

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (*New Testament, p. 186*)

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!

Next Week

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Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Title: Jesus and My Marriage

Big Idea: Seeking to put God first in everything will be threatened by competing interests: anxiety, a desire for security, a test of our willingness to trust in the providential love and care of our heavenly Father.

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

A special Wednesday Prayer Gathering will be held September 23 at 7 pm in the Parlor. FPCE missions partner “Pastor Y” will share some details of what is happening in the Chinese church. Prior to the prayer gathering, a Wednesday Night Dinner will be held in the Dining Room at 6 pm. The menu will include peanut vinegar chicken, Szechuan shrimp, rice noodles and stir-fried vegetables. Reservations are appreciated and may be made in advance through the front desk or the Events Registrations page on the FPCE website. All are welcome!

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. Visit the FPCE website’s front page, 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, beginning this morning.

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. Today is the last day for registration!

The next FPCE New Members Class, led by Pastor Ray Hylton, will be held Saturday, October 28, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Childcare is available with prior registration. Contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or jdocschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Worth Noting

We welcome for the sacrament of baptism during this morning’s first service, Felipe Alexander Darragh, son of Christopher Darragh and Maria Paula Sintes Darragh.

“The Power of Habits” will be the topic of Senior Varsity, which will meet on Thursday, October 5. The kick-off event for our fall series will be led by Pastor Ray and Judith Hylton. Habits are the patterns that shape our lives. Come and learn how habits are formed; how some habits create a stuck life, while other habits transform and liberate us for the abundant life in Christ. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the presentation at 11, and lunch will be served at noon (cost: \$5 for program and \$5 for lunch). Please register by October 3 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.

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!

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.

Weekly volunteers are being sought by the church office. Beginning October 6, FPCE will be in need of volunteers to fold and stuff the Sunday bulletins. The process can take 2-3 hours, depending upon the number of bulletins and the number of inserts for a given week. In the past, volunteers have chosen to come Friday mornings, though any time before 5 pm Friday would be fine. If interested, contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or jdocschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Medical Benevolence Foundation, from pages 20 and 21 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for their many partners who receive vital supplies and other resources through MBF. While their Houston headquarters was spared significant damage, many of their staff and partners are also located in that area. Pray for wisdom for all those who, in addition to their regular duties, are working tirelessly to minister to the overwhelming needs of their congregations and the immediate community they serve. Pray, also, for their work in Kenya, which is experiencing political conflict.

Come to hear wonderful "Broadway Hits & More" sung by our own W. Stephen Smith, professor of vocal performance at Northwestern University, formerly of the Juilliard School of Music. Carol, Steve's wife, will accompany him on the piano. The event is a WIN/WIN - you will hear great music, and ticket proceeds will contribute to the construction of a new Diboko Primary School and Institute Bulunda Secondary School in Tshikapa, DR Congo. **The Concert date: October 21, 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. Tickets:** (\$25 for adults and \$10 for students) are available online now at firstpresevanston.org/congoconcert, or after church on Oct. 1, 8 and 15 in the Fellowship Hour and first floor hallway."

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

Employment Opportunity

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 jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org with the position name in the subject line.

Children and Families

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Fall registration is underway for Children's Ministry!

If your family will be attending any Sunday children's programs, please fill out a pink sheet at the Children's Ministry table, or online through a web link at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/>.

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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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.

The next youth band rehearsal is at 6 pm, 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 happen each Friday, from 7-9 pm, in the NUBS lounge. Students from grades 6-8 are invited.

PYGS – Presbyterian Youth Group – Youth group for High Schoolers in grades 9-12 will start up this afternoon! 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 Sunday, September 24 at 6 pm! 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! 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

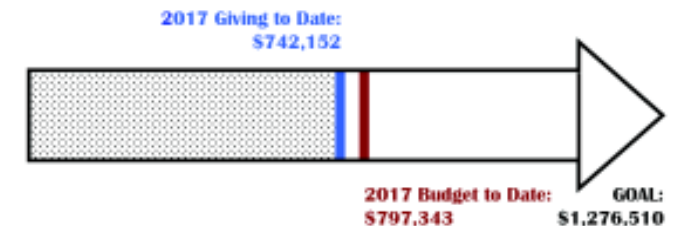
Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

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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