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FOCUS

*Prayer Before Worship*

Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."

- Luke 9:23-24

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OPENING PRAISE

*Greeting*

*Opening Praise*

**Blessed Be Your Name\***

(Words and Music: Beth Redman and Matt Redman)

**All The Poor And Powerless\***

(Words and Music: Leslie Jordan and David Leonard)

*Prayer of Confession*

**ALL: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of you Name. Amen.**

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

**And Can It Be, v. 1 chorus**

**Red #29**

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Music: Thomas Campbell, 1777-1844)

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

LEADER: Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)\***

(Words and Music: Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, and Gabriel Wilson)

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CONNECT

*Welcome*

*Musical Offering*

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, v. 2**

**Blue #363**

(Words: African American Spiritual;  
Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000)

*Offertory Prayer*

*Passing of the Peace*

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ENCOUNTER

*Scripture Lesson*

**Luke 9:21-27**

(New Testament, p. 65)

*Message*

**Suffering with Christ**

**Big Idea:** Jesus explains how following him involves suffering and the cross.

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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!" At the communion station to your left, designated by a blue napkin, we are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread.)

*Communion Song*

**Thy Mercy, My God**

(Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, John Stocker, and Isaac Watts)

*Prayer After Communion*

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed*

*Blessing*

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, v. 1**

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**Welcome** We're glad you are here!

We ask everyone to complete and return this tear-off slip to the offering basket every week.  
February 25, 2018 - 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 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.

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, Greeting, Sermon, Blessing

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

**Santiago Velasco**, Scripture Reader

**Elizabeth Ferguson**, Interim Praise Band Director, Worship Leader, Piano;

**Kiki Hood**, Worship Leader; **Dan Allen**, Worship Leader, Guitar; **Fred Bryant**,

Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**,

Percussion; **Joel Hylton**, Drums

**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual Coordinator

**Stephen Ferguson**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Sally Ivaska and Kim Klamm

## 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 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** - 3rd Floor (Center)

**Grades 5 & 6** - 3rd Floor (East)

**Sunday School Grades 7 & 8** -

NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor

**High School Sunday School Grades**

**9-12** - PYGS Lounge, Basement

#### Adult Discipleship Learning

**Building Strong and Lasting Relationships** (Room 213) – 5 Disciplines of a Growing Marriage continues in February. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvin and Judy Slagle.

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

**Lenten Group Class** (Room 103) - The Small Groups Ministry Team hosts a study based on the Lenten Sermon Series on the Gospel of Luke. Join us to discuss the sermon and delve deeper! Led by Katy Ingle and Olga Ricketts-Pearl.

**Missions** (Dining Room) – "Building Friendships with Muslims and Internationals: Cultivating Meaningful Spiritual Conversations." Melanie Myatt facilitates this week's class.

**Sunday Morning Forum (Room 206)** – We'll be discussing N.T. Wright's book "The Day the Revolution Began." All are welcome!

**Single But Not Alone** (Room 102) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians through 1 Peter". Our meeting dates are 3/11, 4/8, and 5/6. Facilitated by Karen Alicia Shaw.

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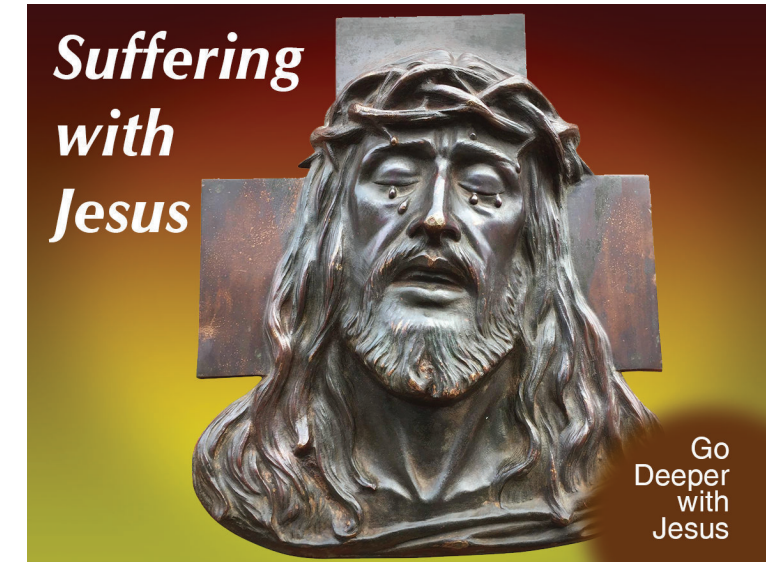


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# Sunday Worship

February 25, 2018, 11:30 am - Contemporary



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SERVING CHRIST



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