

July 23 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Title: The Strange Silence of God

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4 (Old Testament p. 896)

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.

Next Week

10 a.m. Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:5-11

Title: When God's Ways Collide With Ours

Big Idea: It is hard to believe in a God whose ways do not comport with human wisdom. And yet, God's ways are not our ways.

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Highlights

Please join us for the annual Deacons Hot Dog Social after church this morning on the front lawn, weather permitting. Hot dogs, lemonade, and treats for all!

This morning we are commissioning those students taking part in the PYGS' 2017 Mission Trip to Wetumpka, AL, July 29 through August 5. Please keep the entire team in your prayers, asking God to give them guidance, safety and powerful ministry opportunities. Participants should grab lunch today from the Hot Dog Social and then attend training taking place today after today's service. Students should be picked up at 2 pm. Visit <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/students/youth-service-trip/> to learn more about the trip.

A BBQ for young adults and families will be held today 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!

Join us this week for Vacation Bible School 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. **Haven't registered yet? Not a problem! Sign up at fellowship time today or arrive at 8:45 tomorrow morning to complete a walk-in registration.**

Worth Noting

Congratulations to John and Kayla Kulans on the birth of their daughter, Luciana Renee, on July 11.

Come and fellowship with us! Moms R Us is having another potluck dinner fellowship night at the home of Sally Ivaska, 1120 Austin, Evanston, on Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm. Moms of all ages are invited. Contact Patty Bastian with questions at RWBastian@aol.com.

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.

The Book Club's next choice for reading is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Discussion on the book will be held 1-3:30 pm, Tuesday, August 29, in the parlor. According to Amazon, "Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning a letter arrives, addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl, from a woman he hasn't heard from in twenty years." All are invited to read what happens and join us for our discussion.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partner, Tumekutana, from pages 110 and 111 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Tumekutana is a Swahili word meaning "We have come together." It is a gathering of women leaders from Presbyterian and Reformed Church organizations and congregations from around Africa. Pray for their efforts in fighting disease, slavery and famine across the African continent. Ask God to help those women who wish to attend to get the necessary visas and resources for traveling.

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): sheets and blankets, 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 krisconomos@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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Be sure to keep Vacation Bible School and our volunteers in your prayers this week! Children will be learning Bible stories, creating projects, playing games, and making new friends. Adults and teens will be serving with our classroom groups or in our activity stations. Please pray for us as we meet each morning at the church. Pray for God to be working in our relationships and speaking to and through all of us as we learn together. Pray for good weather, safety, and a fun week for all!

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 met our goal and raised \$20,075.76! If you are still interested in giving, contact Liz Ribeiro. If you haven't yet turned in your pledge, payments can be made online (please select youth missions option), dropped off at the front desk (attention Liz Ribeiro), or put it in the offering plate (with youth missions on the envelope subject line).

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

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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

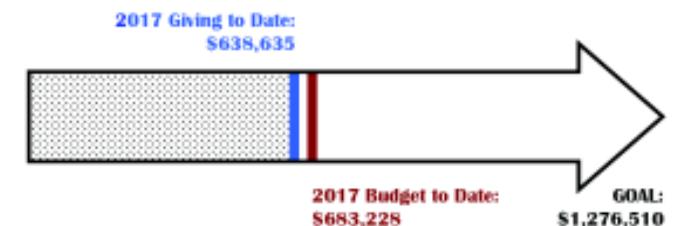
Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

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 July 17:



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