
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

Luke 1:38

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

(Gustav Holst, 1874 - 1934, setting by Raymond H. Haan)

EXALT

Choral Introit

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

Blue #11

*(Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653, transl. Catherine Winkworth et al, 1863, alt.;
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614, harm. W.H. Monk, 1861)*

O Lord, how shall I meet you,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy,
A lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Way*

Blue #13

*(Words: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1771-1847, adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt. 1989;
Music: Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697, arr. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930)*

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: Hope

Praise Song

What A Beautiful Name*

(Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.

We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.

We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.

Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand,

so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.

Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

Praise Song

If You Say Go*

(Words and Music: Diane Thiel)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

There Is No Rose

(Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange; setting by Sandra Eithun)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda.
[A wonderful thing.]

By that rose we may well see
That He is God in persons three,
Pari forma.
[Of the same form.]

The angels sungen, the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
[Glory to God on high;]

Gaudeamus.
[Let us rejoice.]

Now leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.
[Let us go.]

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

(New Testament, p. 53)

Sermon

Mary: I am the servant of the Lord

RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates****

Blue #8

*(Words: Georg Weissel, 1642, Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: Thomas Williams, 1789, Harm. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872)*

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.
(We hold the bread until all are served; we drink the cup when served. Gluten free communion bread today can be found in the paper cups on each tray.)

Communion Music ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

*(CHOIR: Words: Fr. Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent; trans. by G. Moultrie, 1864;
Music: Old French Melody, arr. Gustav Holst, 1921.
ORGAN: Myron Casner, 1908-1992)*

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed

Benediction

Postlude

Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* 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 3, 2017 - 9:00 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

- 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, Children's Moment, Sermon

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

Sandra Wilson, Scripture Reader

Kim Klamm with Sarah Jones and

Ellie Weber, Advent Readers and

Candlelighters

Jack Harriff, Organist

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Choir Director

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

Ellie Weber, Worship Leader, Guitar;

Eugenia Jeong, Piano; **Fred Bryant**,

Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**,

Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual

Coordinator

Christie Miller, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Peggie Robinson and Mike Denesha

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

Advent Adult Sunday School (Dining Room) – "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: Christian Faith in times of Crisis."

Advent is a time of hopeful expectation for the coming of the Savior. Yet how do we keep hope alive in times of extreme crisis? Join Drs. William Myatt and Robert Hogg with Pastor Henry Coates as together we explore historical and contemporary crises and the response of Christians in times when hope was hard to keep.

12/3: Europe and the Crisis of Refugees - 1 John 4:7

12/10: Hitler, Holocaust, and the Crisis of German Christianity - Luke 2:10

12/17: Christianity and the Crisis of Poverty - Philippians 4:6

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians Through 1 Peter." Meets 12/10. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Children 4 and under – Crib Room

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

December 3, 2017, 9:00 am - Blended Service



First Sunday of Advent - Mary: "I am the servant of the Lord"

Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON