
FOCUS

Opening Sentences

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever.”

Revelation 11:15

Prelude

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
(Charles Ore)

EXALT

Call to Worship

Leader: The Holy Spirit calls us into worship.

We are called to love the Lord our God,

All: With all our heart and soul.

We are called to love the Lord our God,

With all our mind and strength.

We are called to love the Lord our God,

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Blue #451

(Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley, 1906;

Music: “Geistliche Kirchengesäng”, 1623, alt., Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906)

Prayer of Confession

All: Savior, Shepherd, Messiah, King—we know You by many names, Lord. The presence of God fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from You; all that You do declares Your love for us. Yet when evil strikes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where You are; we even wonder who You are. How quickly we forget that You are always with us, that You reign victorious and unexpected, forever and ever. By the presence of Your Holy Spirit, dispel our gloom and despair. Redeem our broken world. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread Your table before us, and feed us from Your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in Your name that we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the words of Revelation:

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.

All: With His blood He has purchased us for God

From every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

in Jesus Christ, we are saved from the power of Sin and Death.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Lamb of God*

(Words and Music: Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, and Meredith Andrews)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Faith in Action - Angel Tree

Children’s Message

Scripture & Congregational Anthem

Revelation 11:15-18
Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah
(G.F. Handel)

Red #99

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Sermon

Our God Reigns

RESPOND

Hymn of Preparation and Offering (Please remain seated)

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor **Blue #154**
Choir sings v. 1, then congregation joins for v. 3-4
(Words: George Hugh Bourne, 1874;
Music: William Owen, 1852, harm. “Christian Hymns”, 1977)

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. (Please indicate to the servers if you wish to be served in the pew. All are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and receive the elements, with the response, “Thanks be to God!” At the communion station to your left, designated by a blue napkin, we are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread.)

Communion Song

Let us Break Bread Together On Our Knees **Blue #513**
(Words and Music: African-American spiritual; Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988)

Communion Anthem **Strengthen for Service, Lord**

(Words: Liturgy of Malabar, transl. C.W. Humphreys and P. Dearmer, 1867-1936;
Music: melody, Christopher Peter, 1655; arr. Healey Willan, 1962)

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; Let ears that now have heard Thy songs To clamour never waken. Lord, may the tongues which ‘Holy’ sang Keep free from all deceiving; The eyes which saw Thy love be bright, Thy blessed hope perceiving. The feet that tread thy holy courts From light do Thou not banish; The bodies by Thy Body fed With Thy new life replenish.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song

He Reigns*
(Words and Music: by Peter Furler and Steve Taylor)

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in C Major
(J. S. Bach)

* 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.

November 4, 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 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, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Sermon, Benediction
Marge Stromberg, Children's Moment and Scripture Reader

Rebecca Chu, Organist

Daniel Allen, Bryan Carmody, Worship Leaders; **Daniel Allen & Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Hannah McConnell**, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Trudy Delfosse, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Mike Denesha and Peggie Robinson

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

By the Rivers of Babylon: "Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land" (Parlor, 2nd Floor) — This class is a character study of various people living during the times of exile described in the Old Testament. Facilitator: J.J. Ivaska.

Rejoicing in the Impact of Seed Money: Missions Class on the Great Commission Fund. Dining Room (2nd Floor) — This class celebrates what God has done in recent years through the Great Commission Fund of FPCE. Facilitator: Caryl Weinberg.

Intimacy with God and Others: Relationships Class (Room 213, 2nd Floor) — We will learn practical ways how to love God with all our heart, love our spouse, our children and our neighbors as ourselves. Facilitators: Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvin.

Being Christian! (Choir Room, 1st Floor) — This class will study the book "Being Christian" by Rowan Williams as well as the essay "Strange New World of the Bible" by Karl Barth. Facilitator: Rev. Henry Coates.

Single But Not Alone! "Walk in Confidence with Christ - A Study of Ephesians" (Room 102) — Welcome all Singles! We're a diverse group that welcomes adults who are single at any stage in their lives. This class meets November 4, 11, and 18. Facilitator: Karen Shaw

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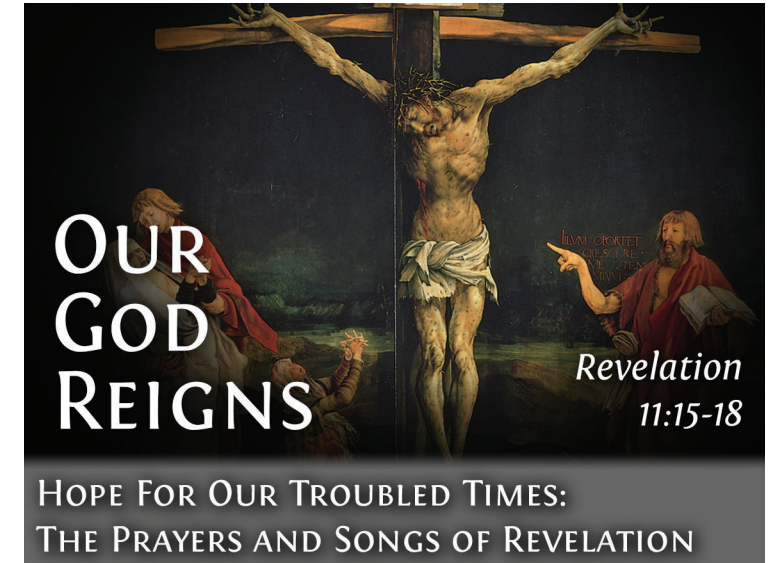


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Sunday Worship

November 4, 2018, 9:00 am



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