

July 30 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Title: When God's Ways Collide With Ours

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:5-11 (Old Testament p. 896)

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.

Next Week

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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:5-11

Title: If God Is Good, Why Evil?

Big Idea:: The prophet speaks out loud what many would whisper: How can a holy God tolerate and even allow evil to come into His children's lives?

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Highlights

Please join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after worship this morning. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in Roy Hall on the second floor.

Thank you to all who took part in this week's Vacation Bible School. The children learned how they are made for a purpose, each have their own special talents, and cherished by God, our creator. Special thanks to the volunteers who made the whole week so fun and full of energy.

Please pray for 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.

Your nominating committee values your recommendations for Elder, Deacon and Trustee. For a brief description of these offices, pick up a referral form from the literature rack or the front desk. The term of service for each of these offices is three years. The election of candidates is October 22, 2017. Send your recommendations to fpce nominate@gmail.com.

Worth Noting

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Wally Buya will be held at 7 pm, Friday, August 11, in Walker Chapel.

The 17-year-old son in a Syrian refugee family served by First Friends needs a bike and helmet to commute to and from his job. If you can help, please contact Sonia Evenstad at evenstad@sbcglobal.net or 847-869-5112.

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, Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, from pages 112 and 113 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. As our sister church for over 20 years, Bethlehem church now operates a university providing crucial education and vocational skills training to the people of the region. Pray for the witness of these programs, as well as their leadership program and sports ministries. Ask God to bless Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb with wisdom and safety as he navigates the spiritual and political challenges faced by the church and school. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be manifest in power and love for everyone serving in and served by this ministry.

<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. Tickets are \$20.

Children and Families

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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 exceeded our goal and raised \$21,775.76! 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).

Save the date for an End-of-Summer Youth Event, Sunday, August 27 from 5 to 7 pm. More details to come.

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

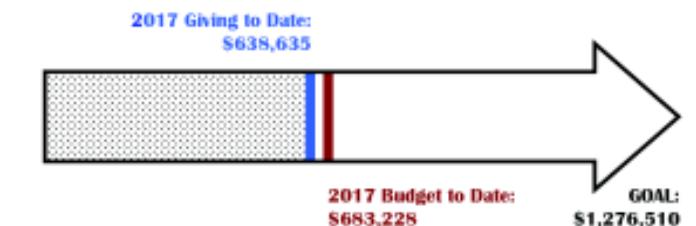
Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

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 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.