

## February 4 Sermon Notes

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

Series - "Making Sense of the Old Testament"

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 (*Old Testament, pp. 67-68*)

**Title:** Just Love

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

## Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Leviticus 16:7-10; 20-22

**Title:** Everyone Needs a Scapegoat

**Big Idea:** We live in forgiveness and freedom, because Jesus - our scapegoat - took away our sin.

[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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Our 2018 Lenten Series:  
***Living our mission: Knowing, Following and Serving Christ,  
through the Gospel of Luke***

begins Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7 pm.

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## Highlights

This week's bulletin includes envelopes for the regular Deacons' Offering. Offerings collected this week go toward the various outreach ministries of the FPCE Deacons throughout the year, and are in addition to our regular Stewardship commitments. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give.

**Sign up for Lenten Groups! The Small Groups Ministry Team is organizing Study Groups during Lent again this year.** We will be using a study based on the Lenten Sermon Series by Pastor Ray. There will be several evening groups available to join, as well as a group meeting between services. This is a great way to experience a small group for six weeks! Please sign up at the Small Groups table at Fellowship Hour or contact Katy Ingle at 847-724-8560 or [katy-mi47@gmail.com](mailto:katy-mi47@gmail.com).

**First Pres will host our annual Super Bowl Chili Cookoff TODAY 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!

**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-up today or online. The cost is \$5 per person, and proceeds will benefit Good News Partners and Emmaus Ministry.

**Help us celebrate our First Presbyterian Vision Keeper for 2018, Terri Jo Englund!** On February 18 at 5:30 pm at the Orrington Hotel, many of us from First Presbyterian will join in the dinner that honors Vision Keepers of Faith Communities throughout Evanston. Tickets are \$75, which includes dinner. A portion is given to support the work of soup kitchens, warming centers and the overnight shelter in Evanston. Scholarships are available. Please contact Kelly Levander at [klevander@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:klevander@firstpresevanston.org) or 847-864-1472.

## Worth Noting

**What happens when Souper Saturday guests, an art therapy intern, a few hardy church volunteers, a mountain of plastic bags and the Holy Spirit meet up on Saturday mornings? Answer: Inspired art work!** We hope you will stop to check out (and hopefully admire) our free-standing, inspired cross, as you come into Narthex on Sunday. Take a minute to pray for all the guests we serve weekly!

**All are invited to an open house "Meet and Greet" for the Rev. Sue Krummel, the new executive presbyter of the Chicago Presbytery on Tuesday, February 6 from 1 to 3 pm at Carter-Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4950 W. Pratt, Skokie. All FPCE members are welcome!**

**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](mailto:lbholm1@aol.com), Laurie Kaeser [lk6552@att.net](mailto:lk6552@att.net), or Sonia Bodi [sbodi@northpark.edu](mailto:sbodi@northpark.edu). We'd love to have you be part of this important day!

**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!



## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, Isaac and Janet Laudarji, serving with ECWA, from pages 76 and 77 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission*. Pray for their ministry to Muslims in Nigeria. Ask God for His continued protection over them in the midst of those who are hostile to Christianity. Give them wisdom as they reach out to isolated believers and Muslims seeking to know who Jesus is and why He loves them.

**A new mission focused adult education class entitled “Building Friendships with Muslims and Internationals: Cultivating Meaningful Spiritual Conversations” begins TODAY 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 McNerney, Dave and Sally Ivaska, Ned and Sharon Hale, Melody Myatt and Caryl Weinberg. The group will be using a video series, Muslims, Christians and Jesus by Carl Medearis. Books (optional) are 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!** 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/>.

**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

#### We celebrate with the following children who participated in our Communion Workshop this past January:

Morgan Crocker	Ash Hardin	Raluchi Nzelibe
Charlie Del Valle	Max Hardin	Nathan Shiau
Zoe Del Valle	Sarah Hu	Andrew Sipkovsky
Jadon Dobschuetz	Mae Ivaska	Simon Tar
Sammy Dobschuetz	Caroline Latala	WanYi Zhang
Dion Englund	Peter McLeod	

Children, parents, pastors, and Sunday School teachers spent time together in Sunday School reflecting on the meaning of communion through various activities. Our pastors are always open to conversations about communion. We invite each family to decide together when your children are ready to receive communion for the first time.

<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.

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

**The next Youth Service Saturday event will be held this week, February 10.** We will be helping to serve lunch for the Presbytery Assembly here at First Pres. Volunteers will meet from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Families are invited to serve together as we support ministries in and around our community on the second Saturday of every month.

**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/>

### Deacons’ Closet donations sought

**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.

## 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/>

### 150th Anniversary Art Exhibit planned

**Wanted: Visual artists! As part of the 150th anniversary celebration in July, the Arts Ministry Team plans to stage an exhibit of our congregation’s artistic talent.** If you wish to participate with an example of your talent in the genres of photography, painting, drawing, watercolor, collage, calligraphy, needlework or quilting, please contact Dan Van Heukelem at [danvanenterprise@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danvanenterprise@sbcglobal.net) to express your interest and get more details.

### 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](mailto: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 (which begins at 7:30 pm), 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](mailto: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.