

January 8 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Title: "What Happens Next?"

Today's Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-11
(New Testament, p. 226)

Learning to walk in the way of Jesus involves practicing what we are learning.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

First Pres at a Glance

January 8, 2017

Highlights

We welcome our new officers who are being ordained and installed this morning. Their names are listed on an insert in today's bulletin.

We celebrate this morning's confirmands and offer our appreciation to their mentors and teachers. These names are listed on an insert in today's bulletin.

Our first prayer gathering of 2017 will be held, Wednesday, January 11, at 7 pm in the Parlor. Come join us as we lift up our praises, petitions and plans to God!

Wednesday Night Dinners will begin again this week, January 11 at 6 pm in the dining room. Reservations are appreciated and can be made at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/gather/wednesday-night-dinners/> or by calling the main office at 847-864-1472. All are welcome! Meals are \$5 each or \$12 for families of three or more.

Small Groups Leadership Training 2.0 is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 9 am to 1 pm. This is for all leaders of existing small groups and all those who took the training in July or November! Come join the Small Groups Ministry Team to share what is going on in your own groups and discuss the book "Creating Community." Lunch will be provided. Register by Jan. 19 with Katy Ingle at katymi47@gmail.com.

Volunteers are being sought for First Presbyterian's overnight emergency warming shelter. Sign up at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/warming/> to set up, stay overnight or clean up, for one or more times. **The final week of the overnight shelter at FPCE is January 15-21.**

Worth Noting

We welcome for the sacrament of baptism this morning Anika Velasco, daughter of Ivan and Alison Velasco as well as Tobias Weber, son of Zack and Lisa Weber.

The First Presbyterian Church of Evanston building will be closed Monday, January 16, 2017, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Circles of Love is a program designed to help divorced parents learn how to be more effective in providing for the needs of their children. Parents will learn tools and skills for loving co-parenting, while children will explore the resulting changes in their daily lives. The Group meets Thursday evening from 6-7:30 pm starting January 19. More information is available at <http://thecounselingcenterevanston.com/circlesoflove>.

Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, James and Katie Chambers of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, from pages 44 and 45 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for James and Katie and their family, their ministry with InterVarsity and A Faith that Overflows.

Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see preceding items)

Sunday, January 8

11 am Worship Service
12:20 am Fellowship Time, Roy Hall

Monday, January 9

3:30 pm Warming Center, Room 21

Tuesday, January 10

No Special Events Scheduled

Wednesday, January 11

Prayer in the Parlor 8 am - 9:30 pm.
7 pm Prayer Gathering, Parlor

Thursday, January 12

9:15 am Moms R Us, Room 213
5:45 pm Women's Bible Study, Room 206
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, January 13

9 am Souper Saturday Prep, Kitchen
7 pm NUBS, NUBS Room

Saturday, January 14

8 am Men's Breakfast, Dining Room
11:30 am Souper Saturday

Resources for You

Our church offers three uniquely different types of support for all in need:

Friends in Christ (Bonnie Kath 847-507-4146) can provide short term, lay-person practical help, such as a ride to the doctor or a meal.

Stephen Ministry (RuthAnn Ostrowski 312-613-0644) offers trained lay-person support to those experiencing difficult times and needing someone to pray with them.

The Counseling Center (Charles Miyamoto 847-864-9133) provides professionally trained Christian counseling in our own facility.

Call Pastor Ray or our Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz, 847-864-1472, for help discerning which ministry fills your needs.

Small Groups:

To be part of a Small Group, contact Katy Ingle at 847-724-8560 or kathy-mi47@gmail.com.

Adults

Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parlor. All are welcome.

Mom's R Us resumes Thursday, January 12, 2017. Questions? Contact Patty Bastian at RWBastian@aol.com.

The Women's Bible Study resumes on January 12, 2017. All are welcome! Contact Barbara Holm at 847-328-0049 for more information.

Friday in the "Loop" Bible Study

Fridays, 12-1 pm, Chicago's Loop. Study on Isaiah. Call Tracy at 312-726-1243 for details.

Friday/Saturday Knit, Eat, Laugh, Pray Noon-2 pm on the 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays in Room 206. Knit prayer shawls and scarves for those in need. All levels of experience are welcome! Contact Marge Oakley at margeoakley@gmail.com.

Saturday Men's Breakfast Saturday mornings, 8 am to 9 am in the Parlor. A guest speaker, refreshments and fellowship.

Youth

PYGS (High School)

Meetings are 4-6 pm Sunday afternoons in the PYGS Lounge on the lower level. Dinner will be served.

NUBS (6th-8th Grade)

Meetings are 7-9 pm Fridays in the NUBS Lounge on the third floor.

Opportunities to Serve

The Deacons, in partnership with Institute for Therapy in the Arts, will be hosting an Art Project for the guests who attend the Saturday clothes closet. We need the help and support of the church community to make this happen. With oversight from staff from Institute for Therapy for the Arts and deacon volunteers, the guests will be creating a mosaic-like mural illustrating a Psalm. We will be using previously used articles to create the art work. Upcycling describes transforming used every day articles, that might otherwise end up in landfill, into another form. We need bottle caps and magazines to upcycle into this yet to be created art piece. We appreciate your contributions. Sunday School classes are welcome to contribute as well. **A box is located opposite the church library for contributions of bottle caps and magazines.**

Special Event

The Presbytery of Chicago invites you to a World Café Community Conversation. Please join fellow Presbyterians, community partners, civic leaders, friends and family for a community conversation! Our communities face daunting and complex realities of violence, segregation, discrimination, and despair. Every day we contend with great injustice and suffering. But strengths, gifting, and assets also dwell deep within our communities, and we believe that a new way is possible as we build on our collective strengths: a way of peace, unity, and hope; a way of justice, mercy, and joy! We believe that love in action has the power to transform all of our communities. We are asking you to the table to believe with us. To come with an open mind, open heart, and open will – leaving fear, judgment, and cynicism behind – so that we may join together, to envision a future that is bigger than each one of us.

Where: Northminster Presbyterian Church 2515 Central Park Ave., Evanston, IL

When: Tuesday, January 10 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm

RSVP: dpomey@chipres.org or 312-488-3000

Sunday Adult Education

Adult Education courses will begin again next week. Details of the courses and locations are available on the back of today's bulletin.