

January 21 Sermon Notes
9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Series - “Making Sense of the Old Testament”

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: Genesis 4:1-10 (*Old Testament, pp. 3-4*)
Title: Family Feud
Big Idea: Sin affects not just our relationship with God, but our relationship with each other.

Next Week
9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates
Scripture: Exodus 2:23-3:1-12
Title: Life Interrupted
Big Idea: Just as God called Moses to serve his generation; God continues to call us to serve our generation.

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

Wednesday, our regular Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering will take place in the Parlor at 7 pm. Join us as we lift our cares and concerns before God, seeking His wisdom and guidance. Our first Wednesday Night Dinner will take place at 6 pm in the Dining Room, with a menu of blue cheese pork tenderloin, asparagus with balsamic butter sauce, and garlic roasted potatoes. The cost is \$5 per person. Call the front desk at 847/864-1472 to make your reservation. All are welcome!

First Presbyterian Church is in the midst of hosting two weeks of overnight shelter in January. We are still in need of volunteers through January 28. 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.

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!

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 celebrate this morning’s confirmands and offer our appreciation to their mentors and teachers. These names are listed on an insert in today’s bulletin.

We celebrate the baptism of Eleanor Weber, daughter of Zack and Lisa Weber, during this morning’s 9 am worship service.

We celebrate with David and Valerie Gaines the birth of their daughter, Josephine Conte, on December 17.

The Presbytery of Chicago Assembly will meet at First Pres on Saturday, February 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. It is our privilege to host this meeting during which the newly elected Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Susan Krummel, and the 2018 moderator, the Rev. John Chu, will both be installed. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Larry Holm lbholm1@aol.com, Laurie Kaeser lk6552@att.net, or Sonia Bodi sbodi@northpark.edu. We’d love to have you be part of this important day!

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 hmconnell@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.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partner, Kathleen Johnson, serving with SIM, from pages 72 and 73 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Pray for her ministry to African and Middle Eastern refugees in the Buffalo, NY, area. Ask God to give her creative ways to overcome the cultural and spiritual barriers that keep them from being reached with the Gospel. Pray, too, for her father and for Kathleen's role in caring for him.

First Friends is a ministry centered on refugees that have come to the Chicago/Skokie/Evanston area 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@firstpre-sevanston.org.

The Deacons' Clothes Closet needs men's large size sweaters, pants, shoes, and boots. Please help our gentlemen guests brave the elements and cold temperatures by dropping off your donations at the church office front desk.

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

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.

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 today & 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 this Sunday afternoon. Dinner is served and a \$5 donation is requested to cover costs. All high school students are welcome. *There will be no PYGS meeting on January 28 due to the retreat.*

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

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 through 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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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/>

Save the Date

The topic "Your Memory: Use it or Lose It? Minding Your Memory" will be the focus of the next Senior Varsity presentation, Thursday, February 1. Our speaker will be Dan Kuhn, LCSW, and an expert in memory care. He will address such questions as "What is normal and abnormal memory loss? What can be done to reduce the risk of memory loss through lifestyle changes?" He will also offer tips for coping with forgetfulness and related cognitive issues. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, and the presentation will start at 11. Lunch will be served at noon (cost: \$5 for lunch). Please register by January 30 at the front desk by calling 847-864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors!

Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 20, 1:30 pm to 3 pm in the Parlor. We will be reading *Teatime for the Firefly* by Shona Patel. According to Goodreads "*Teatime for the Firefly* is an engaging combination of Indian culture, history, and romance in the unusual setting of an Assam tea plantation." All are welcome!