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FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

Prelude **Chorale prelude on My Jesus Leadeth Me**  
(Johannes Brahms)

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EXALT

Call to Worship

We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.

**Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?**

Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

Opening Hymn & Song

**The Church's One Foundation\*** **Blue #442**

(Words: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864)

**I Surrender All\***

(Words and Music: Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter and Winfield Scott Weeden.

Hindi Translation: James Singh.)

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Salaam (Peace)\***

(Words and Music: Manal Samir, Songs of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt)

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ENCOUNTER

Welcome  
Children's Moment  
Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

**Yesu Ndeko Ya Bolingo**

(Tune of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus,"

Sung in Lingala, one of 62 spoken languages in the Congo.)

Yesu ndeko ya bolingo  
Yo olingo ngai mingi  
Yo okufelaki ngai  
Mpe otalisi ngai nzela  
(Na Yesu hallelujah)

(Jesus, Son of God's love,  
You love me greatly always  
And you died for me  
To show me the way to live fully.

Ngai nandimi nkolo Yesu  
Hallelujah na Yesu  
Ngai nalingi nkolo Yesu  
Hallelujah na Yesu.

For my part I trust in the Lord Jesus;  
Hallelujah in Jesus' name;  
And I love the Lord Jesus;  
Hallelujah in Jesus' name.)

Scripture Lesson

**Ephesians 4:1-6**

(New Testament, p. 185)

Sermon

**World Communion Sunday**

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RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation

**O for a Closer Walk with God\***

**Blue #396**

(Words: William Cowper, 1772; Scottish Psalter, 1635)

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.

(The ushers will guide the congregation in coming forward, beginning with the choir, then the front row. They will indicate to the servers if you wish to be served in the pew. All are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and receive the elements, with the response, "Thanks be to God!" We are pleased to offer one station of gluten free communion bread which can be found on the far right aisle as you come forward.)

Communion Anthem

**God So Loved the World**

(Words: John 3:16-17; Music: John Stainer, 1840-1901)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

(Words are projected on the screens)

Benediction

Postlude

**The Church's One Foundation**

(Arr. Don Hustad)

\* 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.

October 1, 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,  
Prayer of Confession & Assurance,  
Children's Moment

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Designated  
Associate Pastor, Sermon

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

**Benjamin Kenney**, Scripture Reader  
**Elizabeth Brown**, Substitute Organist

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Choir  
Director

**Allison Allen, Bryan Carmody**, Worship  
Leaders; **Daniel Allen**, Electric Guitar;  
**Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass;  
**Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**,  
Percussion

**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual  
Coordinator

**Stephen Ferguson**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Eleanor and Ron Ehresman

## 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

**High School Sunday School Grades**

**9-12** - PYGS Lounge, Basement

**Confirmation** - Main Floor Choir Room

#### Adult Discipleship Learning

**Building Strong and Lasting Relationships** (Room 213) – Our focus on I Corinthians 13 concludes this week. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvin 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. The Rev. Dr. Boaz R. Johnson 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) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians Through 1 Peter." Meets 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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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

October 1, 2017, 9:00 am - Blended Service



Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON