
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

O God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to You, in whom we are, and live, and know. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Let our souls take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of Your wings. Let our heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in You. Amen.
- Augustine of Hippo 354-430

Prelude ***Prelude & Fugue in C major, BWV 553***
(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

EXALT

Call to Worship

Leader: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

All: Jesus is the living bread!

L: Feed us with Your love and healing power, O Lord.

A: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

L: Praise be to You, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

A: Praise be to You, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

Opening Hymn ***Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*** ***Blue #456***
Sung to the tune *Duke Street*, Blue #307
(Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, alt; Music: John Hatton, d. 1793)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the broken. Holy Spirit, giver of Grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 43:1, 19)

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine! Believe the Gospel!

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

I Will Follow*

(Words and Music: Reuben Morgan and Chris Tomlin)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

Climbing Higher Mountains^s

*Audio recording of Aretha Franklin (1942-2018)
performing live at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, 1972.
(Words and Music: Traditional)*

I'm climbing
Higher mountains
Trying to get home

I'm going up the side of the mountain
On my way home

My road been a little rocky
On my way home

Climbing Higher
To meet Jesus
Higher and higher

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:30-40
(New Testament p. 216)

Sermon

The Pinnacle of Faith

RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ***Blue #101***
(Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: Lowell Mason, 1824)

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

Spirit Song

(John Wimber, 1979)

***Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 599***
(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Sung Affirmation of Faith ***This I Believe****

(Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker)

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in C, P. 457
(Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706)

** 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.

^s Aretha Louise Franklin began her fabled career at age 10 by singing solos at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father served as pastor. May we at First Pres continue to encourage and nurture the gifts of our own children and youth!

Welcome We're glad you are here!

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

September 2 - 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
 I would like to speak with a pastor
 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, Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Sermon, Benediction
Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Missions, Welcome
Marge Stromberg, Children's Moment
Raphael Singh, Scripture Reader
Ben Perri, Guest Organist
Judith Hylton & Anika Velasco, Worship Leaders; **Daniel Allen**, Guitar & Worship Leader; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Noah McLeod**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator
Lynn Ostick, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:
Gayle and Bob Hecker

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).

Lemonade on the Lawn (Front Lawn, weather permitting) (11:10 am)
Lemonade on the Lawn will take place this morning after the service. Join us for fellowship and lemonade out near the flagpoles.

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes
No Summer Classes. These will resume in the fall.

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

September 2, 2018, 10:00 am

THE ESSENTIALS

HEBREWS 11:30-40



THE PINNACLE OF FAITH

Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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