
FOCUS

Opening Sentences

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?
- Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

Prelude **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**
(K. Varner)

EXALT

Call to Worship

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

All: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Grace and peace to you from God,

Who was, and is, and is to come.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Opening Hymn **My Soul in Silence Waits for God***
Sung to the Tune "Winchester Old," Blue #162
(Words: The Psalter, 1912, after Psalm 62; Music: Estes "Psalms," 1592)

My soul in silence waits for God,
My Savior He has proved;
He only is my Rock and Tower;
I never shall be moved.

On Him, ye people, evermore
Rely with confidence;
Before Him pour ye out your heart,
For God is our defense.

For surely men are helpers vain,
The high and the abased;

Yea, lighter than a breath are they
When in the balance placed.

Trust not in harsh oppression's pow'r
Nor in unrighteous gain;
If wealth increases, yet on your gold
Ye set your hearts in vain.

For God has spoken o'er and o'er
And unto me has shown
That saving pow'r and lasting strength
Belong to Him alone.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world, trusting that You will hear us as we cry out. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to all around us. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world with purpose as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (Phil 3:9)

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Everlasting God*
(Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley)

You Are In Control*
(Words and Music: Scott Underwood)

ENCOUNTER

Welcome
Children's Moment
Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture **Ecclesiastes 1:1-11**
(Old Testament p. 629)

Sermon **Does Life Have a Purpose?**

RESPOND

Offering
Musical Offering **Order My Steps**
(Words & Music by Glenn Burleigh, 1991, arr. Jack Schrader, 2000)

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **Unless the Lord the House Shall Build**
v. 1 & 2, and Doxology*
Sung to the tune "Old Hundredth," Blue #592
(Words: The Psalter, 1912, alt. after Psalm 127, with Doxology, Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709;
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551)

Unless the Lord the house shall build,
The weary builders toil in vain;
Unless the Lord the city shield,
The guards a useless watch maintain.

In vain you rise at morning break,
And late your nightly vigils keep,
And weary days of toil partake;
For God's beloved there is sleep.

Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

Postlude **Te Deum**
(A. Charpentier)

* 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.
January 13, 2019 - 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, Children's Moment

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome, Prayers of the People

Anika Velasco, Scripture Reader
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Choir Director

Rebecca Chu, Organist

Daniel Allen, Worship Leader & Guitar;

Christie Miller, Clarinet & Guitars;

Eugenia Jeong, Piano; **Scott Henrie**,

Bass; **Joel Hylton**, Drums; **Tina**

Laughlin, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Prayer Companions:

Marilyn Haase 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 Room 21 (in the basement) 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



NEW SERIES & ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

Our Explore God Teaching and Adult Education Series has begun!

Dining Room and Parlor (2nd Floor)

The adult education groups will focus on the big questions so many of us have when it comes to the purpose of life God, suffering, who Jesus is and more!

[Learn more at firstpresevanston.org/explore-god/](http://firstpresevanston.org/explore-god/)

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

January 13, 2019, 9:00 am



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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