

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton  
**Title:** Serving People  
**Scripture:** Matthew 20:20-28

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

#### Next Week

**Sunday Worship Services at 9 and 11:30 am**  
**Title:** How to Share Jesus with Others  
**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; 1 Peter 3:15-16

**Big Idea:** If we really believe in the redeeming and transforming power of God's presence in a person's life, then the single greatest gift we can give someone is an explanation of how to be rightly connected to Christ.  
**Preacher:** Rev. Henry Coates

**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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## First Presbyterian Evanston

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### Highlights

**Come celebrate our opening of the Spring and Rebirth Art Exhibit today 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!

**Youth participating in our summer mission trip to Wetumpka, Alabama, are seeking your financial support at tables in the lobby, narthex and Roy Hall today and on May 7.** The goal is to raise \$20,000 toward their trip. Please stop by to see what they have to offer!

**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 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.

**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 to register or receive more information.

### Worth Noting

**We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Cox family for the passing of Clint's father, LeRoy Cox, who passed away on April 20, 2017.**

**Beginning Sunday, May 29, our worship service schedule will move to one service on Sundays at 10 am.**

**We are blessed to have Larry and Lisa Roettger with us this morning.** Currently living in Rockford, IL, they serve as mission partners with FPCE through Wycliffe Bible Translators.

**First Pres will be conducting baptisms for children and adults on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017 at the 9 am or 11:30 am services.** Please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or via her email at jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston if you are interested or would like more information.

**Stephen Ministry will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary at FPCE on Sunday, June 4 with a luncheon following the service.** 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, Rev. Christundas Retnadas, founder and director of United Mission to India, listed on pages 84 and 85 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions.** Pray for their evangelism model of reaching local leaders with the gospel and then receiving their favor and permission to serve and teach others in those communities. Pray for protection against spiritual oppression and physical dangers posed by those opposed to their message and methods. Pray for their outreach in countries like Nepal, where evangelism is opposed by government forces. Praise God for their faithfulness in praying daily for their supporters as well as for God's guidance.

## Children and Families

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**Church Camp forms are due May 1 for all registered campers.** If you haven't yet registered your child for camp, it's not too late! We have a limited number of spaces still open. Students currently in grades 2-6 are invited to join us June 18-23 at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/church-camp-2017/>.

**Vacation Bible School registration is now open online!** Join us at the Maker Fun Factory as we discover that we were created by God and built for a purpose. We'll meet at church July 24-28, from 9-11:45 am, to learn Bible stories, play games, create projects, and learn how God wants us to be involved in our world. Children who will enter 3-year-old preschool through 6th grade in the fall of 2017 are invited to participate. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>.

**Families are invited to join us for a weekend Family Camp, August 4-6, at Stronghold Camp in Oregon, IL.** Our weekend will include games, crafts, swimming, campfires, and fellowship in the beauty of God's creation. Camp fees include lodging (tent or retreat center), food, activities, and programs for all ages. Contact Kristin Mueller for a registration form.

**Scholarships are available for all of our summer programs and camps. Contact Kristin Mueller for an application.**

**Friday's community playgroup has concluded for the season.** We look forward to offering more playgroup dates in the fall!

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

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

## Calendar Updates

**Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 6, from 1:30-3 pm in the parlor.** We are reading *An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny* by Laura Schroff. It tells of the life-long friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of

their lives changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness.

*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! 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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### Family Open Gym

*Thursdays, 4-7 pm, Roy Hall*

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!

### Bodyweight Workouts

*Thursdays, 6 pm, Roy Hall*

For those training to be in the Spartan Race or anyone just wanting to work out. Come on out and let's exercise hard together!

**Pastor Henry is looking for donations of medicine balls, kettle bells, and slam balls for his weekly exercise class he is hosting during open family gym time in Roy Hall.** Donations should be made to Pastor Henry's office and are greatly appreciated!

**Today is the final day to register to participate with Pastor Henry in the Spartan Sprint.** 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](mailto:hcoates@firstpresevanston.org). Partial scholarships are available.

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

## Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through April 25:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Pledges	\$305,835	\$367,019	\$294,601
Faith giving	46,124	61,509	53,978
Loose plate	5,997	5,463	4,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$357,956</b>	<b>\$433,991</b>	<b>\$352,615</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.

# SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS BEGIN MAY 28

Our Sunday worship services will be held at 10 a.m.  
from May 28 through September 3.

*First Presbyterian Church of Evanston  
Chancel Choir  
performs*

## *Handel's Messiah - Part III and other pieces*

***Friday, May 5  
3 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary***

### **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.

**Wednesday Night Dinners** are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm 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. All are welcome.

**Mom's R Us** meets each Thursday from 9:15 am to 11:15 pm. in Room 213. During Lent, we are following the Lenten Teaching Series Bible study. 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/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.

