

January 28 Sermon Notes
9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Series - “Making Sense of the Old Testament”

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Exodus 2:23, 3:1-7, 9-10, 13-15 (*Old Testament, p. 51*)

Title: Life Interrupted

Big Idea: Just as God called Moses to serve his generation; God continues to call us to serve our generation.

Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

Title: Just Love

Big Idea: Instead of restricting freedoms, the commandments liberate the believer to love God and neighbor.

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

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!

This coming **Saturday, February 3**, 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. The event will take place from 9:30 to 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. A \$5 suggested donation will go towards supporting FPCE’s First Friends refugee outreach. Four categories will be judged: Best Meat, Best Veg, Best Name, and Greatest Chili of Them! 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 offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to **Barbara McBride, wife of Charles McBride who passed away on January 22. A memorial service was held on January 25 in Glenview.**

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!

The Year of Celebration is Here!

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is celebrating
150 YEARS OF GOD’S GRACE in 2018

Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 27-29.

Concert- Friday, July 27

Dinner - Saturday, July 28

Worship Service - Sunday, July 29

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



First Pres at a Glance

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

January 28, 2018

Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, Rafik and Cindy Khalili, serving with Pioneers, from pages 74 and 75 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Pray for their ministry to Arab Muslims in the Middle East and North Africa. Give them wisdom as they seek to raise up church planters, train leaders and disciple new believers. Ask God to raise up new supporters and staff so that His name may be known and worshipped in this area where there is increased hostility to the Gospel.

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.

A new mission focused adult education class entitled "Building Friendships with Muslims and Internationals: Cultivating Meaningful Spiritual Conversations" will begin next Sunday at 10:30 am in the Dining Room. Through our First Friends outreach to Syrian refugees, international students at Northwestern University or simply working or living next to people from other countries, God has indeed brought His world to our doorstep. How can we be His ambassadors to these neighbors? Come and be trained in a new Seven-week adult education class from February 4 through March 18. Facilitators include Dan Mc Nerney, Dave and Sally Ivaska, Ned and Sharon Hale, Melody Myatt and Caryl Weinberg. The group will be reading from the book *Muslims, Christians and Jesus* by Carl Medearis, which is on sale at the Front Desk for \$10.

<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/>.

The second class of our Communion Workshop will be held today 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.

Family Fun at First – Join us for an afternoon of family fun and games from 3-5 pm on Sun, Feb 11, and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends! Parents and infants will visit together in the Parlor; board games, card games, crafts, and puzzles will be available to all in the Dining Room; and large group running games will happen in the gym. We'll provide games for all ages and abilities, but feel free to bring your favorite game so that you can teach others to play as well! Free popcorn for everyone! NUBS and PYGS students are invited to join us as game leaders. Contact Kristin Mueller for more information.

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**

<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. *NOTE: There will be no PYGS meeting tonight due to the retreat.*

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

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/>

Save the Date

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!

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/>

Opportunities for service

Do you want to help make our church more welcoming to visitors? If so join the welcome team as a greeter Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers to greet before and after the Sunday morning services. If you are interested please contact Stephanie Homan at stephanie.b.homan@gmail.com by January 31.

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 hmcconnell@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.