
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

Stand firm, and you will win life.

- Luke 21:19

OPENING PRAISE

Call to Worship

LEADER: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

ALL: We seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We strive to be faithful disciples.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

Amen.

Opening Praise

More Than Conquerors*

(Words and Music: Rend Collective Experiment)

Our God*

(Words and Music: Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin,

that we may be Your faithful people,

obeying the commands of our lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness (Taken from 1 Peter 2:24)

LEADER: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

ALL: So that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

This is the good news of the Gospel:

by His wounds we have been healed. Alleluia, Amen.

A Mighty Fortress*

(Words and Music: Christy Nockels and Nathan Nockels)

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Faith in Action - Pilgrimage

Offering

Musical Offering

Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

(Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend)

Passing of the Peace

ENCOUNTER

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:10-19

(New Testament p. 80)

Message

Persecuted for Christ

Big Idea: Persecution of Christians also means opportunity to bear witness for Christ.

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.)

In Christ Alone

(Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

Prayer After Communion

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed*

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.

April 29, 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 silence all cell phones and electronic devices

Welcome Visitors!

Please visit the Connections Room at the front right of the sanctuary after the service for refreshments and to connect with FPCE members and staff. 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. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Blessing

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

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Missions, Welcome

Jim Irvin, Faith in Action - Pilgrimage

Anika Velasco, Scripture Reader

Elizabeth Ferguson, Interim Praise Band Director, Call to Worship; Worship Leader, Piano;

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Music & Worship, Choir Director, Worship Leader

Daniel Allen, Worship Leader, Guitar;

Christie Miller, Guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Fred Bryant**, Drums

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual

Coordinator

Stephen Ferguson, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Kim Klamm and Bob Bastian

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) – “Emotion Coaching (The Heart of Parenting).” This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents to support each other and learn how to help your child increase their EQ (Emotional Quotient). Facilitators are Rev. Amanda Golbek, Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff- Irvin, Judy Slagle.

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

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 next meeting is 5/6. Facilitated by Karen Alicia Shaw.

Mission Class (Dining Room) - The 5-week session is entitled “Tell Me a Story”. Our facilitators will be Sonia Bodi, Melanie Myatt, and Caryl Weinberg. On May 12 we will have special guests “Keith and Louise,” who are FPCE partners serving in Central Asia.

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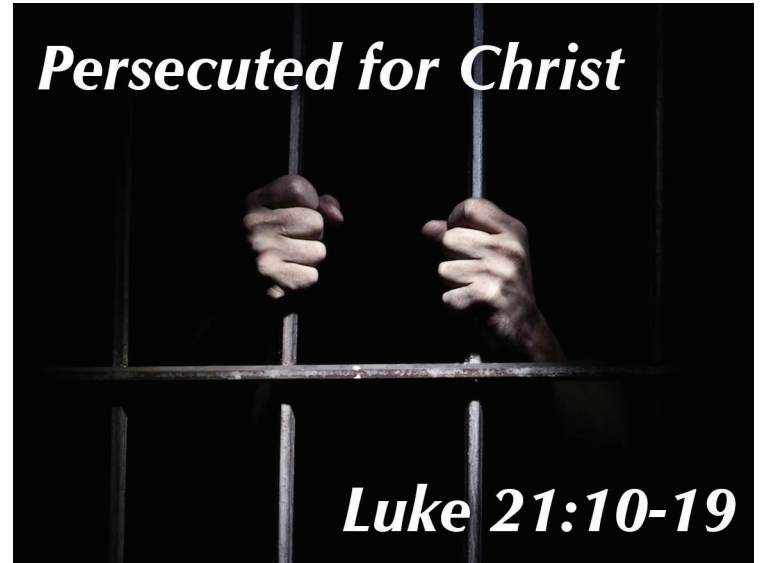


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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

April 29, 2018, 11:30 am - Contemporary



Our Mission:

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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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