

September 10 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14 (*New Testament, pp. 154-155*)

Title: Second Skin

Big Idea: Putting on the love of the Lord.

Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:1-2

Title: Jesus and My Marriage

Big Idea: In a marriage under the Lordship of Christ, two imperfect people seek to imitate the attitude and the character of Christ. In these ways, Christ is glorified and the couple and their home is built up.

New Teaching Series Begins September 24: "First: Giving God first place in everything"

What we put first in our life matters. If we'll choose to put God FIRST, in our living and giving, we can touch more lives, connect greater numbers of folks to Christ, and help the Kingdom of God expand. As a church, we've experienced God do more things through us this past year than ever before, and we think we are just seeing the beginning of what God is going to do as we allow Him to use us! Let's keep God FIRST, and see what God can do!

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

This morning's fellowship time takes place in Roy Hall on the second floor. Please join us for refreshments.



Join us for a community Gospel Sing led by Michael Gibson, at 7 pm Wednesday, September 13, in the FPCE Parlor. As part of our celebration of the 150th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, we'll be singing while kicking off the fall prayer gatherings. A wonderful Soul Food meal will be served in the Dining Room at 6 pm (reservations for the meal are encouraged and can be made online via the church website). The menu includes: Red beans and rice à la Louis Armstrong, catfish, turnip greens, and corn bread.

Members of FPCE who are feeling called to serve as a Stephen Minister are invited to attend the next training series. The kickoff session is Saturday, September 23, from 9 am to 1 pm in room 213. The training sessions then take place every Monday night 7 to 9 pm, from September 25, 2017, through February 26, 2018, with a two-week break at Christmas. Completed applications must be received prior to September 1. Please contact Mike Denesha at 847-612-9479 or RuthAnn Ostrowski at 312-613-0644 if you would like an application or more information about what it means to serve as a Stephen Minister.

Tickets are still available for the Ladies' Tea to be held from 2-5 pm, Saturday, September 30. The event, hosted by Women's Ministries, will be 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 and can be ordered on the church website.

Worth Noting

First Pres is partnering with LifeTouch Church Directories & Portrait Company to create a new church directory in celebration of 150 Years of God's grace. There is no charge to have your picture included in the new directory, and sign-up is easy. You can go to the church website's front page for the online sign-up link, call the church office at 847-864-1472, or sign up in person at the designated table during Fellowship Hour in Roy Hall to sign up. Sign-up will begin Sunday, September 17.

The Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 10, from 1:30-3 pm in the Parlor. Our new selection is *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. According to Amazon it is "a moving story about tradition, tea farming, and the enduring connection between mothers and daughters". All are welcome!

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill a part-time evening receptionist position. Work hours would be Monday through Thursday from 5 pm to 10 pm. Candidates must have good communication and people skills as well as basic computer skills. For the full job description, please go to <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/employment>. To apply please contact Janice at the church office or e-mail her at jdocschuetz@firstpresevanston.org with the position name in the subject line.

The First Pres Sanctuary has once again been selected as a location for the 2017 Open House Chicago on October 14 and 15, sponsored by the Chicago Architectural Foundation (CAF). Last year nearly 1,000 people toured our beautiful and historic sanctuary. We are looking for volunteers to greet and check visitors into the building in the narthex, as well as to act as docents in the sanctuary. If you are interested in serving, please leave your name at the front desk. Jack Harriff, coordinator, will contact you to schedule a specific time and to provide details.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Good News Partners, from pages 18 and 19 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Lift up their mission of working to end homelessness and hopelessness with everyone God brings them – to foster justice, and build bridges of reconciliation. Ask God to bless their focus areas of housing, education, and economic development through empowerment and partnership.

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston will host a fundraising concert to fund the building of a new facility at Diboko Primary School and Institute Bundo Secondary School in Tshikapa, Democratic Republic of Congo. The concert, to be held Saturday, October 21 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, will feature W. Stephen Smith, professor of vocal performance at Northwestern University and formerly of the Juilliard School of Music. He will be accompanied by his wife, Carol Mannen Smith. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/congoconcert>.

