
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."

- Luke 9:23-24

Prelude

Draw Us to You
(Setting by Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957)

EXALT

Choral Introit

Be With Me, Lord, v. 1 & 2
(Words: Thomas O. Chisholm; Music: Lloyd O. Sanderson, 1935)

Be with me, Lord, I cannot live without Thee,
I dare not try to take one step alone,
I cannot bear the loads of life, unaided,
I need Thy strength to lean myself upon.
Be with me, Lord, and then if dangers threaten,
If storms of trial burst above my head,
If lashing seas leap ev'rywhere about me,
They cannot harm, or make my heart afraid.

Opening Hymn

And Can It Be*
(Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Thomas Campbell)

Red #29

Take Up Your Cross*

Sung to the tune "Canonbury" (Blue #426)
(Words: Charles William Everest, 1833, alt.; Music: Robert Schumann, 1839)

Blue #393

Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of you Name. Amen.**

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

Song of Response

And Can It Be, v.1, chorus
(Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Thomas Campbell)

Red #29

Assurance of Pardon

LEADER: Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri*

(Music: Charles Meineke)

Red #100

Praise Song

Blessed Be Your Name*
(Words and Music: Beth Redman and Matt Redman)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

I've Been in the Storm So Long
(Music & Words: Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Mark Hayes, 2011)

I've been in the storm so long, children,
Oh, give me little time to pray.
Oh, let me tell my mother how I come along,
With a hung-down head and an aching heart.
I've been in the storm so long...
I'll go into heaven and take my seat
And cast my crown at Jesus' feet.
I've been in the storm so long...

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:21-27
(New Testament, p. 65)

Sermon

Suffering with Christ

RESPOND

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)*
(Words and Music: Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson,
Joel Taylor, and Gabriel Wilson)

Benediction

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, v. 1 **Blue #363**
(Words: African American Spiritual;
Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000)

Postlude

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor
(William Owen, 1814 - 1893; Setting by Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957)

§The Gloria Patri was 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 the Gloria Patri 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.
February 25, 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, Sermon, Benediction

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

Alyce Claerbaut, Scripture Reader
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Welcome, Choir Director

Jack Harriff, Organ

Elizabeth Ferguson, Interim Praise Band Director, Worship Leader, Piano;

Kiki Hood, Worship Leader; **Dan Allen**, Worship Leader, Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Joel Hylton**, Drums

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Stephen Ferguson, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Mike Denesha and Marilyn Haase

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

Worship Services - Options for Families:

Children are welcome in worship!**

9 a.m. Blended Service

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.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Children 4 and under – Crib Room

** 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 - 3rd Floor (Center)

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

Adult Discipleship Learning

Building Strong and Lasting Relationships (Room 213) – 5 Disciplines of a Growing Marriage continues in February. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvin and Judy Slagle.

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

Lenten Group Class (Room 103) - The Small Groups Ministry Team hosts a study based on the Lenten Sermon Series on the Gospel of Luke. Join us to discuss the sermon and delve deeper! Led by Katy Ingle and Olga Ricketts-Pearl.

Missions (Dining Room) – "Building Friendships with Muslims and Internationals: Cultivating Meaningful Spiritual Conversations." Melanie Myatt facilitates this week's class.

Sunday Morning Forum (Room 206) – We'll be discussing N.T. Wright's book "The Day the Revolution Began." All are welcome!

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians through 1 Peter". Our meeting dates are 3/11, 4/8, and 5/6. Facilitated by Karen Alicia Shaw.

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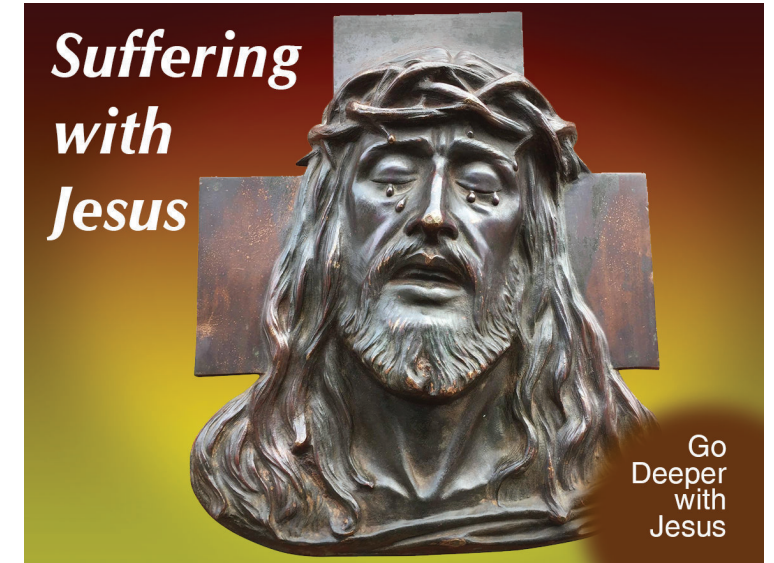


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Sunday Worship

February 25, 2018, 9:00 am



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