

Order of Worship
December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

FOCUS

Opening Sentences

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we Your people await Christ's coming. As once He came in humility, so now may He come in glory, that He may make all things perfect in Your everlasting kingdom. For He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

OPENING PRAISE

Sing to the King*

(Words and Music: Billy Foote and Charles Silvester Horne)

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent: Joy

Prayer of Confession

It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace.

We confess to You the ways in which we block the peace of Christ in our lives.

God of peace, hear our prayer.

The rushing and scurrying to get things done,

We confess to You, O God of peace.

The worry about the little details,

We confess to You, O God of peace.

The financial burdens we put on ourselves,

We confess to You, O God of peace.

The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,

We confess to You, O God of peace.

Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at his time of the year, Your peace is always there for us.

Instill within us Your peace, O God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

Instill within us Your peace, O God.

When we become irritable,

Instill within us Your peace, O God.

When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us,

help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

Instill within us Your peace, O God. Amen.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness (taken from Zephaniah 3:14-18)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,

He has turned away your enemies.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,

He will renew you in his love;

He will exult over you with loud singing.

This is the Good News of the Gospel. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Come To Save Us*
(Words and Music: Leslie Jordan and David Leonard)

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

Musical Offering

Come Light Our Hearts

(Words and Music: Sandra McCracken)

Offering Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Faith in Action - Explore God Chicago

ENCOUNTER

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20

(Old Testament pp. 902-903)

Message

Unsinkable Joy

Big Idea: After a time of unfaithfulness and spiritual brokenness, the Lord spreads His love like a banner over His people. He promises a fresh start because He is in their midst.

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

O Come All Ye Faithful*

(Words and Music: Chris Tomlin)

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 16, 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/Graduate student

First time visitor

Occasional attendee

Regular attendee/member

I'm interested in:

Knowing Jesus better

I need prayer or support

I would like to speak with a pastor

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 Narthex at the rear of the sanctuary after the service to connect with an FPCE member. 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!

Ushers can help direct families to resources in our sanctuary space or to additional care rooms if needed. A changing table, quiet space, and service projection via TV are available in the back sanctuary lounge space.

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

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Welcome

Tar Family, Advent Candle

Bob Bastian, Scripture Reader

Bryan Carmody, Ellie Weber & Meghan

Dietrich, Worship Leaders; **Fred Bryan**

& Christie Miller, Guitars; **Paul Hunter**,

Piano; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**,

Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Zoe Myatt, A/V Volunteer

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 Room 21 (in the basement) 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 back corner lounge of the Sanctuary.

WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

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Unsinkable Joy



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Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST

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