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FOCUS

*Prayer Before Worship*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

*Prelude* **Chorale: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, from Cantata 147**  
(Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, inspired by Martin Janus, 1661 / J.S. Bach, 1716 & 1723)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

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EXALT

*Choral Introit*

**This is My Commandment**  
(Words: John 15:11-12; Music: Anonymous)

This is my commandment:  
that you love one another,  
that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment:  
that you serve one another,  
that your joy may be full.

*Opening Hymn & Song* **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee\*** **Blue #464**  
(Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.;  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824, Adapt. Edward Hodges, alt.)

**Build Your Kingdom Here\***  
(Words and Music: Rend Collective Experiment)

*Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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

*Assurance of Pardon*

Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
**forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**  
Follow God's example, therefore,  
**as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love,  
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us  
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:  
**through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen!**  
(taken from Ephesians 4:32-5:2, NIV)

**In Christ Alone\***

(Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

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ENCOUNTER

*Welcome*

*Sacrament of Baptism*

Congregational Prayer - **Most merciful and loving God, we thank You that You have given us such gracious promises concerning our children, and that in Your mercy You have called them to You, marking them with this sacrament as a singular token and pledge of Your love. Now set apart this water from a common to sacred use, and grant that what we now do on earth may be confirmed in heaven. Amen.**

*Children's Moment*

*Passing the Peace of Christ*  
*Offering of Gifts*

*Musical Offering* **Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One**  
(Words: Song of Songs 2:10-13; Music: Healy Willan, 1929)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear upon the earth.  
The time of singing of birds is come.  
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.

*Scripture Lesson*

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**  
(New Testament, p. 186)

*Sermon*

**Jesus and My Marriage**

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RESPOND

*Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn* **Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace\*** **Blue #374**  
(Words: Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226, Para. James Quinn, b. 1919;  
Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962)

*Benediction*

*Postlude* **Psalm XIX - The Heavens Declare the Glory of God**  
(Benedetto Marcello, 1837-1924)

\* 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.  
September 17, 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  
 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 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. Dr. Ray Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Sermon

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome, Prayers of the People

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

**Dave Sloan**, Scripture Reader

**Jack Harriff**, Organist

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Choir Director

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

**Elizabeth Ferguson**, Worship Leader;

**Daniel Allen**, Worship Leader/Electric

Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Erwin**

**Yasukawa**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual Coordinator

**Stephen Ferguson**, 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** -

PYGS Lounge, Basement

**Confirmation** - Main Floor Choir Room

### Adult Discipleship Learning

**Building Strong and Lasting Relationships** (Room 213) – The first of this fall's sessions focus on I Corinthians 13. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff-Irvine and Judy Slagle.

**Gospel of Mark** (Parlor) - We will look at the seemingly simple questions "Who do you say I am?" from Mark 8:29, and its implications. Led by Rev. Henry Coates.

**Missions** (Dining Room) – "Following Christ: Sharing Hospitality with Others." We will look at the ministry of hospitality. Caryl Weinberg is today's teacher.

**Sunday Morning Forum** (Room 206) – Celebrating the Reformation's 500th anniversary with a course on Luther and his legacy. Taught by LeRoy Klemt.

**Single But Not Alone** (Room 102) - Meets 9/24, 10/15, 11/12 and 12/10. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

### 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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#### Options for Families:

**Children 4 and under** – Crib Room

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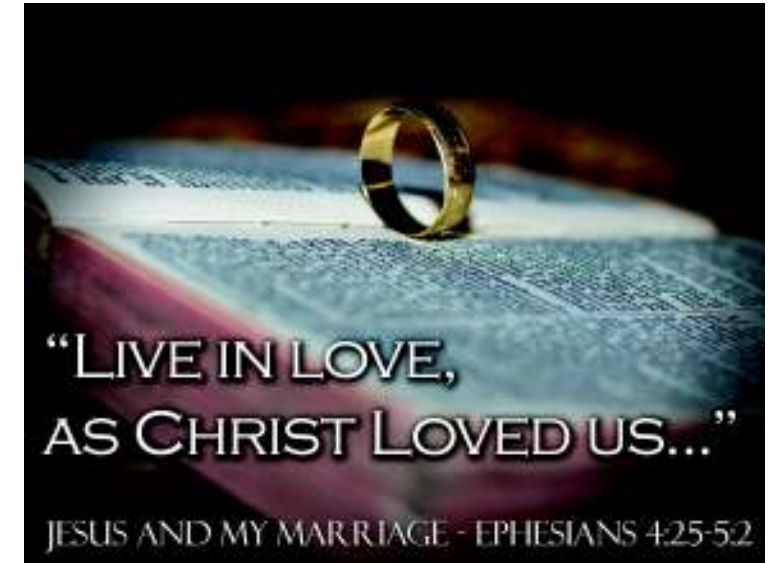


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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

September 17, 2017, 9:00 am - Blended Service



Our Mission:

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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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