
FOCUS

Prayer before Worship

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18

Prelude ***Through the Valley of the Shadow***
(Lester H. Groom)

EXALT

Choral Introit ***In the Cross of Christ I Glory*** ***Blue #84***
Verses 1 & 4
(Words: John Bowring, 1825; Music: Ithmar Conkey, 1849)

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Opening Hymn ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**** ***Blue #263***
(Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt. 1987; Music: George William Warren, 1892)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we sin actively by dishonoring Christ in thought, word and deed. Equally so, we sin in our inactivity when we avoid risking our own reputations for the sake of making Him known as our Savior and Lord among others in our lives. In both cases, our need for Your grace reminds us of Your perfect plan of forgiveness, redemption and resurrection. As we reflect on your loving-kindness, we silently confess our failings, in Christ's name. Amen. *(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)*

Words of Assurance

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins."
(Colossians 2:13 - New Living Translation)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hear Our Praises*
(Words and Music: Reuben Morgan)

Salaam*
(Words and Music: Manal Samir)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome
Children's Moment
Passing of the Peace
Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***
(Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; Tune by Lowell Mason, arr. Gilbert M. Martin, 1970)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Scripture Lesson ***Philippians 1:27 - 2:18***
(New Testament, pp. 188-189)

Sermon ***Never Lose Sight of the Cross***

RESPOND

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn ***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**** ***Blue #78***
(Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: Hugh Wilson, c. 1800, Adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825)

Benediction

Postlude ***Fugue in G minor***
(Jean-Jacques Beaverlet-Charpentier)

* 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.
February 19, 2017 - 9 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

Please Pray for: (This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team.)

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices

Welcome Visitors!

Please visit the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary after the service and join us for refreshments in Roy Hall on the 2nd floor. 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!

Parents may use the lounge in the back of the sanctuary to participate in the service via a TV monitor. Worship journals and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, who are also available to direct you to our other facilities.

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. Ray Hylton, Sr. Pastor, Sermon, Prayers of the People

Rev. Kristin Mueller, Dir. Of Children's Ministries, Children's Moment

Liz Ribeiro, Youth Ministry Interim Director, Welcome

Mike Denesha, Scripture Reader

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Choir Director

Jack Harriff, Organist

Elda McGinty, Dir. of Music & Worship, Piano/Worship Leader

Allison Allen, Worship Leader; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

JoAnne Hart, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Gayle and Bob Hecker

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

9 a.m. Blended 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 women's lounge (back corner of the Sanctuary).

Fellowship Time (Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (10:10 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

Infants & Toddlers - Crib Room

Ages 2 & 3 - Yellow Room

Pre-K - Blue Room

Kindergarten - Orange Room

Grades 1 & 2 - Rm. 21 (lower level)

Grades 3 & 4 - Rm. 33 (lower level)

Grades 5 & 6 - 3rd Floor (East)

Sunday School Grades 7 & 8 -

NUBS Lounge

PYGS Sunday School Grades 9-12 -

PGYS Lounge, Basement

Adult Discipleship Learning

Sticky Faith Class – (Room 213) Part of the FPCE Building Strong Lasting Relationships classes, this three-week series (2/19, 2/26 and 3/3) draws from the book *Sticky Faith* by Dr. Kara Powell and Dr. Chap Clark." It is open to couples and singles seeking to know more about the role of parenting in building lasting faith in kids or young adults. Teachers are Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvine and facilitator Liz Ribeiro.

Small Group Ministry – (Parlor) Christian Discipleship.

Missions – (Dining Room) Following Christ in the Great Commission.

Sunday Morning Forum – (Room 206) A new course will begin March 12.

Single But Not Alone – (Third Floor, Center Room) Welcome all singles! *Next meeting is March 5*

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Options for Families:

Children 4 and under – Crib Room

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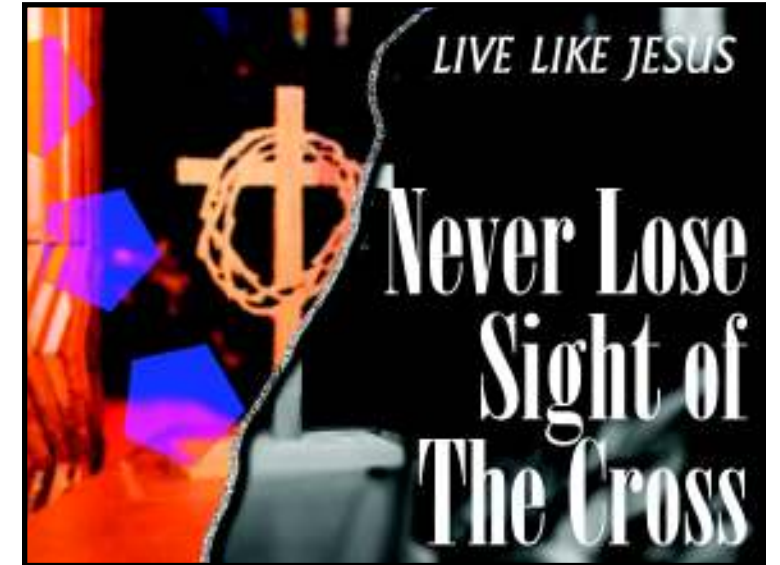


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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

February 19, 2017, 9:00 am - Blended Service



Our Mission:

Sharing Christ
Colossians 1:15-20.

Making Disciples
Matthew 28:18-20.

Serving God's World
Isaiah 58:6-9.

By the Power of the Holy Spirit
John 14:16-17.



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