

November 12 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Psalm 127:1-2 (*Old Testament, p. 584*)

Title: The Discipline of Rest

Series: **Soul Sculpting: Disciplines that shape the follower of Jesus**

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 each phase of life.

Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Psalm 136:13-26 (*Old Testament, p. 588*)

Title: Gratitude: God's Love Endures Forever

Big Idea: Thanksgiving is not a season but a way of life where the believer/worshipper always looks back on the many ways God blesses, rescues and provides. The only appropriate response is to acknowledge God's enduring love as the source.

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, our offering is dedicated to the Deacon's Fund, which helps to provide the support for a wide variety of outreach and ministry. Please use the envelopes included in today's bulletins for your gifts.

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

Next Sunday, November 19, in addition to our regular offering, we will collect our annual Thanksgiving Offering. By contributing you'll be helping to respond to all the natural and manmade disasters in our world, as this year's gifts will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA works through relief and development both nationally and internationally. As we give thanks for all the Lord has blessed us with, may we respond generously in our sharing with those in need. Envelopes for this special collection will be included in the bulletins.

Next Sunday, November 19, is Fellowship Sunday. There will not be any Adult Education Classes between services.

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.

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

We offer our condolences to the family of Howard William Mauck, son of long-time Evanston residents Joe Mauck and Paula and Bill Medcaif. Howard died Wednesday, November 1. Please pray for the entire Mauck family, and for his fiancé, Jennifer Smith.

We welcome the following new members to First Pres today by Reaffirmation of Faith: Kenneth Evans, Margaret Ingram, Robert McConnell, Karen Shaw. Transfer of Membership: Melanie Myatt.

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 12:30 pm (after the second service) is our "Christmas Around the World Potluck". Please sign up on SignUpGenius at <https://tinyurl.com/yae6zro4> (you can find the link under Event Registration on the FPCE website, too) if you wish to help with setting up the tables, frying Filipino egg rolls, bringing a dish to share and/or cleaning up. There will also be a table at fellowship hour between services and in the Narthex after the 11:30am service.



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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, Greg and Mari Chimitris, serving with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, from pages 46 and 47 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Pray for their work at Southern Illinois University. Ask that God may guide them as they lead five bible studies on campus. Pray, as well, for the 32 students expressing interest in Christianity, and for Greg and Mari as they train student leaders.

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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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 two full-time positions: Director of Youth Ministries and Director of Worship & Music (both full-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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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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Come join the 20/30s small group, this evening at Pastor Henry's condo, 6-8pm. Email or text Pastor Henry at (609) 529-3853 for details!

Join the 20/30s group for a night of board games at Pastor Henry's condo in Evanston on Thursday, November 16, starting at 7 pm. Email Pastor Henry with any questions, including his address!

Are you a young adult in your 20/30s looking for a place to eat thanksgiving dinner? Reach out to Pastor Henry.

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!

<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.

2018 Stewardship Campaign Update

Our total pledges to date for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign are as follows:

Goal (2018 Budget): \$1,050,000
Funds pledged: \$898,312

Pledges: 177
Faith Commitments: 22
Total Giving Unit Commitments to date: 199
Last Year's Total Giving Unit Commitments: 292

Thank you for your support.

Pledge Cards are still available in the FPCE Lobby or online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/giving/giving-campaign/>.