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

Choir News

The FPCE Community Pop-Up Choir is returning this fall. The group is a great fit if you can only sing every once-in-a-while or would like to try out the choir for the first time. The choir participates in Blended service (9 am) on Second Sundays. This fall, they will also sing at the Contemporary service (11:30 am) service on November 12. Rehearsals are usually held Thursday prior to the second Sunday of each month from 7:30-8:15 pm. Contact Hannah Dixon McConnell, Choir Director, to confirm rehearsals. (hmcconnell@firstpresevanston.org). If you know you're interested, contact Hannah Dixon McConnell, choir director, at hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org.

Children and Families

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Fall Children's Ministry Kick-Off today!

- Join us in worship as we dedicate our Sunday School teachers and bless the students in our church. Students will be invited forward to receive a blessing and a backpack tag.

- During our Sunday School time (today beginning at 10:30 am), families are invited to participate in the "Amazing Race!" The race begins at the Children's Ministry table outside of the library – join us here for your first clue. Travel from classroom to classroom, meeting teachers and gathering clues for a final family puzzle. Once the final challenge is complete, we'll celebrate together in Roy Hall with snacks.

- Join our Children's Choir this fall! Children in Pre-K (4 yrs) through 5th grade are invited to sing together from 4-5 pm on Thursday afternoons at First Pres. We've started rehearsals, but it's not too late to join us! We rehearse this Thursday in the Choir Room. Our Children's Choir will sing in worship for the first time on Sept. 17. Students in 6th grade and older will have opportunity to participate in a Youth Praise Band and Dance group. Register children through the First Pres website (under events registration), or contact Kristin Mueller for more information.

Any parents or caregivers of kindergarteners who didn't receive a copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible* during the previous weeks and would still like one should contact Kristin Mueller.

<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 and Families

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Sunday School kick-off will be held today between services! All youth grades 7 to12 will gather in the PYGS lounge for breakfast and a meet and greet with their teachers. Classes begin next week.

Confirmation Retreat will be this Saturday September 16. Class begins the following day and will be a three month journey into faith exploration and expression. It will be lead by Pastor Ray Hylton.

Calling mentors and leaders: The youth ministry needs you! The youth ministry is seeking spiritually mature adults to invest in and guide our students. If you are interested in serving as a NUBS or PYGs leader, or confirmation mentor please reach out to Liz Ribeiro.

Youth Dance rehearsals start this Thursday September 14 at 6 pm. The next band rehearsal is September 21. Band and dance will meet on alternating Thursdays. All skill levels are welcomed to join as we grow together. Please RSVP to Liz Ribeiro for planning purposes.

NUBS – Never Underestimate Believers in the Savior - gatherings will resumes this Friday, September 15, from 7-9 pm. Students from grades 6-8 are invited to youth group.

PYGS – Presbyterian Youth Group – Youth group for High Schoolers in grades 9-12 will start up next Sunday September 17. We meet from 4-6pm. Following Acts 2:42 dinner is served. \$5 is asked to cover costs. All are welcome.

Parent Small Group – A parent small group will be held on Sunday evenings from 4-6 pm during the high school PYGS youth group time. Focus of the scripture teaching will mirror the youth devotionals to help keep in step as a family. Please email leaders Alison Velasco alsvelasco@gmail.com and Susan Hood susan_hood@comcast.net to join. All parents are welcomed. If you are interested in joining or leading a small group on Friday nights during the NUBS youth group please email Liz at lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org. Training for leaders will be provided by the small group ministry team.

More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 to subscribe!

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

Young Adults and Families

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First Pres' 20/30's small group will be starting this fall! If you're a younger adult in your twenties or thirties, married or single, graduate or college student, kids or no, you are invited to join the 20/30s small group! We will gather beginning September 24 at 6 p.m. Join us for good food and drink and even better conversation at Pastor Henry's condo in Evanston twice a month. Together we will seek to know one another and Christ more fully! If interested, send Pastor Henry an email at hcoates@firstpresevanston.com.

First Pres' Young Family Small Group will be meeting once a month starting this fall. Food and childcare will be provided. Through fellowship and study we will grow closer as families to Jesus. If you and your family would like to participate, please send either Pastor Henry or Kristin an email.

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

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