

November 5 Sermon Notes

Our new teaching series:

Soul Sculpting: Disciplines that shape the follower of Jesus (Shaped like Jesus)

No one ever drifts into spiritual growth, vibrancy and love for God. The Psalmist yearned for the will to meditate on God's precepts; to fix his eyes on God's ways (Psalm 119:15). God rewards such intentionality by reshaping the contours of the human soul with more love and desire for Him. This series will reflect on three inner disciplines of Study, Rest and Gratitude, and one outer discipline: Worship. We will remind ourselves that small things done faithfully will, over time, change us.

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16 (*Old Testament, p. 577*)

Title: The Discipline of Study

Big Idea: We are what we study and take in. Thomas Cranmer famously said: "What the heart loves, the will chooses, and the mind justifies. The mind doesn't direct the will. The mind is actually captive to what the will wants, and the will itself, in turn, is captive to what the heart wants."

Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Psalm 127:1-2

Title: The Discipline of Rest

Big Idea: Could it be that part of the reason for the frenetic pace of our lives stems from F.O.M.O (The Fear of Missing Out)? The Psalmist invites the believer to rest in the Lord's ability to build, protect and keep through phase of life.

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

Friends in Christ will be hosting its semi-annual potluck dinner on Monday, November 6, 6:30pm, in the church dining room. Fred Bryant, professor of Social Psychology at Loyola University, will be our speaker, and his topic is "Bearing One Another's Burdens: How to Help Others Endure Adversity." If you are a member of Friends in Christ or would simply like to join us for the evening, you are most welcome! Please RSVP to Bonnie Kath (bkath@comcast.net or 847-507-4146) by Wednesday, November 1. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

Join us for our regular Wednesday Prayer Gathering on November 8 in the Parlor. We will be praying for FPCE mission partners and members Dan and Kathy Shiau of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. A Korean dinner will be served at 6 pm in the Dining Room. On the menu: galbi jim (beef short rib stew) and banchan (cucumbers, spinach, beansprouts). The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 for families of three or more. Please sign up ahead of time for the dinner at the FPCE front desk. All are welcome!

Altar Guild volunteers are needed for the preparation of the elements of the Lord's Supper for each of our Sunday communion services. If you are interested in serving this way, please contact Elda McGinty at emcginty@firstpresevanston.org for more information on this important behind-the-scenes role in the life of our church community.

Worth Noting

As a sequel to their previous "Repurposed Art" project, The Institute for Therapy Through the Arts and FPCE Volunteers are embarking on another art adventure created by the Saturday guests at First Pres. The project, which is supported by the Institute for Therapy in the Arts, involves weaving with disposable plastic bags. Many colorful plastic bags will be needed for the final creation. Donations of the bags should be made in the box outside the church library. Those feeling led to support the team with your prayer or your presence are most welcome! Call Linda at 847-420-1289 for information about taking part.

December 3 at 12:30pm (after the second service) is our "Christmas Around the World Potluck". Please email ginachang888@gmail.com if you wish to help with setting up the tables, frying Filipino egg rolls, bringing a dish to share and/or cleaning up.

For those who were absent or unable to make their pledges last week, pledge cards are available at the front desk. Please let us know your giving decision as soon as possible.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, James and Katie Chambers, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, from pages 44 and 45 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. James serves as a National Evangelism Specialist. Pray for their ministry to IVCF leaders for God's plans to be worked out through them. Pray, too, for their support network.

First Presbyterian Evanston will host our second annual Thanksgiving Dinner with Refugee families on Saturday November 18, at 4:30 pm. All volunteers welcome! Please sign up at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>. Contact Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org for more information.

First Presbyterian Church will host an overnight shelter again this winter. The dates are December 3-10 and January 14-28. You may sign up online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/> or in the coming weeks during coffee hour. Please contact Charlene Parris via email at c.parris@comcast.net, for more information.

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

Save the Date

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 28 from 1:30-3 pm in the Parlor. We will be reading *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. All are welcome to take part!

Children and Families

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An Advent Workshop for Families will be held on Sunday, November 19 from 3-5 pm at FPCE. Please note that we are hosting the workshop early this year so families can begin Advent with a devotional tool ready to go! We will be creating Advent wreaths to use at home to help prepare for Christmas. During the workshop, families will first gather together in the Dining Room for snacks and conversation. A family worship time will follow in the parlor, and the workshop will conclude with crafting of Advent wreaths in the gym. Please bring a snack to share, and sign up during fellowship time, at the front desk, or online.

Christmas Pageant rehearsals have begun for children pre-K through 6th grade! We practice from 4-6 each Thursday leading up to Christmas Eve, with a dress rehearsal on December 23 from 9-12. It's not too late to join us! We have both acting and speaking parts available. Everyone who participates will sing in the choir. If you plan to participate, please register online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>.

Youth (7th-12th grade) are invited to help fill roles in our Christmas Eve Pageant! We'd love to incorporate your acting and musical gifts into our family worship service. If you have a talent you'd like to share and want to be involved, please contact Kristin Mueller.

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.

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

Employment at FPCE

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

Youth and Families

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Our next Service Saturday will take place November 11 at 10 am in Roy Hall. We will be assembling Homeless Outreach Kits. If your ministry or service organization would like to partner with the youth on a Service Saturday project, please contact Liz Ribeiro.

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.

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/>

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.

Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through October 20:



Thank you for your support. Please contact our Business Manager, Melody Henrie, if unforeseen circumstances will prevent you from meeting your 2017 pledge commitment.