

Order of Worship
January 28, 2018

FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

There the angel of the Lord appeared to (Moses) in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

- Exodus 3:3

Prelude

What God Ordains is Always Good
(Johann Gottfried Walther, 1684 - 1748)

EXALT

Choral Introit

O God, What You Ordain is Right, v. 1 **Blue #284**
(Words: Samuel Rodigast, c. 1675, trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, 1863, alt.;
Music: Attr. Elkanish Kelsay Dare)

O God, what You ordain is right, Your holy will abiding; I shall be still, whate'er You do, And follow where You are guiding.	You are my God; Though dark my road, You hold me that I shall not fall; Wherefore to You I leave it all.
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Opening Hymn **The God of Abraham Praise*** **Blue #488**
(Words: Daniel ben Judah, 1404, Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885, alt.;
Music: Hebrew melody, Adapt. Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770)

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

Prayer of Confession†

ALL: God of fire, You are a force beyond human understanding, with the power to sear through the veins of creation with passion and vigor, or to extinguish life in consuming flame. Your presence is dangerous for there is no predicting where you might burn, and yet comforting as Your light and warmth offer an invitation to draw closer.

Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, marking us as your own. Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires and those that challenge our faith from within the world. Forgive us for those times; when we have ignored the needs of others; when we have failed to place our feet upon your path; when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

†Inspired by Exodus 3:1-15

Assurance of Pardon†

LEADER: The blazing fire of God's presence refines us,

ALL: but in mercy it does not destroy us.

LEADER: God does not repay evil for evil,

ALL: but comes to deliver us and restore us to life.

LEADER: Hear the Good News of the Gospel

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri*^s
(Music: Charles Meineke)

Red #100

If You Say Go*
(Words and Music: Diane Thiel)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action - Small Groups

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

Whom Shall I Send?
(Words: Isaiah 6:8; Music: Jean Berger, 1962)

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
Then said I, "Here am I; send me."

Congregational Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*^s **Blue #592**
(Text: Thomas Ken, 1695; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551)

Scripture Lesson

2:23, 3:1-7, 9-10, 13-15^s
(Old Testament, p. 51)

Sermon

Life Interrupted

RESPOND

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Lord, When I Came Into This Life* **Blue #522**
(Words: Fred Kaan, 1976; Music: American folk melody, Arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938)

Benediction

Postlude

Passacaglia
(Gordon Young, 1919 - 1998)

§ 150th Anniversary note: The stained glass projected during the Scripture Reading may be located on the south wall of our FPCE sanctuary. We thank God for His grace and bounty in providing a space for worship that is also so beautiful.

(Photo by Bill Floyd)

The Gloria Patri and Doxology were a regular part of FPCE services throughout the 1960s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. The Assurance of Pardon was always followed by the Gloria Patri and the Doxology always followed the Offering of Gifts. Today, we include them as part of the commemoration of our 150th anniversary year.

* 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 28, 2018 - 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, Prayer before Worship, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Prayers of the People

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Benediction

Alyce Claerbaut, Small Groups, Faith in Action

Tom Sullivan, Scripture Reader

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Music & Worship, Choir Director

Allison Allen & Meghan Dietrich, Worship Leaders; **Elizabeth Ferguson**, Interim Band Director, Piano/Worship Leader; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Glenn Mueller, Guest Audio/Visual Coordinator

Christie Miller, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Bob Sefton and Marilyn Haase

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, 3rd Floor

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Confirmation - Main Floor Choir Room

Adult Discipleship Learning

All-Church Adult Education Series - Discipleship: Growing as a Church Through Knowing, Following, and Serving Christ (*January 14, 21 and 28 in Roy Hall*).

TODAY!

Following Christ
Caryl Weinberg

Next Sunday

Adult Education Classes return to their regular schedule:

Sunday Morning Forum - Room 206

Building Lasting Relationships - Room 213

Gospel of Mark - Parlor

Mission - Dining Room

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

January 28, 2018, 9:00 am



Our Mission:

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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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