

April 9 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Title: Your King is Coming
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-10
(New Testament, p. 21)

Jesus does not come as a military or political ruler; He comes to rule over the hearts and lives of men and women.

Next Week

Easter Sunday

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

Text: Colossians 3:1-4

Title: The Resurrection: My GPS for Life

Big Idea: The resurrection of Jesus is not just a doctrine to believe but it is a redirection of what ultimately matters in this life.

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, April 12, 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!

Our 24/7 Prayer Week began this morning. You may still sign up - online or in the front lobby - to take part! Pray for our church, our community, family and friends. *The Parlor is open for prayer each day from 8 am to 10 pm during Holy Week 24/7 Prayer.*

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. Today is the deadline to sign up online or at the front desk 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.

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. Bring a fruit or breakfast food item to share with others.

Our Good Friday Service, led by our Chancel Choir and a string quartet, will be held 7-9 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We offer our thanks and praise as we remember the suffering and death of our Lord on the Cross. All are welcome and childcare is available.

Worth Noting

Today is the deadline for Easter Floral Remembrance purchases. 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.

Today is the last day to register to participate in the 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 two-dimensional medium -- painting, drawing, photography, collage, needlework, etc. -- the Arts Ministry needs you. All ages are welcome! Pick up an information sheet and a registration form in the church office. The exhibit will run from April 30 through May 21.

Book Club is meeting on April 18 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*.

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.

Friends in Christ will be hosting their semi-annual potluck on Monday, May 1, 6:30 pm to 8 pm, in the church dining room. Join us and get to know new Associate Pastor, Henry Coates, who will be the after-dinner speaker! All are welcome -- you do not need to be a member of Friends in Christ. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to serve four. A main dish will be provided. RSVP Bonnie Kath at 847-730-3432 or at bkath@comcast.net by Thursday, April 27.



First Pres at a Glance

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

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Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Isaac and Janet Laudarji, working with Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) in Zamfara State, Nigeria, listed on pages 76 and 77 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for their work in northwest Nigeria and their ministry to new believers as well as Muslims. Pray for protection of their family and for wisdom in raising up new leaders.

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 14. Contact Caryl Weinberg or Kelly Levander at klevander@firstpresevanston.org for help and questions.

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

Calendar Updates

REMINDER: FPCE will hold just one worship service on Sunday, April 23, at 10 am. This will be our annual Youth Sunday service.

Children and Families

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Parents/Caregivers and children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for open play times on Fridays, April 21 and 28. From 9:30-11:30 am, 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.

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.

<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. All youth are invited to participate. Please contact Liz to sign up. We will also be hosting an all church brunch to recognize our graduates and volunteers and celebrate the year.

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. Registration forms are available online and on the children's and youth table.

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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Pastor Henry is looking to put together a team for the 2017 Chicago Spartan Race. The Reebok Spartan Sprint It is perfect for athletes of all levels; from first timers to seasoned obstacle courses racers. The 3-5 Mile Sprint packs more than 20 Signature Spartan Obstacles. If you think you can't do it, you're wrong. The race will be in the afternoon of Sunday, June 11. If you're interested in participating or looking for more information, connect with Henry after church or shoot him an email at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org. Partial scholarships are available. Training sessions will begin Thursday, April 27. Deadline for registration with Pastor Henry is Sunday, April 30. The Spartan Race is a fun, challenging event, and it would be great if we could put together a team from First Pres!

<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