
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal Pity, have mercy on us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Alcuin of Tours, c. 735-804

Prelude

Hark! Hark, My Soul![§]
(Tune: "Pilgrims")

(Music: Henry Thomas Smart, 1868; arr. Charles Callahan, b. 1951)

EXALT

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 35:10, Ps. 95:1)

Leader: Come, you ransomed of the LORD. Return and come into God's presence with songs and everlasting joy upon your head. Here you shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

All: Come, let us let us sing to the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Opening Hymn

O God, Our Faithful God*

Blue #277

Sung to the tune of "Now Thank We All Our God" Blue #555

(Words: Johann Heermann, 1630, Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.;
Music: Johann Cruger, 1648, Harm. adapt. Lobegesan, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840)

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (from Exodus 3:7-8)

Leader: Then the Lord said, "I have seen the misery of the people in bondage. I have heard their cries under the taskmasters. Indeed, I know their suffering, and I have come to deliver them."

The Lord has sent you to proclaim release to the captives.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are set free — free to love, free to serve, free to set others free. Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Dedication

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Blue #392

(Words: William H. Foulkes; Music: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918)

No Longer Slaves*

(Words and Music: Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action - Freedom Sunday

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

Eye Hath Not Seen

(Words: From the Cantata "The Holy City"; Music: Alfred Robert Gaul)

Eye hath not seen,
Ear hath not heard,
Neither have entered into the heart
of man that things which God,
Which God hath prepared for them
that love Him,
For them that love Him,
The things which God hath prepared,
Prepared for them that love Him,
For He hath prepared for them a city,
Whose builder and maker is God,
He hath prepared,
Prepared for them a city,
Whose builder and maker is God.

Eye hath not seen,
Hath not seen the things prepared for
them that love him.
There remaineth, therefore,
a rest for the people,
The people of God;
Therefore fear,
Therefore fear lest any come short of it,
Let any come short, come short of it.

Eye hath not seen,
Ear hath not heard,
Neither have entered in the heart of man
that things which God hath prepared,
Prepared for them that love Him

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12:12-17

(New Testament p. 217)

Sermon

Accepting God's Grace

RESPOND

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

This Is Amazing Grace*

(Words and Music: Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, and Phil Wickham)

Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium und Fuge in E-Moll

(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

§ "Rest comes at length: though life be long and dreary, The day must dawn, and darksome night be past; Faith's journeys end in welcome to the weary, And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last." - Frederick William Faber, hymn writer, 1834

* 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 23, 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 Narthex at the rear of the sanctuary after the service to connect with an FPCE member. 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, Children's Moment
Bev Bolsen, Interim Director of Children's Ministries, Welcome
Alexis Langlois, Faith in Action
Steve Smith, Prayers of the People
Jim Wildenradt, Scripture Reader
Darshaya Oden, Soprano Soloist
Elizabeth Brown, Guest Organist
Allison Allen, Bryan Carmody, Kiki Hood, Worship Leaders; **Daniel Allen, Fred Bryant, and Christie Miller**, Guitars; **Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator
Zoey Myatt, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Peggie Robinson and Bob Sefton

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

“Exploring God with Others”

Meets between 1st and 2nd services:

September 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 #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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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

September 23, 2018, 9:00 am

THE ESSENTIALS

ACCEPTING GOD'S GRACE



HEBREWS 12:12-17

Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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