

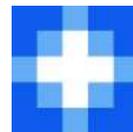
February 12 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Title: "The Gospel Must be First"
Today's Scripture: Philippians 1:1-26
(New Testament, p. 188)

Title: "Never Lose Sight of the Cross"

Teaching from Philippians 1:27-2:18, Paul tells believers that their attitude should be the same as that of Christ, who made himself nothing and adopted the role of a humble, suffering, servant. Rev. Raymond Hylton will be preaching.

Listen to Sunday Sermons on the FPCE website or via the "First Presbyterian Church of Evanston" iTunes podcast. Sermons are usually uploaded by Tuesday evenings.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

First Pres at a Glance

February 12, 2017

Highlights

Buy a Bag of Books at the Winter Used Book Sale in Roy Hall today between services.

Prices start at .25, so bring home plenty for your winter reading. Proceeds support our church library.

Chicagoland Pilgrimage Council is hosting a Winter/Valentine Ultreya at FPCE, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, today in the Dining Room. This is for those who want to take past Pilgrimage experiences to the next level and for those who have yet to go. A light lunch pot luck will be served, with soup and drinks provided. Feel free to attend without having RSVP'd.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 12:40 pm in the Church Dining Room. Please plan to attend to hear about the highlights of our church during 2016, as well as the vision for our church in 2017. The 2017 Budget will be among the items presented and the 2016 Annual Reports will be distributed in printed form. Light refreshments will be served.

Come participate in a six-week Lenten Group! These small groups are organized by the Small Groups Ministry for the six weeks of Lent. They will follow a study series written by Dave Ivaska and based on Pastor Ray's Lenten Sermon Series. Please register at the Small Groups table in Roy Hall or at katymi47@gmail.com.

Family Fun at First will be held Sunday, February 19, 3-5 pm in the Dining Room, Parlor and Gym. The Parlor will host parent and infant space; the Dining Room will be the place for board games, card games, crafts, and puzzles; and large-group running games will happen in the gym. Contact Kristin Mueller for details.

Worth Noting

A NUBS Lock-In will be held Friday, February 24 at FPCE. The event begins at 7 pm and goes overnight until 8 am. All junior highers are invited. Registration forms are now available. Invite a friend! For students in grades 6 to 8.

A Sticky Faith Class will be offered during the Sunday Adult Education sessions, February 19, 26, and March 5 in Room 213. These classes are led by Judith Hylton. Anyone who has children, who knows youth and loves them, or just wants to know how to love them better is invited. Books will be made available in the class and will also be available for purchase for \$10. Contact Liz Ribeiro at lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org for more information.

Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, the Akrofi Christaller Institute, from pages 56 and 57 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for their mission of developing adequate tools for serious and creative research into African Christianity and the African contribution to world Christianity. Pray specifically for their library building project, their archives development project, new certificate programs and short courses they hope to offer, and more funds for student assistance.

Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see preceding items)

Sunday, February 12

1:30 pm Chicagoland Pilgrimage
Council Ultreya, Dining Room
4 pm PYGS meeting, PYGS Lounge

Monday, February 13

3:30 pm Warming Center, Room 21

Tuesday, February 14

No Special Events scheduled

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

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, February 17

9 am Souper Saturday Prep,
Kitchen
6:30 pm Women's Pre-Valentine Movie
Night & Jewelry Swap, Dining Room
7 pm NUBS meeting, NUBS Lounge

Saturday, February 18

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:

The Small Groups Ministry Team helps connect interested people with a small group and also trains group leaders. To be part of a Small Group, stop by the Small Groups Table in Roy Hall at Fellowship Hour or contact Katy Ingle at 847-724-8560 or katymi47@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 are 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.

Children and Families

Parents and Families! Looking for ways to stay connected with Children's Ministries at First Pres? Join our First Pres Families facebook group! www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresevanstonfamilies/.

Second Grade students will be presented with their own personalized bible during the Sunday, March 5, worship service. Parents of second graders who have not been contacted about this already should contact Kristin Mueller so that each Second Grade student receives a bible with their name imprinted on it.

Youth

More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 for directions to subscribe!

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.

FPCE Worship Ministry is pulling together a Youth Jam Band. Do you sing, play drums, violin, guitar, bass, piano, sax or any other musical instrument? Join us 6-7 pm Thursdays in the Sanctuary for an open jam session, on the following dates: February 23 and March 9.

The Annual Youth Sunday Worship Service will be held April 23, with a rehearsal the previous day. Parents of FPCE Youth 12th-graders are asked to provide the information and photos requested in a previous email to Liz Ribeiro at lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org by February 14. This information will be used as part of special recognition for all Seniors on Youth Sunday. For more information, see Liz Ribeiro.

Save the Date

Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 7 from 1:30-3 pm. We will be reading *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett. According to Amazon "The embrace at a christening party between a man and woman married to other people leads soon enough to multiple divorces and remarriages." All are welcome!

The next Pilgrimage (Pilgrimage #27) will be held April 20 - 23 at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin. This weekend is an incredible opportunity to deepen your faith and get to know God as you never have before. For more information and/or an application contact Laura Jones at laurasjones@sbcglobal.net or 847-530-8694.