
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that as You call us to Yourself and we draw near to You, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Prelude

I Will Walk Before the Lord
(Psalm 116:9)
(Lester Groom)

EXALT

Call to Worship

LEADER: All who thirst, come to the water. Come all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

ALL: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure* **Blue #365**
*(Words: Johann Franck, 1650, trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Music: Johann Crueger, 1653, harm. J.S. Bach, 1723)*

All Who Are Thirsty*

(Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson)

Prayer of Confession (based on a prayer by John Bunyan, 1628-88)

ALL: Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare Your justice, mock Your mercy, jeer Your patience, slight Your power, and show contempt for Your love. We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead Your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged You, to admit honestly how we have grieved You, to plead penitently for Your mercy and pardon. We beg Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

LEADER: The book of Hebrews tells us that we can

ALL: “come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water.”

Through God’s love in Christ we are made clean and forgiven. Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

As the Deer*

(Words and Music: Martin J. Nystrom)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children’s Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Welcoming of New Members

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

Just a Closer Walk

(Words and Music: arr. Jack Schrader, 1997)

Daily walkin’ close to Thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

daily walkin’ close to Thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I’ll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, O dear Lord, none but
Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

Just a closer walk...

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 10:19-22

(New Testament p. 214)

Sermon

Let Us Draw Near To God

RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Blue #310

*(Words: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Trans. Edward Caswell, 1849, atl. 1987;
Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866)*

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.

(Please indicate to the servers if you wish to be served 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!” At the communion station to your left, designated by a blue napkin, we are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread.)

Communion Music

Let Evening Come

(Words: Jane Kenyon 1947-1995; Music: Pam Pettibone, 2017)

Alpha and Omega

(Words and Music: Erasmus Mutanbira, 2005)

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Benediction

Postlude

Old Hundreth

(Louis Bourgeois, 1510 - 1559; arr. Alice Jordan, 1916 - 2012)

** 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.*

Welcome We’re glad you are here!

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

July 1, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Your Name

Family members’ names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: Cell Home

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 speak with an usher for more information and to connect with FPCE members and staff. 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!

Ushers can help direct families to resources in our sanctuary space or to additional care rooms if needed. A changing table, quiet space, and service projection via TV are available in the back sanctuary lounge space.

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. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Prayer before Worship, Sermon, Benediction

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome

Marge Stromberg, Children's Moment

Fletcher Padoko, Scripture Reader

Jack Harriff, Organ

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Worship Leader

Elizabeth Ferguson, Interim Praise Band Director, Piano; **Elizabeth Bennett**,

Darshaya Oden, & Carl Alexander,

Worship Leaders; **Daniel Allen**, Worship

Leader & Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar;

Scott Henrie, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums;

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Zoe Myatt, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Peggie Robinson and Bob Sefton

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 lounge (at the back corner of the Sanctuary).

Art Exhibit Reception (Dining Room, 2nd Floor) (11:10 am)

A fellowship gathering will take place this morning after the service. Join us as we celebrate the opening of the 150th Anniversary Art Exhibit upstairs. The exhibit runs through September 16

Sunday Education 11:40 am - 12:30 am

Sunday Morning Forum (Room 103) – We will continue discussing the latest book by N.T. Wright, *The Day the Revolution Began*. Our class will be facilitated by James Singh.

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

No Summer Classes. These will resume in the fall.

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Sunday Worship

July 1, 2018, 10:00 am



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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