

Order of Worship
December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

FOCUS

Opening Sentences

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we Your people await Christ's coming. As once He came in humility, so now may He come in glory, that He may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Canzon Seconda
(Giovanni Gabrieli, 1557-1613, arr. Michael Rondeau)

Christmas Fanfare
(Susan Caudill)

EXALT

Call to Worship (Micah 5:2, 5 and Revelation 1:4)

Leader: A ruler will come from Bethlehem,
All: and He will be the shepherd of peace.
Grace and peace to you from God,
Who was, and is, and is to come.

Opening Hymn **Once in Royal David's City, v. 1-2, 4*** **Blue #49**
(Words: Cecil Francis Alexander, 1848, alt.; Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849,
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919)

What Child is This*
(Words and Music: Chris Tomlin and William Chatterton Dix)

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent: Peace (Isaiah 52:7-10)

Prayer of Confession

**All: While we ask, Lord, for a most meaningful Advent season,
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.**

**Forgive us Lord,
for not bending the knee,
for not reading Your Word,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.**

Forgive us according to Your tender mercies, O God.

**Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,
by the grace of Your Holy Spirit we may have a fresh sense of Your presence
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory.**

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

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 40:1-2)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned.
The penalty is paid.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Come Light Our Hearts*
(Words and Music: Sandra McCracken)

Noel*
(Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Matt Redman)

The First Nowell, v. 1-3, 5-6* **Blue #56**
(Words: English carol, 17th Century; Music: English carol, arr. David Willcocks)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Micah 5:2-5
(Old Testament p. 890)

Meditation

Lasting Peace

RESPOND

Offering

Musical Offering

In the Bleak Midwinter, v. 1/ Winter Snow
(Words: Christina Rossetti, 1872; Music: Gustav Holst, 1906/
Words & Music, Audrey Assad, 2009)

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Could've come like a mighty storm
With all the strength of a hurricane
You could've come like a forest fire
With the power of Heaven in Your flame

But You came like a winter snow
Quiet and soft and slow
Falling from the sky in the night
To the earth below

Oh You could've swept in
like a tidal wave
Or an ocean to ravish our hearts
You could have come through
like a roaring flood
To wipe away the things
that we've scarred

But You came like a winter snow...

Ooh no, Your voice wasn't in
a bush burning
No, Your voice wasn't in a rushing wind
It was still, it was small, it was hidden

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* **Blue #31 & 32**
(Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.;
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, Arr. David Willcocks)

Benediction

Postlude

O Holy Night
(Adolphe Adam, arr. John Rutter)

* 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.

December 23, 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/Graduate 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 visit the Narthex at the rear of the sanctuary after the service to connect with an FPCE member. 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, Children's Moment, Prayers of the People

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Sermon, Benediction
Stevenson Family, Advent Candle
Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Missions, Welcome; **Kim Langlois**, Scripture Reader; **Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director; **Rebecca Chu**, Organist; **Chris Haase & Anthony DiMauro**, Trumpet; **Ryan Sedgwick**, Horn; **Sean Keenan**, Trombone; **Yuriy Geyer & Pascal Innocenti**, Violin; **Danielle Taylor**, Viola; **Tahirah Whittington**, Cello; **Allison Allen & Meghan Dietrich**, Worship Leaders; **Fred Bryant**, Guitars, **Christie Miller**, Clarinet & Guitars; **Eugenia Jeong**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **James-Grant Robertson**, Bass Soloist; **Neal Ostrovsky**, A/V Coordinator; **Lynn Ostick**, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Bob Sefton and Marilyn Hasse

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Worship Services - Options for Families:

Children are welcome in worship!**

10 a.m. Blended Service

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 back corner lounge 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.

Sunday Education 10:30 - 11:15 am

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

Adult Discipleship Learning

No classes this week.

Classes resume January 13, 2019

Join us for our upcoming services!

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Family Pageant, 4 pm

Monday, December 24 - Candlelight Service, 11 pm

Sunday, December 31 - Worship Service, 10 am

Sunday, January 6 - Worship Service, 10 am

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

December 23, 2018, 10:00 am

Lasting Peace



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Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON