

## February 26 Sermon Notes

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Title:** "Never Lose Sight of the Cross"

**Today's Scripture:** Philippians 1:27 - 2:1-4  
(New Testament, pp. 188-189)

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.

### Next Week

#### Lenten Teaching Series - Love Like Jesus

**Ash Wednesday Service, March 1, 7 pm:**

**Text:** Matthew 9:35-37

**Title:** Seeing People

The sign that we are loving like Jesus is to see the needs of those who are outside of God's kingdom. When Jesus saw the people He was moved from deep down inside.

#### Sunday Worship Services, 9 am and 11:30 am:

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

**Title:** Jesus' Death as the Way to Live

Even before words are spoken, praying for people is the medium that allows us to stand next to those we love.

**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.



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# First Pres at a Glance

February 26, 2017

## Highlights

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held TODAY 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. See the insert in today's bulletin for details on Lenten events at FPCE.

**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.

**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 <http://careforreal.org/jazzfest/>. (Tickets are *not* available at FPCE front desk).

## Worth Noting

**Congratulations to Abi and John Nix on the birth of their son, David Weldon Nix Tuesday, February 14.**

**Come participate in a six-week Lenten Group following a study series written by Dave Ivaska and based on our Lenten Sermon Series.** Register in Roy Hall or at [katymi47@gmail.com](mailto:katymi47@gmail.com).

**The annual PYGS retreat is March 10-12 at Phantom Ranch, Mukwonago, WI.** The group will leave that Friday afternoon and return Sunday after lunch. Registration forms online & in the literature rack. Invite a friend!

**Today is the final day to see the inspiring exhibition in the Dining Room of photos taken by Caryl Weinberg during her time of ministry in Africa.**

## Pray for Our Mission Partner

**Pray for our mission partners, Langham Partnership (US), from pages 60 and 61 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions.** Praise God for the amazing response to their newly released Slavic Bible Commentary (first printing is sold out). Pray for its effectiveness is making the bible more relevant to those who use it. Pray also for the upcoming pastors' training in Expository Preaching.

## Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see preceding items)

### Sunday, February 26

12:40 pm Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation, Dining Room  
4 pm PYGS meeting, PYGS Lounge

### Monday, February 27

3:30 pm Warming Center, Room 21

### Tuesday, February 28

No Special Events scheduled

### Wednesday, March 1

Prayer in the Parlor 8 am - 9:30 pm.  
7 pm Ash Wednesday Service,  
Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 2

9:15 am Moms R Us, Room 213  
10:30 am Senior Varsity, Dining Room  
5:45 pm Women's Bible Study, Room  
206  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Friday, March 3

9 am Souper Saturday Prep,  
Kitchen  
9:30 am Community Play Date  
Noon Women's Knit, Eat, Laugh,  
Pray, Room 206  
7 pm NUBS Meeting, NUBS Lounge

### Saturday, March 4

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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresevanstonfamilies/).

**Parents/Caregivers and children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for an open play time.** From 9:30-11:30 am on Fridays, March 3, March 10 and March 17, we'll play, visit the Bike Room, hear a Bible story, and sing songs. Plan to stay with your child(ren) and get to know other parents. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor as well! Church and community members are all welcome! Questions? Contact Kristin Mueller at [kmueller@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:kmueller@firstpresevanston.org)

## Youth

More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP 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, March 9, for an open jam session in the Sanctuary.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org).

## 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 23rd annual FPCE Men's Retreat is March 17-18.** The retreat speaker will be Dr. Gary Burge, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College and former First Pres member. Gary will lead us in "The Spiritual Disciplines of the Psalms." The event will take place at FPCE and at the King Home in Evanston. More information and registration forms at the reception desk or the Church website.

## Recital

**FPCE Choir Director Hannah Dixon McConnell will be conducting her Master's Recital, Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.** The event, entitled "we have no fire" includes music of Josquin, Poulenc, Charpentier, Stravinsky, Tulev, Byrd, and Part. Performers include the Calyx Recital Choir, Northwestern University Singers, and Calyx Ensemble. All are welcome.