

March 5 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Title: "Praying for People"

Today's Scripture: Matthew 5:43-45

(New Testament, p. 5)

Even before words are spoken, praying for people is the medium that allows us to stand next to those we love. It is very difficult to care for people and their spiritual welfare and not pray for them.

Next Week

Lenten Teaching Series - Love Like Jesus

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

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Title: Listening to People

One of the ways Jesus showed love to people was by listening not just to their words, but also to their hurts.

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First Pres at a Glance

March 5, 2017

Highlights

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).

Join us as we gather in prayer, Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Dinner will take place at 6 pm, Wednesday, March 8, in the Dining Room. The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family, payable at the door. Reservations are appreciated and can be made on our website, at the front desk, or by calling 847-864-1472.

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

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." More information and registration forms at the reception desk or the Church website.

Worth Noting

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the MacLean family for the passing of Sara (Dee Dee) MacLean who passed away February 27.

We welcome for the sacrament of baptism at this morning's 11:30 am service, Journey Cavines (son of Trinette Lark), Bria Diaz, Trinette Lark and Yuan Liu.

We welcome, this morning, the following new members by Confession of Faith to First Presbyterian Church of Evanston: Bria Diaz, Trinette Lark and Yuan Liu.

We celebrate with our 2nd Grade students who are receiving bibles during worship today.

Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 7 from 1:30-3 pm. We will be reading *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett. All are welcome!

Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Jeff and Christi Boyd of PC(USA) in central Africa, from pages 62 and 63 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Pray for those traumatized by ongoing violence in the region, for reconciliation among the churches across borders. Pray for Jeff and Christi as they prepare to visit the USA.

Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see preceding items)

Sunday, March 5

4 pm Jazz Vespers, Sanctuary
4 pm PYGS meeting, PYGS Lounge

Monday, March 6

3:30 pm Warming Center, Room 21

Tuesday, March 7

1:30 pm Book Club, Parlor

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

9:15 am Moms R Us, Room 213
10:30 am Senior Varsity, Dining Room
5:45 pm Women's Bible Study, Room
206
6 pm Youth Jam Session,
Sanctuary

Friday, March 10

PYGS Retreat begins, off site
9 am Souper Saturday Prep,
Kitchen
9:30 am Community Play Date
7 pm NUBS Meeting, NUBS Lounge

Saturday, March 11

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/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 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. Church and community members are all welcome!

Our Communion Workshop, led by Pastor Ray, will be held March 19 & 26 in the 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School classroom (Room 33, below the chapel). Students of any age are welcome to join us, but we do request that at least one adult per family comes along with the children. Children will then commune with us on Sunday, April 2. For more information contact Kristin Mueller.

Fish banks are available for children who would like to save up money throughout Lent to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday. Banks and giving guides are available at the Children's Ministry table.

Applications for church camp counsellors are now available. We encourage high school students, college students, and adults to apply! Counselors will spend the week of June 18-23 living in a cabin with a small group of children, sharing faith in Christ with children, discipling and guiding them through each aspect of the day. Application packets are available at the front desk and at the Children's Ministry table by the library.

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 ASAP if they have not yet received 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.

First Friends

"First Friends" is a new FPCE ministry seeking to help, welcome and befriend refugee families. Volunteers will serve through hosting dinners, reaching out to new families, and assisting in other capacities to help area refugees thrive here in the USA. Volunteers will need to attend one of two training sessions: Thursday, March 16, 7-9 pm, or Saturday, March 18, 10 am-Noon. Contact Sally Ivaska at sallyivaska1@gmail.com or Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org. Visit <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/ministry/first-friends/> for details.