
FOCUS

Opening Sentences

Almighty God, You have shed upon us the new light of Your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

The Love of God
(Carolyn Hamlin)

EXALT

Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1–2)

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

All. I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World*

Blue #40

(Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: G. F. Handel, 1742, Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836)

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ You came among us
as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 5:1)

Leader: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Noel*

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

O Come All Ye Faithful*

(Words and Music: Chris Tomlin)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52
(New Testament p. 56)

Sermon

Jesus and His Father's Business

Guest Preacher: William Jordan

Candidate for ordination, Princeton Theological Seminary.

RESPOND

Offering

Musical Offering

Gesu Bambino

(Frederick G. Martens, lt. transl. by Pietro A. Yon; Pietro A. Yon, 1917)

Nell'umile capanna
nel freddo e povertà
é nato il Santo pargolo
che il mondo adorerà.

Osanna, osanna cantano
con giubilante cor
i tuoi pastori ed angeli
o re di luce e amor.

Venite adoremus
venite adoremus
venite adoremus
Dominum.

O bel bambin non piangere
non piangere, Redentor!
la mamma tua cullandoti
ti bacia, O Salvator.

Osanna, osanna cantano
con giubilante cor
i tuoi pastori ed angeli
o re di luce e amor.

Venite adoremus...

In the humble hut,
In cold and poverty
The Holy infant is born,
Who the world will adore.

"Hosanna, hosanna," sing
With a joyous heart,
You shepherds and angels,
O King of light and love.

Come let us adore,
Come let us adore,
Come let us adore
The Lord.

O beautiful boy do not cry
Do not cry, Redeemer!
Your mother cradles you,
Kisses you, O Savior.

"Hosanna, hosanna," sing
With a joyous heart,
You shepherds and angels,
O King of light and love.

Come let us adore...

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Blue #29

(Words: Stanzas, John W. Work II, 1872-1925;
Music: African-American Spiritual, Arr. John W. Work III, 1940,
Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987)

Benediction

Postlude

Noel
(C. Franck)

* 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 30, 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, Welcome
Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Missions, Prayers of the People
William Jordan, Guest Preacher, Candidate for Ordination, Princeton Theological Seminary, Sermon, Benediction
Mosilda Asanji, Scripture Reader
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Children's Moment, Worship Leader, Piano
Rebecca Chu, Organist
W. Stephen Smith, Soloist
Carol Smith, Piano
Daniel Allen, Worship Leader; **Fred Bryant**, Guitars; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Prayer Companions:
Evan Fotjik and Marilyn Hasse

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

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!

Sunday, January 6 - Worship Service, 10 am

Sunday, January 13 - Worship Services, 9 am and 11:30 am

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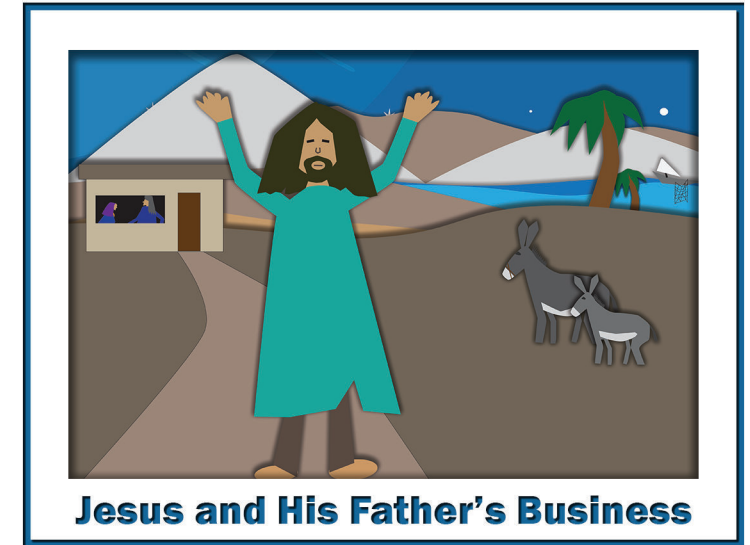


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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

December 30, 2018, 10:00 am



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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