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FOCUS

*Prayer Before Worship*

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

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OPENING PRAISE

*Opening Praise*      **Halleluya/Praise to the Lord\***

*(Text & Music: Abraham Maraire, Zimbabwe East Annual Conference, 2004)  
(Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; Music Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665)*

**This I Believe\***

*(Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker)*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, Your standards for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with You. Have mercy upon us. In grace rekindle our love for You in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

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

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Your sins are forgiven.

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. Amen.**

**Faithful One\***

*(Words and Music: Brian Doerksen)*

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CONNECT

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Offering*

*Offering Song*

**Nzamble osungaka Afrika (God, Help Africa)\***

*(Words: Author unknown, in Lingala/Ngala, Congolese dialect; Music: Composer unknown)*

*Passing of the Peace*

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ENCOUNTER

*Scripture*

**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**  
*(New Testament, pp. 174-175)*

*Message*

**The Boomerang Principle**

**Big Idea:** Generosity fueled by grace has a powerful impact. It affects the giver, it reflects the sacrifice of Christ, and it also affects the recipients. These are the essential arguments Paul made as he encouraged the Corinthian to share generously.

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RESPONSE

*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!" We are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread, located in the clear plastic cups at each station.)*

*Communion Song*

**Jesus Messiah**

*(Words and Music: Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)*

*Prayer After Communion*

*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.**

*Blessing*

*\* 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.

October 15, 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.

### Worship Service Leaders

**Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome, Prayer after Communion

**Dwayne Dobschuetz**, Scripture Reader  
**Elda McGinty**, Dir. of Music & Worship, Piano/Worship Leader

**Daniel Allen, Dione Ewang**, Worship Leaders; **Christie Miller**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Fred Bryant**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual Coordinator

**Elizabeth Hendricks**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Sally Ivaska and Bob Bastian

## 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 & Lasting Relationships** (Room 213) – October 8 we begin 5 Disciplines of a Growing Marriage. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvin 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.

**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) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians Through 1 Peter." Meets 10/15, 11/12 and 12/10. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

### 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Children are welcome in worship!\*\*

#### Options for Families:

**Children 4 and under** – Crib Room

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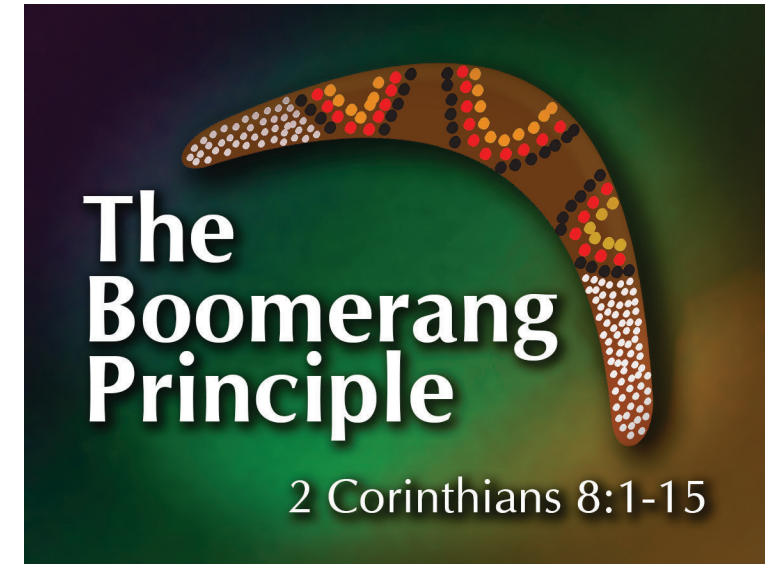


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# Sunday Worship

October 15, 2017, 11:30 am - Contemporary



Our Mission:

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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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