
FOCUS

Opening Sentences

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we Your people await Christ's coming. As once He came in humility, so now may He come in glory, that He may make all things perfect in Your everlasting kingdom. For He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Ring the Bells
(Arr. Don Wyrzten)

EXALT

Choral Introit **Savior of the Nations, Come, Verse 1** **Blue #14**

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Trans. William Morton Reynolds, 1850;

Music: Based on plainsong melody, Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524, as in "Songs of Syon," 1910)

Call to Worship (Revelation 22:20):

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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Lighting the Third Candle of Advent: Joy (Philippians 4:4-7)

Prayer of Confession

It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace.

We confess to You the ways in which we block the peace of Christ in our lives.

God of peace, hear our prayer.

The rushing and scurrying to get things done,
We confess to You, O God of peace.

The worry about the little details,
We confess to You, O God of peace.

The financial burdens we put on ourselves,
We confess to You, O God of peace.

The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,
We confess to You, O God of peace.

Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year, Your peace is always there for us.

Instill within us Your peace, O God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

Instill within us Your peace, O God.

When we become irritable,

Instill within us Your peace, O God.

When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us,

help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

Instill within us Your peace, O God. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (taken from Zephaniah 3:14-18)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

**Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!**

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,

He has turned away your enemies.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,

He will renew you in his love;

He will exult over you with loud singing.

This is the Good News of the Gospel. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sing to the King*

(Words and Music: Billy Foote and Charles Silvester Horne)

Choral Response (First Kids Choir and Chimes)

I'll Give Him My Heart

(Music: Carol Cymbala & the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, 2001)

Come to Save Us*

(Words and Music: Leslie Jordan and David Leonard)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action - Explore God Chicago

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20

(Old Testament pp. 902-903)

Sermon

Unsinkable Joy

RESPOND

Offering

Musical Offering **What is this Lovely Fragrance?**

(Old French Carol, transl. Ysobel; arr. by Healy Willan, 1941)

What is this lovely fragrance wafting

Like to the scents of flow'rs

in spring?

Shepherds, O tell us,

whence such beauty,

Hear you not heav'nly caroling?

What is this lovely fragrance...

Followed His course

o'er eastern skies.

What is this light so fair...

Shepherds, O haste

with eager footsteps

Seek the Saviour, born today.

Low are His feet

we lay our treasure,

Heart's adoration, love for aye.

Shepherds, O haste...

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Continued on back)

* 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.

December 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/Graduate 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
Hu Family, Advent Candle
Bev Bolsen, Interim Dir. of Children's Ministries, Children's Moment
Zadie Ivaska, Scripture Reader
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director, Welcome
Rebecca Chu, Organist
Bryan Carmody, Ellie Weber & Meghan Dietrich, Worship Leaders; **Fred Bryant & Christie Miller**, Guitars; **Paul Hunter**, Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator
Zoe Myatt, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Gayle and Bob Hecker

Closing Hymn **Of the Father's Love Begotten*** **Blue #309**
(Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413, Trans. John Mason Neal, 1854, and Henry Williams Baker, 1859; Music: Plainsong, Mode V, Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940)

Benediction

Postlude

Joyous Proclamation
(Susan Caudill)

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

All-Church Adult Education Advent Classes

"Faith & the Creative Arts"

Sunday, December 16 — 10:30 a.m.

In the Dining Room (2nd Floor) between services.

Our guest teacher, Cam Anderson, will be discussing the visual arts.

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Sunday Worship

December 16, 2018, 9:00 am



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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