### **Outside Group**

#### **Friday Downtown Chicago Bible Study**

Fridays, 12–1 pm, at 1 N. LaSalle, Suite 600. The current study is on the Book of Isaiah. Call Gail at 312-726-1243 for details or email trobinson@mauckbaker.com to be added to the weekly e-mail announcements. All are welcome!

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### **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.*



# This Month at First Presbyterian Church, Evanston - May 2017

## 3 - Wednesday

Prayer in the Parlor, All Day, Parlor

## 4 - Thursday

Moms R Us Bible Study, 9:15 am, Room 213  
Senior Varsity, 10:30 am, Dining Room  
Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm, Room 206  
Family Open Gym Time, 4 pm, Roy Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Choir Room

## 5 - Friday

Souper Saturday Prep 9 am, Kitchen  
Women's Knit, Eat, Laugh, Pray, Noon, Room 206  
Chancel Choir Performance, 3 pm, Sanctuary  
NUBS Junior High Youth Group 7 pm, NUBS Lounge

## 6 - Saturday

Men's Breakfast, 8 am, Dining Room  
Souper Saturday, 11:30 am, Dining Room

## 7 - Sunday

Blended Worship Service, 9 am, Sanctuary  
Sunday Fellowship, 10:15 am, Roy Hall  
Sunday Education gatherings, 10:30 am, *See back of Bulletin*  
Contemporary Worship Service, 11:30 am, Sanctuary  
PYGS High School Youth Group, 4 pm, PYGS Lounge

## 10 - Wednesday

Prayer in the Parlor, All Day, Parlor  
Wednesday Night Dinner, 6 pm, Dining Room  
Prayer Gathering, 7 pm, Parlor

## 11 - Thursday

Moms R Us Bible Study, 9:15 am, Room 213  
Senior Varsity, 10:30 am, Dining Room  
Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm, Room 206  
Family Open Gym Time, 4 pm, Roy Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Choir Room

## 12 - Friday

NUBS Junior High Youth Group 7 pm, NUBS Lounge

## 13 - Saturday

Men's Breakfast, 8 am, Dining Room  
First Friends, 9 am, Parlor  
New Members Class, 9 am, Room 213  
Souper Saturday, 11:30 am, Dining Room

## 14 - Sunday

Blended Worship Service, 9 am, Sanctuary  
Sunday Fellowship, 10:15 am, Roy Hall  
Sunday Education gatherings, 10:30 am, *See back of Bulletin*  
Contemporary Worship Service, 11:30 am, Sanctuary

## 17 - Wednesday

Prayer in the Parlor, All Day, Parlor  
Mission Prayer, 9 am, Parlor

## 18 - Thursday

Moms R Us Bible Study, 9:15 am, Room 213  
Pilgrimage Retreat begins, 5 pm  
Women's Bible Study, 5:45 pm, Room 206  
Family Open Gym Time, 4 pm, Roy Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Choir Room

## 19 - Friday

Souper Saturday Prep, 9 am, Kitchen  
NUBS Junior High Youth Group 7 pm, NUBS Lounge

## 20 - Saturday

Men's Breakfast 8 am  
Souper Saturday 11:30 am  
Women's Knit, Eat, Laugh, Pray, Noon, Room 206

## 21 - Sunday

Blended Worship Service, 9 am, Sanctuary  
Sunday Fellowship, 10:15 am, Roy Hall  
Sunday Education gatherings, 10:30 am, *See back of Bulletin*  
Contemporary Worship Service, 11:30 am, Sanctuary  
Church Camp Training, 1 pm, Youth Lounge/Kitchen

## 24 - Wednesday

Prayer in the Parlor, All Day, Parlor  
Wednesday Night Dinner, 6 pm, Dining Room  
Prayer Gathering, 7 pm, Parlor

## 25 - Thursday

Moms R Us Bible Study, 9:15 am, Room 213  
Senior Varsity, 10:30 am, Dining Room  
Family Open Gym Time, 4 pm, Roy Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Choir Room

## 26 - Friday

Souper Saturday Prep, 9 am, Kitchen  
NUBS Junior High Youth Group 7 pm, NUBS Lounge

## 27 - Saturday

Men's Breakfast, 8 am, Dining Room  
Souper Saturday, 11:30 am, Dining Room

## 28 - Sunday

Worship Service, 10 am, Sanctuary

## Upcoming dates to remember

**Chancel Choir Performance, May 5, 3 pm, Sanctuary**

**New Members Class, May 13, 9 am, Room 213**

**Baptisms, May 14, 9 am and 11:30 am worship services**

**Summer worship hours begin, May 28, 10 am**

*If your event is not listed even though it has been registered with the church office, is open to the public or looking for new members, contact [communications@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:communications@firstpresevanston.org) with the date, time and location of your event.*