
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty and gracious God, since our whole salvation stands in our knowledge of Your holy word, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin so that we may hear and receive Your word, recognizing Your gracious will for us. Teach us by scripture to love and serve You with delight, praising and glorifying You in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- John Calvin

Prelude ***Prelude & Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554***
(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

EXALT

Call to Worship

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

All: the conviction of things not seen.

L: The Holy Spirit invites us into this place.

A: Come, let us worship the Lord.

Opening Song ***You Are Good****
(Words and Music: Israel Houghton)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Faithful God, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (1 Peter 2:24)

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

All: so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wound we have been healed.

L: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

A: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Amen.

Good Good Father*
(Words and Music: Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action - Exploring God With Others

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering ***By Gracious Powers***[§]
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944, translated by Fred Pratt Green / C. Hubert H. Parry, 1904)

*By gracious powers so
wonderfully sheltered,
And confidently waiting, come what may,
We know that God is with us
night and morning
And never fails to greet us each new day.*

*And when this cup you give
Is filled to brimming
With bitter suffering, hard to understand,
We take it thankfully
and without trembling,
Out of so good and so beloved a hand.*

*Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls
the sure salvation
For which, O Lord,
you taught us to prepare.*

*Yet when again in this same world
you give us
The joy we had, the brightness
of your sun,
We shall remember all the days
we lived through,
And our whole life shall then
be yours alone.*

Scripture Lesson ***Hebrews 12:3-11***
(New Testament pp. 216-217)

Sermon ***The Fruits of Discipline***

Hymn of Response ***Be Still My Soul**** ***Red #32***
(Words: Katharina von Schlegel; Music: Jean Sibelius)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn ***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**** ***Blue #172***
*(Words: para. Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. 1972;
Music: Walker's "Southern Harmony," 1835, Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986)*

Benediction

Postlude ***Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand, BWV 626***
(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

[§] "From the Gestapo bunker in Prinz-Albert-Strasse, Berlin, to which he had been transferred to Tegel on 8 October 1944, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote this New Year message to his friends on the last New Year's Eve of his life, 31 December 1944; it was smuggled out of his prison..." (Wesley Milgate)

* 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 16, 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
 I would like to speak with a pastor
 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 Connections Room at the front right of the sanctuary after the service to connect with FPCE members and staff. 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!

Ushers can help direct families to resources in our sanctuary space or to additional care rooms if needed. A changing table, quiet space, and service projection via TV are available in the back sanctuary lounge space.

Prayer Requests

Our prayer companions are available in Room 103 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. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Prayer before Worship, Call to Worship, Sermon, Benediction

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Welcome

Bev Bolsen, Interim Dir. of Children's Ministries, Children's Moment

Hannah McLeod, Scripture Reader

Ben Perri, Guest Organist

Meghan Dietrich & Dione Ewang, Worship Leaders; **Daniel Allen**, Guitar & Worship Leader; **Noah McLeod**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Fred Bryant**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Joel Hylton, Guest A/V Coordinator

Christie Miller, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Peggie Robinson and Mike Denesha

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 back corner lounge 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 & 5 - 3rd Floor (Center)

Sunday School Grades 6, 7 & 8 -

NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Adult Discipleship Learning

Begins TODAY

"Exploring God with Others"

Meets between 1st and 2nd services:

September 16, 23, and 30

in the Dining room (2nd Floor)

This 3-week all-church class will be about having meaningful, kind, and thoughtful spiritual conversations.

TODAY - Week #1: Attention God-ward: Deepening our connection with God Himself (praying, loving, serving). Teacher: Judith Hylton.

Week #2: Attention Inward: Being willing to reveal our true selves (listening, welcoming, sharing). Teacher: Pastor Ray Hylton.

Week #3: Attention Outward: Discerning and joining in with what the Holy Spirit is already doing in someone's life (noticing, asking questions, facilitating). Teacher: TBD.

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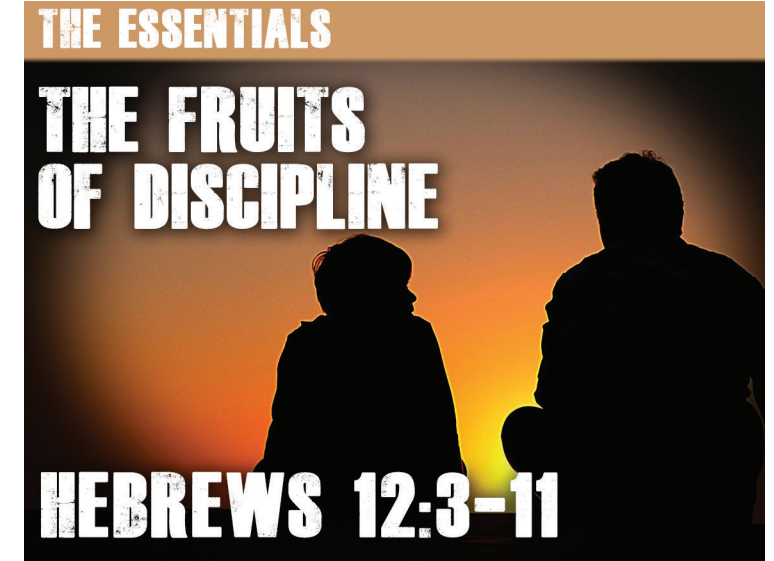


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Sunday Worship

September 16, 2018, 9:00 am



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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