

**Next Week**

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

**Title:** Serving People

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:20-29

**Big Idea:** Jesus not only teaches the importance of serving others, he models it by meeting the needs of the blind men.

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

**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

**Tim Adams, Associate General Secretary of IFES (Oxford, UK) and David Acierno, Executive Director of IFES/USA will be joining us for the regular prayer gathering 7 pm, Wednesday, April 26, in the parlor.** Hear what is happening with University Ministry around the world, and join in prayer for this significant FPCE partner.

**Come join us for our regular Wednesday Night Dinner, 6 pm, April 26, in the Dining Room.** In recognition of our visitor Tim Adams of IFES, Oxford, England, our menu will be roast beef with caramelised onion gravy, buttered parsnips, and Yorkshire puds -- recipes from the culinary features of the BBC. 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. All are welcome!

**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](mailto:klevander@firstpresevanston.org) for help and questions.

**The next New Members Class led by Pastor Ray Hylton will be on Saturday, May 13 from 9 am-2:30 pm, for all interested in membership at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.** Childcare is available with a reservation. Contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or at [jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org) to register or receive more information.

### Worth Noting

**A visitation and funeral will be held this afternoon in the Sanctuary for Miguel Villago-mez, our beloved senior custodian, who passed away April 9.** Visitation will be held from 2-3:30 pm. The funeral service will take place at 3:30 pm with a reception to follow. Please go to <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/miguel/> for info about funeral procession and burial times. Note cards with remembrances of Miguel are being collected for his children, Mark Anthony and Tatiana, to be presented to them individually after the service. Separate notes for each of them would be appreciated, and may be brought to the service or dropped off at the front desk.

**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, our 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](mailto:bkath@comcast.net) by Thursday, April 27.

**If you've ever wondered what makes varied sounds on the organ, how the organ developed as a musical instrument and what different types of organ music exist, then join us at Senior Varsity, Thursday, May 4.** Come to hear Jack Harriff and Pam Pettibone speak about organs and organ music. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the presentation begins at 11, and lunch will be served at noon (cost: \$5). Please register by May 2 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.

**Stephen Ministry will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary at FPCE on Sunday, June 4.** A luncheon will be held following the service and all members who might be interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister are invited to attend. In September, a Stephen Ministry training class will be held. Call RuthAnn Ostrowski at 312-613-0644 or Michael Denesha at 847-612-9479 for more information.



## Missions

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### Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Robert and Laurie Nordstrom, serving with Overseas Missionary Fellowship International, listed on pages 82 and 83 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for their upcoming Thrive Retreat, May 18-20. This retreat is meant to help Chinese believers prepare for life in China as Christians. The participants have become believers here in the USA, but are going back to China now. Pray that God would direct the right people to this retreat and nothing would stop those students from registering for the event! Pray also for their outreach to international students at area campuses.

Come celebrate our opening of the Spring and Rebirth Art Exhibit on Sunday, April 30, during the fellowship hour between the 9 am and 11:30 am services. The Arts Team of First Presbyterian is co-hosting fellowship hour with the Deacons that day in order to encourage everyone to wander down the hallway by the Dining Room to view the submissions by some 20 different artists from First Presbyterian. Some of the artists will be available that day, and each Sunday going forward through May 21. May the Lord use these artists' images to increase our awareness of Christ's "rebirthing" power!

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

## Calendar Updates

## Children and Families

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Parents/Caregivers and children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for open play time on Friday, April 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)

No PYGS this week. We return to meeting April 30 in the PYGS Lounge (basement).

Join us Friday, April 28, at 7 pm for an all-youth event: Jesus Christ Super Star at ETHS! Find more information and register now online. Cost is \$12, scholarships available. We will be purchasing group tickets soon so please return your form to the front desk as soon as possible!

NUBS and PYGS t-shirts are now available. First come, first served! Purchase at the front desk.

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. 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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Announcing Family Open Gym Time at First Pres! Starting Thursday, April 27 and repeating 4-7 pm each Thursday, the upstairs gym (Roy Hall) at FPCE will be open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

Weekly Thursday "Bodyweight Workouts of the Day" to help train for the Spartan Race (see below) will begin April 27 at 6 pm in Roy Hall. Even if you aren't planning on doing the Spartan Race, come on out and let's exercise hard together!

Pastor Henry is looking to put together a team for the 2017 Chicago Spartan Race. The Reebok Spartan Sprint 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 (see above). 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/>

## Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through March 31:

	Actual	Budget	Last year
Pledges	\$233,521	\$301,289	\$266,253
Faith giving	35,064	45,498	38,025
Loose plate	3,671	3,840	3,309
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$272,255</b>	<b>\$350,627</b>	<b>\$307,588</b>

Thank you for your support. Please contact our Business Manager, Melody Henrie, if unforeseen circumstances will prevent you from meeting your 2017 pledge commitment.