

Order of Worship
January 6, 2019
Epiphany

FOCUS

Opening Sentences

O God, may we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year. Our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

- Excerpt, Billy Graham, 2008

Prelude

Shine, Jesus, Shine
(Peggy Bettcher)

EXALT

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1 & Matthew 2:11)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

All: The glory of God has risen upon us.

Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

Opening Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old*

Blue #63

(Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858;
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838, Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861,
Harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906)

Prayer of Confession

All: The joy and hopeful assurance of a new year reminds us of the greatest gift we have ever received. Gracious God, we humbly confess our sins of willfully doing wrong and of not choosing to do the good You have called us to do.

Thank you for the unimpeded grace we receive through the atoning sacrifice of Your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

Christ came in a body that we might be redeemed by His Body.

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, you and I are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

My Lighthouse*

(Words and Music: Rend Collective Experiment)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Installation of New Officers for 2019

Offering

Musical Offering

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

(Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1597, alt. Johann Schlegel, 1768, trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Music: Philipp Nicolai, 1599, harm. Johann Herman Schein, 1586-1630)

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

(New Testament pp. 1-2)

Sermon

Follow the Light

RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning v. 1, 3-4 Blue #67

(Text: Reginald Heber, 1811, alt.; Music: James Proctor Harding, 1892)

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 come forward as invited by an usher, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and receive the elements, with the response, "Thanks be to God!" Please indicate to an usher or server if you wish to be served in the pew. At the communion station to your left, designated by a blue napkin, we are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread.)

Communion Anthem

Come Light Our Hearts

(Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, 2016)

O Nata Lux

(Office hymn at Lauds of the Feast of the Transfiguration, 10th c.,
from Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen, 1997)

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned
to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Benediction

Postlude

Grand Choeur

(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.

January 6, 2019 - 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, Prayers of the People
Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Children's Moment, Sermon, Benediction
Olga Ricketts-Peart, Scripture Reader
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director, Welcome, Worship Leader
Rebecca Chu, Organist
Allison Allen, Worship Leader; **Dan Allen**, Worship Leader & Guitar; **Christie Miller**, Clarinet; **Paul Hunter**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Prayer Companions:

Peggie Robinson and Sally Ivaska

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 for communion.

** 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

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

Adult Discipleship Learning

No classes this week.

Next Week - Worship Services:

9 a.m. Blended Service

11:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service

NEW SERIES & ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:



Our Explore God Teaching and Adult Education Series will begin Sunday, January 13! This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and family who have questions about faith in God to come visit FPCE! The adult education groups will focus on the big questions so many of us have when it comes to the purpose of life God, suffering, who Jesus is and more!

Learn more at firstpresevanston.org/explore-god/

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

January 6, 2019, 10:00 am



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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