

February 19 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Title: “Never Lose Sight of the Cross”

Today’s Scripture: Philippians 1:27-2:18
(New Testament, pp. 188-189)

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.

Next Week

Scripture: Philippians 1:27-2:1-4

Title: Jesus’ Death as the Way to Live

In our relationships with those outside the church and inside the church, believers are urged to live a life worthy/ or to conduct one’s life in such a way that emulates Christ and his death. Pastor Raymond Hylton will be preaching.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

First Pres at a Glance

February 19, 2017

Highlights

A Sticky Faith Class will be offered during the **Sunday Adult Education sessions, beginning THIS MORNING between services in Room 213 and running February 26 and March 5.** 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.

Family Fun at First will be held this afternoon, 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.

Our regular Prayer Gathering will take place at 7 pm Wednesday in the Parlor. All are welcome!

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.

On Wednesday, March 1, FPCE begins the 40-day season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Starting with the special Ash Wednesday observation, and throughout the Lenten season, we learn from Jesus about prayer and fasting, denying ourselves, and reflecting God’s Kingdom through word and deed as we relate to others.

Worth Noting

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Hinrichs family for the passing of Robin Hinrichs who passed away February 12. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 pm, Sunday, March 19, in the Sanctuary, with a reception afterward.

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

Fellowship together at this week’s Wednesday Night Dinner at 6 pm in the Dining Room, prior to the Prayer Gathering. The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family, payable at the door. Reservations can be made on our website, at the front desk, or by calling 847-864-1472.

Come participate in a six-week Lenten Group following a study series written by Dave Ivaska and based on our Lenten Sermon Series. Please register at the Small Groups table in Roy Hall or at katymi47@gmail.com.

Senior Varsity will meet on Thursday, March 2. Come hear your peers review best-selling novels from the FPCE book club. Registration begins at 10:30 am, the presentation at 11, and lunch served at noon (cost: \$5. Please register by 2/28 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.

Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Evangelical Theological Seminary - Cairo, from pages 58 and 59 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for efforts to increase the number of Egyptian faculty as the ministry continues to expand. Pray, also, for the political situation in Egypt and for God's provision for those working at ETS-C.

Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see preceding items)

Sunday, February 19

3 pm Family Fun at First, Dining Room, Parlor, Roy Hall
4 pm PYGS meeting, PYGS Lounge

Monday, February 20

3:30 pm Warming Center, Room 21

Tuesday, February 21

No Special Events scheduled

Wednesday, February 22

Prayer in the Parlor 8 am - 9:30 pm.
6 pm Wednesday Dinner, Dining Room
7 pm Prayer Gathering, Parlor

Thursday, February 23

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 24

9 am Souper Saturday Prep, Kitchen
7 pm NUBS Lock-In begins

Saturday, February 25

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.

Youth

More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTH-GROUP to 42828 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, February 23 & March 9, for an open jam session in the Sanctuary.

The annual PYGS retreat has been scheduled for March 10-12 at Phantom Ranch, Mukwonago, WI. The group will leave Friday afternoon, March 10, and return Sunday, March 12, after lunch. Registration forms available online & in the literature rack. Invite a friend! Open to students in grades 9 to 12.

The Annual Youth Sunday Worship Service will be held April 23, with a rehearsal the previous day. Parents of FPCE Youth 12th-graders should contact Liz Ribeiro at lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org ASAP if they have not yet received special instructions about this year's service.

PYGS and NUBS parents and students: Do you have great photos from this year's events? Share them with Liz Ribeiro at lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org.

Save the Date

FPCE hosts Jazz Vespers Service in Chi-Town Jazz Festival Supporting Care For Real Hunger Relief. Sunday, March 5, at 4pm in the Sanctuary. Music by The Bourne Family Singers and Steve Rashid (with Don Stiernberg and John Moulder). General Admission tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students under age 25), and can be bought at the door or at www.chitownjazzfestival.org. (Tickets are not available at FPCE front desk).

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 FPCE Arts Ministry encourages you to drop by the Dining Room at FPCE to see the inspiring exhibition of photos taken by Caryl Weinberg during her time of ministry in Africa. The exhibit is on display through Sunday, February 26.