

## February 25 Sermon Notes

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

**Lenten Series - "Living our mission: Knowing, Following and Serving Christ, through the Gospel of Luke"**

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Luke 9:21-27 (*New Testament, p. 65*)

**Title:** Suffering with Christ

**Big Idea:** Jesus explains how following him involves suffering and the cross.

## Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - March 4

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Luke 9:28-36

**Title:** Transformed with Christ

**Big Idea:** The transfiguration foreshadows Christ's future glory and our transformation.

**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 Annual Meeting of the Congregation takes place today 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.

**The Grove City College Touring Choir will perform in concert this Wednesday, February 28, at 7:30 pm in the FPCE Sanctuary.** Students of this Western Pennsylvania-based Christian liberal arts college, under the direction of Katherine Mueller, will perform approximately an hour of beautiful choral music, including works by Palestrina, Brahms, Grieg, John Rutter, and Moses Hogan. All are welcome!

**A Wednesday night dinner will be held this week, February 28, at 6 pm, prior to the Grove City College choir performance.** The menu will include teriyaki chicken, baked sweet potatoes, and broccoli. Gluten free options will also be available. Please sign up on the FPCE Events Registration page at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/> or at the front desk by Monday. Extra hands to help prepare dinner would be appreciated. See the same link on the FPCE website to volunteer.

**The Women's Ministry's annual pre-Valentine Day Movie Night and Jewelry Swap has been rescheduled to March 2, 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 are still being taken online and at a table in Roy Hall this morning. The cost is \$5 per person, and proceeds will benefit Good News Partners and Emmaus Ministry. Each participant should also bring two pieces of jewelry (used is fine). One is to swap and the other goes to the women of Good News Partners.

**The topic "Navigating Retirement Finances" will be the focus of the next Senior Varsity presentation, Thursday, March 1.** Our speaker will be FPCE member Elizabeth Brown. Topics will include: Can I afford to retire? Managing assets - now and later, Health care costs (Tax considerations, and Leaving a legacy through estate planning. 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!

**The 24th annual FPCE Men's Retreat will be held March 9-10.** We will study the Gospel of Mark, led by Dr. Clifton Black, a professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. Details and registration forms are available at the front desk or on the church website.

## Worth Noting

**Childcare is available by request for our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services.** We are happy to staff the Crib Room for families who would use this service, but we ask that you RSVP to the front desk by the Tuesday prior at 5 pm. We will not have childcare on Wednesdays if we do not receive any reservations. For Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, care will be available in our Crib Room during both these 7 pm evening services, with no need to RSVP.

**FPCE will host a Jazz concert, Sunday, March 10, at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.** The event is part of the 9th Annual ChiTown Jazz Festival. The performers include Sherry Cothran and the group "Jazzy Divas." Proceeds go to help fund programs for the hungry throughout Chicagoland. More information and tickets available on the FPCE website.



## Missions

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### Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partner, Christudas Retnadas of United Mission International, from pages 84 and 85 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission*. Praise God for his provision, for the dedication of a new church in Thangammalpuram, India, and for the completion of a church building in Mataina, West Nepal. Pray for the board members, missionaries, coordinators, praying Bible women, office staff, sponsors and all believers of UMI to be kept safe. Pray for increased staff, and for land purchases for other church plants throughout India and Nepal.

**Do you have a car available to loan Jay Sivits, one of our mission partners and members?** She will be visiting First Presbyterian and the Chicago area from March 19 to March 27 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, Melanie 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 vacuum cleaner is 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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“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 are available at the Children’s Ministry table outside the library.** 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.

**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

<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.

**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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**Want to know Jesus more fully? Looking for a Sunday school class that will delve deep into the Bible and not shy away from hard questions?** Come to Pastor Henry’s class on The Gospel of Mark! We are studying Mark chapter by chapter, attempting to take in a holistic view of the Scripture text that encompasses historical, literary, and theological insights. Mark’s Gospel centers around the question Jesus asks of his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” All are welcome, from first time visitor to long time member, to join with us as we seek the answer! When: After the First Service. Where: Upstairs in the Parlor.

### 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/>

## Sunday Morning Greeters sought

**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 in being a part of this ministry, please contact Stephanie Homan at stephanie.b.homan@gmail.com.

## 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.