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FOCUS

*Opening Sentences*

And He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. - Isaiah 25:7-8

*Prelude*

**Let All Things Now Living**  
*(David Lowe)*

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EXALT

*Choral Introit*                      **O Day of Peace, v. 2**                      **Blue #450**  
*(Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982; Music: C. Hubert Parry, 1916, Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986)*

*Call to Worship* (Isaiah 6:3)

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

**All: The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Opening Hymn*

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!, v. 1,2,4**    **Blue #138**  
*(Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826;*

*Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861, desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948)*

*Prayer of Confession*

**All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. By the grace of Your Holy Spirit, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

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

*Assurance of Pardon* (Romans 5:5)

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Our God\***

*(Words and Music: Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)*

**Alpha and Omega\***

*(Words and Music: Erasmus Mutanbira)*

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ENCOUNTER

*Welcome*

*Children's Moment*

*Passing of the Peace of Christ*

*Faith in Action - Stephen Ministry*

*Offering*

*Musical Offering*

**Begin, My Soul (Watt's Lyre)**

*(Traditional, arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw, 1961)*

Begin, my soul, th'exalted lay,  
Let each enraptured thought obey,  
And praise th'Almighty's Name;  
Lo, heav'n and earth  
and seas and skies  
In one melodious concert rise  
To swell th'inspiring theme.

Ye angels, catch the thrilling sound,  
While all th'adoring thrones around  
His boundless mercy sing;

Let ev'ry list'ning saint above  
Wake all the tuneful soul of love,  
And touch the sweetest string.

Let man by nobler passions swayed,  
The feeling heart, the judging head,  
In heavn'ly praise employ;  
Spread His tremendous Name around,  
Till Heavn's broad arch  
rings back the sound,  
The gen'ral burst of joy!

*Scripture*

**Revelation 15:1-4**

*(New Testament p. 244)*

*Sermon*

**The Victory of Christ**

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RESPOND

*Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn*

**Now Thank We All Our God, v. 1 & 3\***

**Blue #555**

*(Words: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636, Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.,  
Stanza 3: 'Rejoice in the Lord', 1985;*

*Music: Johann Crüger, 1648, harm. adapt. 'Lobegesang,' Felix Mendelssohn, 1840)*

*Comissioning of the Strategic Plan "Design Team"*

*Choral Benediction & Benediction*

**Old Zion's Children Marching Along**

*(Traditional Spiritual)*

Old Zion's children marching along, talking about the welcome day.

*Postlude*

**Praise to the Lord**

*(M. Arison)*

\* 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 18, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

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Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Family members' names/ages

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, City, State, Zip

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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, Sermon, Benediction  
**Rev. Henry Coates**, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Prayers of the People  
**Amanda Golbek**, Dir. of Youth Ministries, Welcome, Children's Moment  
**George O'Carroll**, Scripture Reader  
**Rebecca Chu**, Organist  
**Daniel Allen, Dione Ewang, & Meghan Dietrich**, Worship Leaders; **Fred Bryant & Christie Miller**, Guitars; **Eugenia Jeong**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion  
**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director  
**Neal Ostrovsky**, A/V Coordinator  
**Trudy Delfosse**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Bob Sefton 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 back corner lounge of the Sanctuary.

*Join us this morning between services for...*

# Explore Advent!

**Explore Advent—an intergenerational Advent event—  
takes place this morning  
from 10:15 to 11:30 am, in Roy Hall.**

This all-church activity will take the place of all education classes today. Join us as we come together as a church family to explore the meaning of the Advent season, preparing our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



The crib room will remain open this morning, but all other Children's and Adult Education classes are cancelled. Please join us in Roy Hall for this event!

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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

**November 18, 2018, 9:00 am**

## THE VICTORY OF CHRIST



*Revelation 15:1-4*

HOPE FOR OUR TROUBLED TIMES:  
THE PRAYERS AND SONGS OF REVELATION

**Our Mission:**

**KNOWING CHRIST**

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

**SERVING CHRIST**



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