

July 16 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service

Guest Preacher: Melanie Myatt

Title: How Great The Father's Love For Us

Scripture: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 (New Testament pp. 73, 74)

Next Week

10 a.m. Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4

Title: The Strange Silence of God

Big Idea: God may remain silent at the times we need his presence and his assurance. In just four opening verses, Habakkuk raises three important questions but God does not answer, at least initially.

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Highlights

Lemonade on the Lawn takes place today after the service. Come join us for fellowship time out on the front lawn by Chicago Avenue. Roy Hall will be used in case of inclement weather.

Book Club will be meeting 1:30-3 pm on Tuesday, July 18, in the Parlor. We will be reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. It's the story of Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov, a Russian aristocrat sentenced to house arrest for his association with a poem with revolutionary overtones. All are welcome!

A BBQ for young adults and families will be held Sunday, July 23 from 5-9 pm at Dawes Park Beach in Evanston. Burgers, hot dogs and brats will be provided. *Please bring a side dish to share with others.* Family appropriate activities are also planned. All are invited!

Register for Vacation Bible School 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/>.

Worth Noting

Our guest preacher this morning is Melanie Myatt. She has a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. Along with parenting her four children, she has taught women's Bible studies and served on the preaching team at Sojourner Covenant Church in Evanston.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Wally Buya, a long time member, who passed away July 10. Please keep his family, Vicki, Jeff, Josh and Jonathan, in your prayers. Further details regarding arrangements are being worked out.

Please join us for the annual Deacons Hot Dog Social after church on Sunday, July 23, on the front lawn. Hot dogs, lemonade, and treats for all!

The Deacons wish to remind those who have signed up to supply our backpacks that those supplies are needed no later than Monday, July 24. Please make sure all bags are secured and labeled with students' names (and numbers, if you have those) when returned to the Front Desk. Thanks to all who have participated!

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.

Please give a warm welcome to our three new custodians:

Full-time: **Reggie Walker** has been working as the Maintenance Engineer at his church, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church for the past 6 years. He has been attending the church for 20 years and plays drums in the worship band.

Part-time (Saturdays): **Steven Jennings** has worked at the McGaw YMCA for almost six years as the Building Services Technician. He graduated from Evanston Township High School and grew up going to Faith Temple.

Part-time (Sundays): **Bernard Montgomery** is currently working at a realty company as the Maintenance Technician for five buildings. He has three years of custodial experience. He is the father of seven children including a newborn!



First Pres at a Glance

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

July 16, 2017

Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partner, Congo Focus Team, from pages 108 and 109 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Please pray for their efforts to raise money toward the building of a seventh school in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for wisdom as they plan a special October 21 concert as a fundraiser for Build Congo Schools. Lift up their plans to reach out to new potential partners in coming weeks and months.

A Syrian refugee family being assisted by the FPCE First Friends and the Women's Ministry is welcoming their third child this summer. They are in great need of the following new or gently used items (unisex colors preferred-white, green, yellow): a crib, sheets and blankets, an infant car seat, an infant stroller, baby clothes, newborn diapers and wipes. They also have a 2-year-old daughter who is a size 3 and wears size 5 diapers and a 7-year-old son who wears size 8 clothes. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Kim Langlois at aklanglois@gmail.com.

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

Save the Date

You can help support Souper Saturday! Save the date and join us - Saturday morning, September 16th, Jackson Park for the Hunger Walk (sponsored by Greater Chicago Food Depository) We receive contributions for every walker who participates. More details (transportation from First Pres parking lot and times) to follow. Please direct question to Kris Economos 847-475-0226 or kriseconomos@yahoo.com.

The Women's Ministry at will be hosting a Ladies Tea from 2-5 pm, Saturday, September 30. It's a mini retreat for women and youth to be refreshed and encouraged. The theme is "Joy in the Journey". On-site childcare will be available upon request.

Children and Families

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Volunteer with us at Vacation Bible School! We are looking for adults and teens who would like to serve with our classroom groups or in our activity stations the week of July 24-28. From caring for babies to playing games outside to teaching Bible lessons, we have a variety of fun ways you can get involved and serve the children at First Pres. Many volunteers join us every day from 9-11:45 am, but we are also open to volunteers being involved on a day-to-day basis. For more information on how to get involved, contact Karen McLeod (karen.mcleod@att.net).

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

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

Prayer in the Parlor

The Parlor on the second floor is open each Wednesday for prayer and meditation from 9 am to 9 pm. All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer and praise in the space set aside for a holy time with God.

Youth

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Thank you to everyone who has participated in our fundraising for the Youth Mission Trip to this point. We have currently raised \$19,245.76 toward our goal of \$20,000 (96%). If you are still interested in giving, contact Liz Ribeiro. **There are a few silent auction items waiting to be retrieved.** Winners have been contacted via email and should coordinate with Liz Ribeiro to pick-up your items.

PYGS' 2017 Mission Trip commissioning and training will take place July 23. All students who are attending the trip are asked to join us in the 10 am Sunday service for a commissioning. Immediately afterward will be a lunch and training. Students should be picked up at 2 pm.

A BBQ Beach day and All-Youth potluck gathering is scheduled for Friday, July 21. We'll provide the burgers and the dogs. Meet at 124 Greenleaf Avenue at 4 pm to drop off your food. Then we'll walk to Lee Street Beach together. Bring your token and towel (we'll try to have a few extras). At 5:30 pm. we'll head back for dinner and chillaxing. Pick-up time will be 7 pm.

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

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

hcoates@firstpresevanston.org

Pastor Henry wants to take you out for coffee! Grab him after church or shoot him an email at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org so that a date can be scheduled, and let's make this happen!

Any young adults interested in volunteering in the Crib Room during Sunday morning services should see Pastor Henry or Kristin Mueller for more details.

Family Open Gym

Thursdays, 4-7 pm, Roy Hall

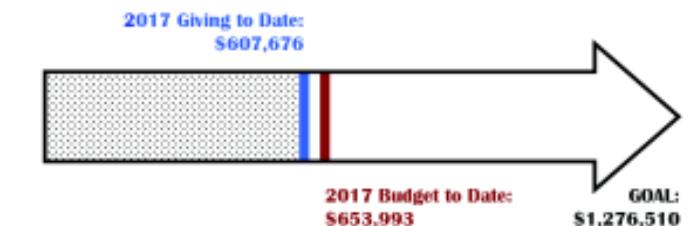
Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

Like Trivia? Come on out and join Pastor Henry and other Young Adults for Trivia Night at Bar Louie, every Thursday night at 8!

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

Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through June 30:



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