

March 26 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Title: Asking Good Questions
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20
(New Testament, p. 17)

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.

Next Week

Lenten Teaching Series - Love Like Jesus

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

Text: Matthew 22:34-39

Title: Love your Neighbor

Big Idea: To love our neighbor is to walk where they walk, see the world through their eyes, and authentically care for them as people loved by God and made in God's image.

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 Wednesday, March 29, for our Taizé Service at 7 pm in Walker Chapel. This is a service of meditative prayer and uncomplicated and repetitive songs uncluttered by too many words in the style of Taizé. All are welcome!

Let's share a meal! On Communion Sundays, you're invited to gather in Roy Hall to share a potluck-style meal. Our next meal will be on Sunday, April 2, following the 11:30 am service. Sign up in the Narthex to bring a main dish, a salad, or dessert after the 11:30 am service. Help setting up and cleaning up afterward is always appreciated, too.

Sign up for 24/7 Prayer, taking place 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.

This year's Maundy Thursday service will be "A Remembrance of The Last Supper" with Dr. Boaz Johnson leading us in a symbolic Passover Seder like the Jewish meal Jesus would have celebrated with His disciples in the upper room. Please sign up at the front desk by Sunday, April 9, to reserve your seat(s). The Seder will take place from 7-9 pm in Roy Hall on Thursday, April 13. Childcare is available at no cost. NOTE: This is *not* a full meal, but instead a symbolic representation of the meal served at the Last Supper.

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.

Worth Noting

We welcome for the Sacrament of Baptism this morning, Margaret Jane Hutchinson, daughter of Jeremy and Jessica Hutchinson.

Senior Varsity will meet on Thursday, April 6. Come hear and get to know our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Henry Coates. Registration begins at 10:30 am, with the presentation at 11, and lunch served at noon (cost: \$5). Register by April 4 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome! This month's proceeds will go towards Souper Saturday.

Easter Floral Remembrances are available for purchase. Donate \$10 for the purchase of floral plants placed in the Chancel on Easter Sunday in memory of loved ones. Forms are available at the front desk, and the deadline to order is Palm Sunday, April 9.

FPCE invites you to join our "pop-up" Community Choir, to sing Sunday, April 2, at both communion services. All who love to sing to God are welcome: any ability, age 10 & up. Rehearsals: Today, 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 hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org.

Grieving? Whether it's the death of a loved one, a broken relationship or the end of a job, join us for a three-week workshop series on coping with loss and learning to find joy again. **The sessions will be held April 5, 12 and 19 from 7 pm to 9 pm** in The Counseling Center. There is a cost of \$20 (scholarships are available). For more information, contact Julie Ruchniewicz at jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org.

Book Club is meeting on April 18th from 1:30-3 in the Parlor. We will be reading *La's Orchestra Saves the World* by Alexander McCall Smith, the best-selling and beloved author of *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partner, Kathleen Johnson, working with internationals through SIM in Buffalo, New York, listed on pages 72 and 73 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for her work with Yemeni and African immigrants, particularly the women and children she has close relationships with. Pray for their English learning, their integration into the community, and that they come to know Christ personally. Pray for Kathleen and her father's health.

Save Saturday, April 29, for Rebuilding Together, when First Presbyterian Evanston serves God through sacrificial work on area homes. This year we will work on two homes: One is that of a long-time Evanston resident while the other is a home of an FPCE member in need of help. Sign up online through signup genius or at the front desk. You can commit to work a full or half day. No specific repair skills are needed, other than a willingness to serve! These homes are not suitable for children under the age of 13. Contact Caryl Weinberg or Kelly Levander at klevander@firstpresevanston.org for help and questions.

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 two-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.

Join us for the Good Friday Family Workshop on Friday, April 14, beginning in the Dining Room at church! Families, children, and anyone from the congregation is invited to this time of fellowship, worship, and crafts, beginning at 10 a.m. Our worship time is focused especially on helping the children in our church understand Christ's sacrifice and the hope of Easter. Please bring a fruit or breakfast food item to share with others during our time of fellowship.

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/>.

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 ASAP if they have not yet received instructions about this year's service.

Registration for Great Escape is here! The trip will take place 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. Registration forms can be found online and on the children's and youth table.

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.

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/>

Estate Planning Seminar

An Estate Planning Seminar will be held Sunday, April 2, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Dining Room at FPCE. Topics include: Wills, trusts, powers of attorney, Biblical principles of estate planning, planning for tax-deferred retirement accounts, and more. Luncheon will be served. RSVP by March 27 at the church office, (847) 864-1472 or online.

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