

October 1 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6 (*New Testament, p. 185*)

Title: World Communion Sunday

Big Idea: No matter where you are, who you are, in Jesus Christ we are one.

Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Title: The Commitment

Big Idea: Generosity and giving is both a ministry (2 Cor. 9:1), and an act of joy and thanks to God. Paul is not forcing the Corinthian Christians to give, rather he reminds them of God's faithfulness in providing everything; God provides the resources so they can give. What they must now do is make a commitment to fulfill their pledge to the poor Christians of Jerusalem.

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

Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, a day where we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all other believers from different countries and traditions and remember the Lord's Supper together. Today's bread was baked by the FPCE youth. You're invited to attend a potluck luncheon after the 11:30am Service in Roy Hall (starting approx. at 12:45pm). Bring a dish or come as you are!

"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.

Pieter Kwant, Director of Langham Literature will be our guest for a light lunch on October 8 at 11:45 am, following the Sunday School hour. Join us in the dining room! No sign up necessary. Pieter has helped in the development of the Africa and South Asia Bible Commentaries, among others around the world. 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 today.

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 jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Worth Noting

Bob and Martha Sefton are marking their 60th wedding anniversary on October 5. They have been members of First Pres for 59 years, active in a variety of ministries. A celebratory cake will be served in fellowship hour today.

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 jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Rebuilding Together of North Suburban Chicago, from pages 26 and 27 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions.

Pray for guidance and as they partner with low income homeowners, disabled veterans and others in need of housing or facility repairs. Ask God to guide them as they select the recipients and partners for their projects.

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. Guests will hear great music while contributing to the construction of a new Diboko Primary School and Institute Bulunda Secondary School in Tshikapa, DR Congo. **Join us Saturday, October 21, 7 pm at FPCE.** Tickets: (\$25 for adults and \$10 for students) are available online 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/>

Save the Date

FPCE’s own Gordon Stromberg is exhibiting a collection of his works of art at the Swedish/American Museum, October 13 (this is a change from the original date) through November 19 at 5211 N. Clark Street, Chicago, just north of Foster Avenue. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm. A reception for this one-room exhibit on the museum’s Second Floor will be held 6-8 pm, Friday, October 13 (the same evening as the Andersonville Art Fest). All are welcome!

An exhibit by FPCE’s Verna Todd entitled “Leafing Out” features photographs of leaves while incorporating word play meant to stir the imagination, nostalgia, and even surprise. The opening reception is Saturday, October 7, 5-7 pm, and the artists’ conversation is at 7 pm, Thursday, October 19. The gallery is at 1310^{1/2} Chicago Ave., Evanston. Hours are Thursdays through Saturdays Noon-6 pm, and Sundays Noon to 5 pm. Sales of Verna Todd’s pieces go to Bright Stars of Bethlehem, an FPCE mission partner.

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 children are invited to join us as we prepare music for the Christmas Pageant in December. If your child would like to be a part of the Pageant choir, rehearsals begin on October 5. Our choir will sing in worship once a month as well, so there will be opportunities to sing even if your family isn’t in town for Christmas. Register children through the First Pres website (under events registration), or contact Kristin Mueller for more information.

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve with children? Each week, our childcare rooms are supervised by a staff member and a congregational volunteer. If you would like to hold babies in the Crib Room or draw pictures and play Legos in the Blue Room, contact Kristin Mueller. We’d love to get to know you and then incorporate you into our sign-up schedule!

<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.

Book Club

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!

Youth and Families

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Do you have a working bicycle you no longer need? Donate it and help a high school student use it to come to church regularly. Contact Liz Ribeiro for details.

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, October 5. Band and dance meet on alternating Thursdays. All skill levels are welcomed to join as we grow together. Please RSVP to Liz Ribeiro for planning purposes.

NUBS meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, in the NUBS lounge. Students from grades 6-8 are invited.

PYGS meets from 4-6 pm each Sunday afternoon. Dinner is served and a \$5 donation is requested to cover costs. All high school students 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/>

Employment at FPCE

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill two full-time positions: Director of Youth Ministries and Director of Worship & Music. For the full job description and how to apply, please go to <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/> employment.

Young Adults and Families

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First Pres’ Young Family Small Group will have its first gathering will be TODAY at 4 pm in the Parlor. Food and childcare will be provided. Through fellowship and study we will grow closer as families to Jesus.

First Pres’ 20/30’s small group will meet again Sunday, October 8 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.

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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