

## January 22 Sermon Notes

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Title:** "How is My Relationship With God?"

**Today's Scripture:** 1 John 1:5-10

(New Testament, p. 228)

Before any healthy relation is possible, one needs to have a healthy relationship with creator God.

### Next Week:

#### How is My Relationship with Myself?

Rev. Ray Hylton continues his series "Relationship Matters: Treating one another with love before a watching world." The teaching comes from I John 1: 8-10. John reminds the church that failure to see one's own sin is the height of self-deception.

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# First Pres at a Glance

January 22, 2017

## Highlights

**On Sunday, February 5, a congregational meeting will be held to consider Henry Coates for appointment as our designated associate pastor for young adult/young families.** The meeting will follow a single worship service at 10 am where Coates will be the guest preacher. Information about Coates is available via a brochure in the literature rack or at the front desk. Sunday classes will not be held. Instead, a fellowship time will take place in Roy Hall after the congregational meeting in the Sanctuary.

**Our regular Prayer Gathering will be held, Wednesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.** A highlight of our time will be praying for Ray and Wendy Carmichael, who are moving to Michigan after decades of membership and service to First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. All are welcome!

**Senior Varsity will meet Thursday, February 2.** Lori Martin, a seasoned benefit consultant will speak on "Medicare Benefits & Trends for 2017." Learn all about the changing Medicare landscape. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the presentation at 11 am, and lunch served at noon (cost: \$5). Please register by January 31 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.

**A Pre-Valentine Movie Night & Jewelry Swap will be held 7 pm, Friday, February 10, in the Dining Room at FPCE.** The event is sponsored by the Women's Ministry and a \$5 donation is requested. The movie will be "War Room," a story illustrating how prayer has the power to change lives. To participate in the jewelry swap, please bring two pieces of jewelry; one to donate and the other to swap. Please don't feel the need to buy new jewelry to bring. Ladies 13 or older are invited.

## Worth Noting

**Book Club will be meeting January 24 from 1:30-3 pm in the parlor.** Our selection is called *7 Women* by Eric Metaxas. According to Amazon, "In his eagerly anticipated follow-up to the enormously successful *Seven Men*, New York Times bestselling author Eric Metaxas gives us seven captivating portraits of some of history's greatest women, each of whom changed the course of history by following God's call upon their lives as women."

**On January 25, at 6 pm,** our Wednesday Night Dinner will draw from the recipes of famous Hungarian chef Louis Szathmary: csirkepaprikás (chicken simmered with green peppers, tomatoes and sour cream), galuska (tiny egg dumplings), kapusta (simmered saurkraut). \$5 per person or \$12 per family, payable at the door. Make your reservations at the front desk or via the FPCE website.

**We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers** to the MacDonald family for the passing of Barbara MacDonald on January 5. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm, Saturday, February 4, in Walker Chapel, with a reception to follow in the Dining Room.

## Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, **Steve and Yuki Ohigashi of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**, from pages **46 and 47 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions**. Pray for their ministry at University of California-Davis. Please pray that the grad student group will raise up core members. Pray, too, for the regional grad conference (February 3-5) and the regional faculty conference (March 4), that the participants will be blessed. Yuki is directing both conferences.

## Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see preceding items)

### Sunday, January 22

4 pm PYGS, PYGS Lounge, basement

### Monday, January 23

3:30 pm Warming Center, Room 21

### Tuesday, January 24

1:30 pm Book Club, Parlor

### Wednesday, January 25

*Prayer in the Parlor 8 am - 9:30 pm.*

6 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Dining Room

7 pm Prayer Gathering, Parlor

### Thursday, January 26

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 27

9 am Souper Saturday Prep, Kitchen

7 pm NUBS, NUBS Room

### Saturday, January 28

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 kati-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 meets each Thursday from 9:15 am to 11:15 pm. in Room 213.

We will be studying the "Do Not be Afraid" bible study book written by David Ivaska. Questions? Contact Patty Bastian at RWBastian@aol.com.

### The Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 5:45 pm in Room 206.

The group is studying "Encounters with Jesus: The Gospel According to Matthew." 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.

## Community Play Date

Parent/Caregivers and children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for an open play time from 9:30-11:30 am on Friday, January 27. We'll play, visit the Bike Room, hear a Bible story, and sing songs. Church and community members welcome!

## 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.

## Save the Date

**A Family Game Night will be held Sunday, February 19, from 3 to 5 pm in the Dining Room, Parlor and Gym.** Games and activities will be organized for folks of all ages. More information to come!

## The Chicagoland Pilgrimage Council is hosting a Winter/Valentine Ultreya at FPCE from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Sunday, February 12.

The event's theme is "Will You Be God's Valentine?" It will take place in the Dining Room. This is a good opportunity for those who have been on pilgrimage to take their experience to the next level and for those who have yet to go to get more information. A light lunch pot luck will be served. The Council will be providing soup and drinks. If you are able you can bring a snack or appetizer or dessert or bread or side dish. For more information and to RSVP please contact Laura Jones at laurasjones@sbcglobal.net or 847-530-8694.

## 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. **Boxes are located opposite the church library for contributions of bottle caps and magazines.**

## Thank You

**The Deacons would like to thank the congregation** for their participation in the Angel Tree drive last year. A total of 35 families were helped, with 140 gifts delivered to children.