

January 14 Sermon Notes
9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Series - "Making Sense of the Old Testament"

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Christopher J.H. Wright

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13 (Old Testament p. 3)

Title: Paradise Lost

Big Idea: Sin entered the world through the disobedience of the man and the woman. The Bible is basically the story about God's pursuit of people who wandered from God's plan.

Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-10

Title: Conflict in the Family

Big Idea: Sin affects not just our relationship with God, but our relationship with each other.

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Highlights

Our guest preacher this morning is Rev. Dr. Christopher J.H. Wright, who currently serves as the International Ministries Director of Langham Partnership International, a mission partner of FPCE. An Anglican clergyman and Old Testament scholar, Dr. Wright was the principal of All Nations Christian College near Hartfordshire, England. Prior to that, he and his wife, Liz, taught at Union Biblical Theological Seminary in Pune, India, for five years. A native of Northern Ireland, he has authored numerous books, including *Let the Gospels Preach the Gospel*, a publication of Langham Preaching Resources.

Today, FPCE begins a three-week All-Church Adult Education Course, to be held between services in Roy Hall. Please join us as we study God's word together. See details on the back of today's bulletin. Children's Education resumes its normal schedule this morning.

First Presbyterian Church hosts two-weeks of overnight shelter in January. The dates are this evening through January 28. We are still in need of volunteers for both weeks. Please sign up online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>. Contact Charlene Parris via email at c.parris@comcast.net for more information.

Friends in Christ is hosting a free workshop for anyone interested in developing skills for pastoral care ministries. Topics include: the value of ministry and relationships, confidentiality, active listening, setting limits, how to help grieving people, and much more. Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz will lead. To be held on Saturday, February 3, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Parlor. Coffee, tea, and breakfast pastries will be served. No obligation to join Friends in Christ. RSVP to Bonnie Kath at bkath@comcast.net or 847-730-3432 to sign up.

The Women's Ministry of FPCE will host its annual pre-Valentine Day Movie Night and Jewelry Swap on Friday, February 9, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm in the Dining Room and the Parlor. This year's theme will be "You Are Loved." Sign-ups begin today. The cost is \$5 per person, and proceeds will benefit Good News Partners and Emmaus Ministry.

Worth Noting

We welcome for the sacrament of baptism this morning, Elijah Michael Bandawe, son of Tony Bandawe and Deliwe Osman.

We celebrate with Michael & Michelle Hornsby the birth of their daughter, Ariana 'Ezer, on Thursday, January 4.

The church building will be closed Monday, January 15 (except for the Warming Center), in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Today is the final morning to pick up pre-ordered 2018 offering envelopes. They are available across from the library.

On Wednesday, February 28, we invite YOU to extend hospitality as an overnight host to Grove City College Choir students. You'll pick up your student(s) at 9 pm after their Lenten concert at FPCE, open your home to them for the night, and drop them back off at the church with a bag lunch the following morning. E-mail Hannah McConnell at hmccConnell@firstpresevanston.org with the number of students you'd be willing to host, and please note any pets in your home so we may appropriately match students with allergies.

If you would like to participate in the preparation of the elements of the Lord's Supper for each of our Sunday communion services, please contact Hannah Dixon McConnell at hmccConnell@firstpresevanston.org.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partner, Keith and Louise, serving with EFCA Reach Global Partners, from pages 68 and 69 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission*. Pray for their ministry to believers in countries throughout Asia. Ask that God would protect the small groups and house churches they provide guidance and training to. Pray that God would allow their efforts to spread the Gospel to bear much fruit!

First Friends is a ministry centered on refugees that have come to the Chicago/Skokie/Evanston in the past year. Have an ongoing relationship with a refugee family along with others from First Presbyterian; or you can get involved with one-off events with our church and those families! All are welcome. Contact Sally Ivaska at sallyivaska1@gmail.com, or Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org.

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

Save the Date

First Pres will host our annual Super Bowl Chili Cookoff, February 4, after the second service. All are invited to participate and come and eat! A \$5 suggested donation will go towards supporting FPCE's First Friends refugee outreach. Judging will take place in four categories: Best Meat, Best Veg, Best Name, and Greatest Chili of Them All with neat prizes to be awarded! Competitors should sign-up to bring a pot of Chili to feed at least 8 hungry teenagers by visiting the Front Desk or the link on our website's event registration page. Email or text Pastor Henry with any questions!

Children and Families

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Join us for Children's Choir! A new semester just began, and children ages pre-K through 6th grade are invited to come and sing with us! We rehearse each Thursday from 4-5, and sing in church once each month. For a full schedule, contact Kristin Mueller, or register to participate online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>.

Our Communion Workshop will be held on Jan 21 & 28 in the 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School classroom (Room 33, below the chapel). Each year, our pastors join our children's class and teach about the meaning of Communion. Students of any age are welcome to join us, but we do request that at least one adult per family comes along with the children. Children will then commune with us on Sunday, Feb 4. For more information contact Kristin Mueller.

Summer Save-the-Dates!

- **Church Camp, Phantom Ranch, Mukwonago, WI – June 17-22**
- **Family Camp Weekend, Stronghold Camp, Oregon, IL – July 6-8**
- **Vacation Bible School, on-site at First Pres – August 6-10**

New sign-ups have gone out for volunteer helpers in our childcare & Children's Worship on Sunday mornings. We ask every family who uses these rooms on a regular basis to help out once per quarter. If you don't have a child but are looking to serve, we'd love to get to know you & help you get involved! For more information contact Kristin Mueller.

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

Employment at FPCE

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill the position of Director of Youth Ministries (full-time). 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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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.

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

Thank you to all who helped assist the deacons in organizing the clothes closet during Service Saturday yesterday. Next month on February 10 we will be helping to serve lunch for the Presbytery Assembly here at 1st Pres. Volunteers will meet from 11:30-1:30. Families are invited to serve together as we support ministries in and around our community on the second Saturday of every month.

January 26-28 the High School will be traveling to Phantom Ranch to participate in their winter camp. The cost is \$150 for the weekend. Scholarships are available. Registration details can be found on the Sunday School table, in email, or online.

Summer 2018 we're heading to The Great Escape. Rising 7th graders though graduating 8th graders are invited to go to the longest running middle school conference in the country July 9-14. It's a huge high energy Jesus filled week of fun! Registration is \$475. Scholarships are available. Registration details can be found on the Sunday School table, in email, or online.

High School Mission Trip will be July 22-27 in Benton Harbor Michigan. We will be serving the communities youngest and oldest residents alongside other churches. Registration fee is \$450 with an early registration discount of \$25 for participants registered before February 14th. Part of our preparation will involve fundraising to defray costs and raise scholarships. Registration details can be found on the Sunday School table, in email, or online.

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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The 20s & 30s Young Adults small group will meet TODAY at Pastor Henry Coates' condo. Contact Pastor Henry with questions.

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 Final Report

Our total pledge numbers for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign are as follows (Info from December 31, 2017):

Goal (2018 Budget): \$1,050,000
Funds pledged: \$1,068,802

Pledges: 210
Faith Commitments: 27
Total Giving Unit Commitments to date: 237
Last Year's Total Giving Unit Commitments at year's end: 245 (297 total)

Thank you for your support.

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