

February 11 Sermon Notes

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

Series - "Making Sense of the Old Testament"

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Leviticus 16:7-10; 20-22 (*Old Testament, pp. 105-106*)

Title: Everyone Needs a Scapegoat

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

Next Week

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

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 7 pm

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Luke 5:27-32

Title: Being Honest with Christ

Big Idea: The price of admission into Jesus' kingdom is not perfection, but an admission of guilt.

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - February 18

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Title: Overcoming Temptation with Christ

Big Idea: The temptation of Jesus gives us hope when we are tempted.

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

Family Fun at First – Join us for an afternoon of family fun and games from 3-5 pm this afternoon! 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.

FPCE will mark the beginning of the Lenten season this week with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service, February 14, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. See the insert in this week's Bulletin for information on our Lenten activities.

Included in this week's Bulletin are Lenten outreach cards. Use these to invite friends, family and neighbors to the events taking place up until and including Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. More cards are available at the front desk.

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.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 12:45 pm in the Church Dining Room. Please plan to attend to hear about the highlights of our church during 2017, as well as the vision for our church in 2018. The 2018 Budget will be among the items presented and the printed 2017 Annual Reports will be distributed. A light lunch (\$5/person) will be served.

Worth Noting

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Kay Buchan and her family, for the passing of her husband John Buchan on February 4. A funeral service was held February 8 in Mount Prospect.

Help us celebrate our First Presbyterian Vision Keeper for 2018, Terri Jo England! 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 or 847-864-1472.

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 partner, Dan McNerney, from pages 78 and 79 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Pray for his service as executive director of PCUSA's Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship. Ask for God's hand on the ministry, and for His guidance in helping local churches mobilize in global ministry from a biblical perspective. Pray, too, for God's provision and wisdom in managing the resources He provides.

Do you have a car available to loan one of our mission partners and members, Jay Sivits, from March 19 to March 27? She will be visiting First Presbyterian and the Chicago area during that time and is in need of reliable transportation. If you can help, please contact Caryl Weinberg. Thank you in advance!!

Our mission-focused adult education class entitled "Building Friendships with Muslims and Internationals: Cultivating Meaningful Spiritual Conversations" continues this morning at 10:30 am in the Dining Room. Come and be trained on being Christ's ambassadors here in Chicagoland, now 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.

Wanted: a small clothes dryer and a vacuum cleaner are needed by one of our First Friends' Syrian families. If you have one, please contact Kungsiu Lao at kungsiulau@gmail.com for details. Thank you!

<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/>.

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

"Lent in a Bag" at-home kits for families to use during the season of Lent are now available in the back of the Sanctuary, and at the Children's Ministry table outside the library. We invite you to take one bag per family. The symbols and devotional guide inside will give your family a Bible story to reflect upon each week of the Lenten season.

Fish banks for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be available at the Children's Ministry table outside the library, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Children are invited to give offering throughout the Lenten season, and then return the bank to church on Palm Sunday, March 25. An engagement map with activities is also available as a tool to show where our offerings are sent each year.

<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.

Overnight Lock-in! Sunday February 18 until Monday February 19. All high schoolers are invited to join us for overnight fun including karaoke, 9 Square, a flashlight tour of the church, sardines and all kinds of other surprise activities. Please bring a snack to share and \$10 to cover pizza and supplies. Registration forms can be found online, at the Sunday School table, and in the literature rack. Bring a friend!

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/>

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 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 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 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.