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FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

- Genesis 1:31

Prelude

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**  
("Comfort those who sit in darkness...")  
(Setting by Paul Manz, 1919 - 2009)

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EXALT

Choral Introit

**Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light**      **Blue #26**  
(Words: Johann Rist, 1641; trans. John Troutbeck, 1873;  
Music: Johann Schop, 1641; harm. J.S. Bach, 1734)

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
And usher in the morning.  
You shepherds, shudder not with fright,  
But hear the angel's warning.  
This Child, now weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be;  
The power of Satan breaking,  
Our peace eternal making.

Opening Hymn

**Morning Has Broken**      **Blue #469\***  
(Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931; Music: Gaelic melody, Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985)

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, the earth is full of Your creatures: in wisdom You have made us all. You have delivered us into one another's care, asking that we love one another as You first loved us. But we have fostered discord rather than unity, contempt rather than respect, ignorance rather than love. You know our works and our thoughts, God. Forgive and restore us. Come and find us, set us right again, and place us on the path You would have us walk.**  
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon

Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God,  
**who holds it together and gives us hope.**

With the whole creation we join the song of Revelation:

**"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"**

Hear the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**O Day of Radiant Gladness**      **Blue #470\***

(Words: Stanzas 1-2 by Christopher Wordsworth, 1862; alt.stanza 3 by Charles P. Price, 1980;  
Music: Memminger ms. 17th century, Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904)

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ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

**A New Year's Carol** <sup>s</sup>

(Words: Anonymous; Music: Benjamin Britten, 1936.)

Here we bring new water from the well  
so clear,  
For to worship God with, this happy  
New Year.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon  
her toe;  
Open you the West Door and turn the  
Old Year go.

*Chorus (after each verse):*  
Sing levy-dew, sing levy-dew, the water  
and the wine,  
The seven bright gold wires and the  
bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon  
her chin;  
Open you the East Door and let the  
New Year in.

Scripture Lesson

**Genesis 1:1-5, 31**  
(Old Testament, pp. 1-2)

Sermon

**Light in a Dark World**

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RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation

**How Great Thou Art (v. 1)**

**Blue #467**

(Words: Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885, English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953), Transliteration of  
Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989; Music: Swedish Folk Melody, Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus  
as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to  
take communion.

*(The ushers will guide the congregation in coming forward, beginning with the choir  
and proceeding with the front row. They will indicate to the servers if you desire to re-  
ceive communion in the pew. All are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup,  
and receive the elements, with the response, "Thanks be to God!" Contained in each  
basket is an inner cup which contains gluten-free bread.)*

Communion Music:

Congregational Hymn

**How Great Thou Art (v. 2-4)**

**Blue #467**

(Words: Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885, English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953;  
Music: Swedish Folk Melody, Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949)

Choral Anthem

**The Call**

(Words: George Herbert, 1593-1633; Music: Kenneth Jennings, 2000)

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**Welcome** We're glad you are here!

We ask everyone to complete and return this  
tear-off slip to the offering basket every week.

January 7, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

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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

- Single  
 Married  
 Have children at home  
 Junior/High School student  
 College student

- First time visitor  
 Occasional attendee  
 Regular attendee/member

I'm interested in:

- Knowing Jesus better  
 I need prayer or support  
 Joining a Small Group  
 Joining the Welcome Team  
 Worship Music Team/Choir  
 Sound/AV/Video Team  
 Becoming a Member  
 I need a Stephen Minister  
 Counseling at The Counseling Center  
 Communion at home suggested for  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Please Pray for:** (This is shared with  
pastors & confidential prayer team.)

*Please silence all cell phones  
and electronic devices*

### Welcome Visitors!

Please visit the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary after the service and join us for refreshments in Roy Hall on the 2nd floor. Please sign this tear-off panel with your contact information filled in on the other side and deposit in the offering plate.

### Children are welcome in worship!

Parents may use the lounge in the back of the sanctuary to participate in the service via a TV monitor. Worship journals and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, who are also available to direct you to our other facilities.

### Prayer Requests

Our prayer companions are available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with you. You may also include your prayer requests on the weekly tear-off tab (on the other side of this bulletin) and deposit it in the offering. Our staff prays weekly for the needs of the congregation.

### Worship Service Leaders

**Rev. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Children's Moment, Sermon, Benediction  
**Rev. Henry Coates**, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome  
**Peg Forbes**, Scripture Reader  
**Jack Harriff**, Organist  
**Hannah McConnell**, Dir. of Music & Worship, Choir Director  
**Tina Laughlin**, Percussion  
**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual Coordinator  
**Stephen Ferguson**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Peggie Robinson and Bob Sefton

*...Continued from inside*

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed*

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

**Break Forth Into Joy**  
(from the Christmas Oratorio)  
(J.S.Bach, 1685 - 1750)

§ *The Old Welsh custom of sprinkling the first New Year's well water, the "dwr nevy" (levy dew), resonates to the memory of our own baptism and to offering our own first fruits to the Lord this 2018.*

\* *Please stand as you are able*

\*\* *Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.  
Please return receivers at the end of the service.*

## Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

### 10 a.m. Worship Service

Children are welcome in worship!\*\*

#### Options for Families:

**Infants/Toddlers** – Crib Room

**Ages 2-4** – Blue Room

**Ages 4-8** – Children's Worship in the Choir Room following Children's Moment.

Children return to sanctuary during final hymn.

\*\* Worship journals & children's bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary.  
Changing tables & quiet space is available in the women's lounge (back corner of the Sanctuary).

**Fellowship Time** (Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (11:15 am)

**A time to connect** with new and old friends over coffee, tea and cookies.

### All-Church Adult Education Series

January 14, 21 and 28

Between services in Roy Hall.

See details on bulletin insert.

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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

January 7, 2018, 10:00 am



Our Mission:

**KNOWING CHRIST**

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

**SERVING CHRIST**



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