

## March 19 Sermon Notes

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton  
**Title:** “Welcoming People”  
**Today’s Scripture:** Mark 2:13-17  
(New Testament, p. 34)

All Christians have an important decision to make: do they wait for people to come to them and their churches, or do they go and engage with people where they are, and as they are? Jesus took the latter approach by spending time with those whom the religious leaders considered outcasts.

### Next Week

**Lenten Teaching Series - Love Like Jesus**

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Title:** Asking Good Questions

Questions spur deeper thinking and deeper connection. Jesus used questions not as a confrontational tool, but as a means of clarifying what is inside each person. As we seek to love and engage with people, asking questions is much better than telling people what we think.

**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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## Highlights

**Join us as we gather in prayer, Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Communion will also be celebrated. All are welcome!**

**Wednesday Night Dinner will take place at 6 pm, Wednesday, March 22, in the Dining Room.** This week’s dinner is gourmet Mexican cuisine. De nuestra verdadera cocina mexicana: estofado de carne (beef stew), ensalada de nopales (cactus salad), y bolillos (crusty rolls). Buen provecho! 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 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](mailto:laurasjones@sbcglobal.net) or 847-530-8694.

**Sign up for 24/7 Prayer during Holy Week. Sun., April 9- Sun., April 16.** All are asked to sign up. Pray for our church, our community, family and friends. Sign up online using our calendar at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/holy-week-prayer/> or after the service in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary. For other Holy Week activities check the website.

## Worth Noting

**We offer our condolences to Rev. Amanda Golbek Coates and Rev. Henry Coates on the passing of Amanda’s father, Harvey Golbek, who died Wednesday, March 16, in Portland, Oregon.**

**Congratulations to Andrew & Emilie Stevenson on the birth of their son, Thomas Duncan Stevenson, March 14.**

**Congratulations to Justin and Elizabeth Bennett on the birth of their daughter, Samanta Joan, February 25.**

**A memorial service for Robin Hinrichs will be held at 2:30 pm TODAY in the Sanctuary, with a reception afterward.**

**School for Little Children, the oldest part-time preschool in Evanston, is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year!** We offer preschool programs for children ages 2-5, summer camps for children ages 3-5 and parent/child classes for children ages 18-28 months. For more information visit our website at [slcevanston.org](http://slcevanston.org) or call Katie Kelly to schedule a tour at 847.864.3889.

**FPCE invites you to join our “pop-up” Community Choir, to sing Sunday, April 2, at both services.** All who love to sing to God are welcome: any ability, age 10 & up. We sing every communion Sunday during the offering at both services. Rehearsals: Sunday, March 26 from 10:30 to 11:15 am, Thursday, March 30 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, and on Sunday, April 2 at 8:45 am. Childcare available with RSVP to Hannah. Questions? Contact Hannah McConnell at [hmccConnell@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:hmccConnell@firstpresevanston.org).

**The Members’ Closet and Lost and Found at the front desk are full of unclaimed items.** If you have an item that needs to be picked up or if you have a lost item, please claim it at the front desk by March 30. On March 31, all unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.



## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, “Keith and Louise” serving anonymously with Reach Global as church planting coaches in Central Asia, from pages 68 and 69 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Pray for their efforts to equip, train and mobilized national believers to plant and pastor churches. Pray also for their daughter, Bethany.

### Spring Art Exhibit

All artists are invited to participate in the joy of new life this Spring by displaying a piece of original art that illustrates the theme of Spring and Rebirth. If you work in any 2-dimensional medium -- painting, drawing, photography, collage, needlework, etc. -- the Arts Ministry needs you. Pick up an information sheet and a registration form in the church office and sign up before April 9. The exhibit will run from April 30 through May 21.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serve/in-the-world/>

### Calendar Updates

Due to spring break for area students, Mom's R Us will not be meeting Thursday, March 30. During Lent, they are following the Lenten Teaching Series Bible study.

## Children and Families

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Each year, Pastor Ray joins our children's classes and teaches about the meaning of Communion. Our Communion Workshop will be held **today** and March 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.

**Church Camp registration is online and open!** Students currently in grades 2-6 are invited to join us for a week of camp at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI, from June 18-23. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/church-camp-2017/>.

**Would you like to be a Church Camp counselor? Applications are now available and 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 them 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.

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School, where we will discover that we were created by God and built for a purpose at the Maker Fun Factory!** Children age 3 through current 5th graders are invited to spend each morning with us at church during the week of July 24-28. If you're looking for more information or would like to volunteer, 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.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/>

*Calendars are available in the Narthex or at the Front Desk. They are inserted in the "First Pres at a Glance" at the beginning of each month.*

## Youth

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### NUBS (6th-8th Grade)

Meetings are 7-9 pm Fridays in the NUBS Lounge on the third floor.

### PYGS (High School)

Meetings are 4-6 pm Sunday afternoons in the PYGS Lounge on the lower level. Dinner will be served.

**NUBS and PYGS t-shirts are now available.** First come, first served! See Liz Ribeiro.

**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 instructions about this year's service.

**Great Escape for 2017 will be July 10 through 15!** This event is for rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders! Great Escape is a sleepaway camp in Greenlake, Wisconsin for Middle Schoolers. More information coming soon!

**The PYGS' 2017 Mission Trip is set for July 29 through August 5.** The team will be traveling to Wetumpka, Alabama, as part of an outreach by Youth Works. Throughout the week, we will facilitate a Kids Club at a local church, participate in work projects and serve with organizations seeking to meet the needs of the community. More details are available online.

**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).

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

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/students/>

### Important Web Links

Events:  
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/>

Resources:  
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/resources/>

Small Groups for Adults:  
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/small-groups-at-fpce/>

## Young Adults/Families

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**Young Adults Volunteer Program, a ministry of Presbyterian Mission Agency, is seeking applications for the 2017-2018 academic year.** Geared toward young adults between the ages of 19 and 30 who are eager to serve others, experience life in a different area of the US, and grow as a Christian leader. The deadlines are April 1 and June 1, 2017. Contact Associate Pastor Henry Coates or visit <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/young-adult-volunteers/>.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/young-adults/>

### FPCE Communications Deadlines

The deadlines for placing items in the various forms of FPCE communications are as follows:

- First Pres at a Glance (Sunday Announcements)*
  - Mondays at 10 am
- This Week at First Pres (Weekly eNewsletter)*
  - Wednesdays at 9 am
- Website updates*
  - 48-72 hours' notice