

October 15 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (*New Testament, pp. 174-175*)

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 Corinthians to share generously.

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Next Week

10 a.m. Worship (Note: This single service is followed by a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary)

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Title: The Source

Big Idea: Putting God first in all things is possible when we remember that God enabled us to have those things.

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

Join us Saturday, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for "The Power of Song: Broadway Hits & More." Our own W. Stephen Smith, professor of vocal performance at Northwestern University, formerly of the Juilliard School of Music, will perform, with his wife Carol accompanying him on the piano. Proceeds will fund the construction of a new Christian school in Tshikapa, DR Congo. **A reception will follow. Tickets:** (\$25 for adults and \$10 for students) are available online at firstpreevanston.org/congoconcert, or after church today at the Fellowship Hour, in the Narthex and the first floor hallway.

Next 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! Note: there will be no Fellowship Hour, Children's, Youth or Adult Education next week after the service.

On Sunday, October 22 at 9 am, FPCE will host Dr. Ross Wagner, professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, for a special Sunday School class in the Parlor. He will be speaking on "Finding the Old Testament in the New." All are welcome!

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 jjobschuetz@firstpreevanston.org.

Worth Noting

First Pres Sanctuary is serving as a location for the 2017 Open House Chicago this afternoon.

A free event entitled "Winds of Worship" will be held Friday, October 27, at 7 pm in the FPCE Sanctuary. Director of Music & Worship Elda McGinty will lead this worship night of original songs and pieces co-authored with Linda Sylvester. McGinty, who has announced she and her family will be leaving FPCE in mid-December, will be joined by a variety of musicians from our congregation and the Chicagoland area. All are welcome!

On Saturday, November 4, we will celebrate our All Souls Memorial Service in Walker Chapel from 9-10 am. You are invited to fill out the Memorial pad with your departed loved ones' names either at the front desk or during Fellowship Time after our first service for the five Sundays in October. All names collected will be read during the memorial service. This is the only way we are collecting names. The deadline for submitting names during Fellowship Time or at the front desk is Sunday, October 22.

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. This week and next week are the final two weeks to sign up for sessions! **We're also looking for daytime and evening volunteers to welcome families and answer questions during the photo sessions November 1-11. Please sign up during Fellowship Hour or call Janice at First Pres at 847-864-1472.**



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Presbyterian Churches of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, from pages 30 and 31 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Pray for their outreach in a country dealing with civil war, corruption and political division. Pray for protection the leaders and members, and for their witness as followers of Jesus Christ. Pray, too, for their efforts to bring Christian education to the children of the country.

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.

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

Save the Date

Senior Varsity will meet on Thursday, November 2. Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz will be speaking on resilience. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the presentation at 11, and lunch will be served at noon (cost: \$5 for lunch). Please register by 10/31 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.

Bulletin Stuffers Sought

Weekly volunteers are being sought by the church office. FPCE is in need of volunteers to fold and stuff the Sunday bulletins. The process can take 1-2 hours, depending upon the number of volunteers, bulletins and 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 jdob-schuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Children and Families

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Children (grades K-6th grade) who would like to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant at First Pres should plan to join us for rehearsals beginning Thursday, Oct. 26. We will practice from 4-6 each Thursday leading up to Christmas Eve. At our first rehearsal, we will have children reading and acting so that we can determine parts. Everyone who participates will sing in the choir. If you plan to participate, please let Kristin Mueller know.

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. 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.

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>.

Youth and Families

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Confirmation Class will meet at 9 am on Sunday, October 22, due to the 10 am service and congregational meeting.

FPCE Youth Ministry is in need of a working cell phone with a camera. Can you help? 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 19. 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.

Save the date for a NUBS Campout/Campin, Friday, November 4. More details to come!

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/>

Young Adults and Families

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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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