

Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke 1:38

OPENING PRAISE

Greeting

Opening Praise

O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

(Words and Music: Jeremy Redmon and Michael Weaver)

What A Beautiful Name*

(Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.

We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.

We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.

Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand,

**so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.

Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and
serve.**

If You Say Go*

(Words and Music: Diane Thiel)

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: Hope

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

Musical Offering **Mary, Did You Know?/Corelli Christmas Concerto**

(Mary, Did You Know? - Words and Music: Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene;

Corelli Christmas Concerto - Music: Arcangelo Corelli. Both arrangements by Al Van Der Beek
and Steven Sharp Nelson.)

Passing of the Peace

ENCOUNTER

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

(New Testament, p. 53)

Message

Mary: I am the servant of the Lord

Big Idea: Even though she does not fully grasp the message of the angel, Mary teaches the lesson of an active faith that readily submits to God's will.

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 **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

(Words: Fr. Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent; trans. by G. Moultrie, 1864;
Music: Old French Melody, arr. Gustav Holst, 1921)

Prayer After Communion

Affirmation of Faith - Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.

His faith and obedience were the response

of the perfect child of God.

He was the fulfillment

of God's promise to Israel,

the beginning of the new creation,

and the pioneer of the new humanity.

He gave history its meaning and direction

and called the church to be his servant

for the reconciliation of the world.

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.

December 3, 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, Sermon

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

Rev. Kristin Mueller, Scripture Reader

Karen Shaw with Marie Pennant and Sophia Osilaja, Advent Reader and Candlelighters

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

Ellie Weber, Worship Leader, Guitar;

Eugenia Jeong, Piano; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Christie Miller, A/V Volunteer, Clarinet

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

Advent Adult Sunday School (Dining Room) – "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: Christian Faith in times of Crisis."

Advent is a time of hopeful expectation for the coming of the Savior. Yet how do we keep hope alive in times of extreme crisis? Join Drs. William Myatt and Robert Hogg with Pastor Henry Coates as together we explore historical and contemporary crises and the response of Christians in times when hope was hard to keep.

12/3: Europe and the Crisis of Refugees - 1 John 4:7

12/10: Hitler, Holocaust, and the Crisis of German Christianity - Luke 2:10

12/17: Christianity and the Crisis of Poverty - Philippians 4:6

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians Through 1 Peter." Meets 12/10. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Children 4 and under – Crib Room

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

December 3, 2017, 11:30 am - Contemporary



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Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON