on the doors above the entrance to the sanctuary:

"O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong to turn back the tempter's power. O God, make the door of this church the gateway to Thine eternal Kingdom. Amen."

For the last 139 years, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston has sought to live out this prayer through the life and witness of her people, bearing faithful witness to Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is among us today. May you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome here and the inspiration of His call to you, *"Come, follow me!"*

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We are a family of faith seeking to glorify and enjoy God together. In this community, Christ lovingly transforms us into His image. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we discover our unique gifts for ministry through:

WORSHIP that celebrates
the good news in Jesus Christ;
CARING that binds us
together in one Spirit;
STUDY of Scripture
that inspires us to know and gratefully obey God;
WITNESS that reaches out
into the world as God draws all people through Christ;
SERVICE that seeks to honor God
by building a just and compassionate society.

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