
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:33-34

OPENING PRAISE

Opening Prayer

Every Praise*

(Words and Music: John David Bratton and Hezekiah Walker)

You Are In Control*

(Words and Music: Scott Underwood)

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, in abundance You give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of Your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to You. Forgive us when we turn from our call to love You and love neighbor, and instead worry about ourselves above all things. We pray this through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the words of Acts 10:43:

All the Prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

This is the Good News of The Gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Be Thou My Vision*

(Words: Ancient Irish poem, Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905;
Music: Irish ballad, arr. Elda McGinty)

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Faith in Action - Stewardship Video

Offering Song

Good Good Father

(Words and Music: Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett)

Congregational Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*§

(Text: Thomas Ken, 1695; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551)

ENCOUNTER

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34

(New Testament, p. 8)

Message

The Competition

Big Idea: Seeking to put God first in everything will be threatened by competing interests: anxiety, a desire for security, a test of our willingness to trust in the providential love and care of our heavenly Father.

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Trust In You*

(Words and Music: Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren)

Blessing

Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon

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

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Missions, Welcome

Sarah Pooler, Scripture Reader

Elda McGinty, Dir. of Music & Worship, Piano/Worship Leader

Elizabeth Bennett, Meghan Dietrich, Anika Velasco, Worship Leader; **Fred Bryant, Christie Miller**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Lynn Ostick, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Sally Ivaska and Kathleen Lin

§ 150th Anniversary note: The Gloria Patri and Doxology were a regular part of FPCE services throughout the 1960's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. The Assurance of Pardon was always followed by the Gloria Patri (Red #100) and the Doxology always followed the Offering of Gifts. Today, we include the Doxology as part of the commemoration of our 150th anniversary year.

* 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 24, 2017 - 11:30 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
 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 Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary after the service and join us for refreshments in Roy Hall on the 2nd floor. 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!

Parents may use the lounge in the back of the sanctuary to participate in the service via a TV monitor. Worship journals and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, who are also available to direct you to our other facilities.

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.

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

9 a.m. Blended Service

Children are welcome in worship!**

Options for Families:

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.

** Worship journals & children's bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Changing tables & quiet space is available in the women's lounge (back corner 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 - Rm. 33 (lower level)

Grades 5 & 6 - 3rd Floor (East)

Sunday School Grades 7 & 8 - NUBS Lounge

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Confirmation - Main Floor Choir Room

Adult Discipleship Learning

Building Strong and Lasting Relationships (Room 213) – The first of this fall's sessions focus on 1 Corinthians 13. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff-Irvine and Judy Slagle.

Gospel of Mark (Parlor) - We will look at the seemingly simple questions "Who do you say I am?" from Mark 8:29, and its implications. Led by Rev. Henry Coates.

Missions (Dining Room) – "Following Christ: Sharing Hospitality with Others." We will look at the ministry of hospitality. The Rev. Dr. Boaz R. Johnson is today's teacher.

Sunday Morning Forum (Room 206) – Celebrating the Reformation's 500th anniversary with a course on Luther and his legacy. Taught by LeRoy Klemt.

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - Meets 9/24, 10/15, 11/12 and 12/10. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Options for Families:

Children 4 and under – Crib Room

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

September 24, 2017, 11:30 am - Contemporary



Our Mission:

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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON