

October 8 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (*New Testament, p. 175-176*)

Title: The Commitment

Big Idea: Generosity and giving are 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.

Next Week

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Title: The Boomerang Principle

Big Idea: Generosity fueled by grace has a powerful impact. It affects the giver, it reflects the sacrifice of Christ, and it also affects the recipients. These are the essential arguments Paul made as he encouraged the Corinthian to share generously.

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Highlights

Pieter Kwant, Director of Langham Literature will be our guest for a light lunch today 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!

At our regular Wednesday Prayer Gathering on October 11, FPCE Mission Director Caryl Weinberg will share about her recent trip to Lebanon and help us know how to pray specifically for our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Lebanon and Syria. The gathering, which takes place at 7 pm in the Parlor, will also include a time of prayer. A dinner will be served at 6 pm in the Dining Room. The Middle Eastern menu will include Fattoush Salad (purslane leaves, red radish, green mint, Persian cucumbers, tomatoes, scallions, romaine lettuce); Mezze dishes (hummus, baba-ghanouj, olives, tabbouleh, pickled turnip) with Arabian bread; and Ardi Shoki (artichoke stuffed with meat and pine nuts). Please sign up ahead of time for the dinner at the FPCE front desk. All are welcome!

On Sunday, October 22, FPCE will hold a single worship service at 10 am. The service will be followed immediately by our Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary. Agenda items include the election of 2018 officers (elders, deacons, trustees) and a preview of the 2018 budget. A quorum of members is needed for the election, so please plan on attending!

Rev. Henry Coates will be officially installed into the Chicago Presbytery as designated associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, at 4 pm Sunday, October 22, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to come celebrate in this service of worship. A reception for Pastor Henry and his wife, Amanda, will be held in the Dining Room immediately following the installation.

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@firstprevevanston.org.

Worth Noting

We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to Ellen Mosher and her family, who's beloved uncle, U.S. Navy Captain Ivan William Rowley, passed to glory in the early morning of Sunday, September 24, 2017, in Pensacola, FL.

We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to Steve Takushi and his family, on the passing of his father, Kenneth Takushi, on Friday, September 29. Funeral services are planned for October 16 in Honolulu.

We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to Elizabeth Scoble Bennett and her family, on the unexpected passing of her father, George "Nick" Scoble, on Sunday, October 1.

The Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 10, from 1:30-3 pm in the Parlor. Our selection is *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. 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). We are looking for volunteers to greet and check in visitors as well as to act as docents. If you are interested in serving, please leave your name at the front desk.

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 during Fellowship Hour in Roy Hall to sign up today. Photography sessions will take place November 1-11 at First Pres.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, J.J. and Courtney Ivaska, from pages 28 and 29 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for their family as they transition into their new location here in Evanston. Pray also for J.J.'s new position with World Relief.

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/>

Thank You

Judith Hylton and the FPC women's ministry team would like to thank all the women who attended the ladies tea on Saturday, September 30. Thanks again to the wonderful speakers, Amanda Coates, Allen Kakooza and Marian Alvarado. Thanks, as well, to the volunteers and FPCE staff members for all their support. Finally, thanks to the women's ministry team for the labor of love and service to the women and friends who attended this event.

Volunteer Drivers sought

Volunteer Drivers are needed Saturday, October 28 for the Prison Ministry's Saturday Surprise trip to Kroll's Educational Farm. The trip will run from approximately 11 am to 4 pm. Children who have a parent in prison will be treated to an afternoon of Halloween fun - a bonfire, hayride, trip through the corn maze, and a pumpkin to take home! Please contact Sonia Evenstad at evenstad@sbcglobal.net or 847-869-5112 if you are interested in helping.

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

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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 dance rehearsal is at 6 pm, October 12. 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' 20/30's small group will meet again TODAY, 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

Following is the giving revenue received through August 20:



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